



IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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TO: Reporting Officials
FROM: Greg Samorajski, CEO
SUBJECT: Governor signs proclamation waiving return to work requirements for state or local government health care professionals

On December 10, 2021, Governor Reynolds [signed a proclamation](#) that allows any IPERS retiree who was previously employed by a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 135B to return to work more readily.

The proclamation waives the time period before retirees can return to IPERS-covered employment and removes the limitation on annual earnings during reemployment, [per Iowa Code chapters 97B.48 and 97B.52A](#).

Retirees who are younger than age 70 can return to IPERS-covered employment after the retiree receives one benefit payment. This means retirees are no longer subject to the bona fide retirement period that mandates that retirees cannot return to work for an IPERS-covered employer until the retiree has received at least four monthly benefit payments.

Retirees who are younger than age 65 are no longer required to pay back a portion of their IPERS benefit if they earn more than \$30,000 annually.

This proclamation is effective for the duration of the State Public Health Emergency Declaration that expires on January 9, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. unless sooner terminated or extended by the Governor.

INQUIRIES

For further information, contact the Employer Relations Bureau at 877-473-7799. Please reference IPERS Employer Bulletin 2021-5.