General Information Sheet for Disability Retirement

PSERS

Completion of Medical Forms:

The rapid processing/renewing of disability retirement depends on current, detailed medical data. The member is responsible for submission and payment of medical documentation. Your physician must include sufficient details of your medical problem to enable our medical examiners to decide the severity and duration of your disability. Please keep in mind our medical examiners are determining your claim without the benefit of a personal examination. Listed below are types of data/reports, if applicable, that may be needed to evaluate your claim:

(1) History of visits

(2) Hospital records

(3) Physical and diagnostic findings

(4) Clinical study reports

(5) Therapy and response

(6) Laboratory and special reports

(7) Report of x-rays as read by examining doctor. Do not send actual x-rays.

(8) EKG tracing

(9) Diagnosis and treatment responses

(10) Your physician's statement of your current disabling symptoms and physical limitations explaining why you cannot perform your job duties

If additional data is needed, the applicant will be contacted for resolution.

Our Medical Examiners:

The Retirement System has a team of physicians under contact to review disability claims. These physicians decide, on the basis of your medical data, the approval or denial of a disability claim. They also decide the length of time a disability benefit will be paid and the date reevaluation is due.

New Applicants Only:

Your *Application for Disability Retirement* (PSRS-49) must be accompanied by the *Physician's Medical Report* (PSRS-1236) and the *Job Description* (PSRS-1237). **We will not process your application until all above forms are received.**

If you have questions about completing your disability application or about your benefits, please contact your PSERS Regional Office.