

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: John J. McGlynn, Executive Director

RE: Requests for Re-examinations

DATE: January 17, 1997

The recent amendments to G.L. c. 32, §8 now provide that determinations with regard to whether disability retirees are to be re-examined are to be made by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) after consultation with the appropriate retirement board. At the Commission's November 14, 1997 meeting, it was decided that the criteria will be established to implement the re-evaluation and re-examination process outlined in G.L. c. 32, §8. This process is ongoing.

The statute also allows a disability retiree to request re-examination. Until PERAC has completed its implementation guidelines, requests for re-examinations from disability retirees are to be processed by the retirement boards in the same manner as prior to the amendments to G.L. c. 32, §8.

When a retiree requests a re-examination, he or she should present sufficient medical information to document a change in his or her condition. The Board should review all relevant information and determine whether an examination by a single physician or a three member panel is appropriate. A Request for Medical Re-Examination Form (10-18-792) is to be completed by the Board and submitted to the Commission. All physicians who have treated the retired member or who have examined him or her in connection with any disability insurance or workers' compensation claim or claim for benefits under G.L. c. 41, §111F must be listed on the form. The member's current address and telephone number must also be included.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please contact this office.

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