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Circular Letter

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To: Public Agencies and Schools
Subject: Evaluation of Public Agency Health Regions (EPAHR)

Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you that CalPERS is currently evaluating options associated with the makeup of the public agency health regions and the calculation of regional factors.

Background

In 2005, CalPERS began regionally pricing health premiums for public agencies and schools. The primary goal of regional rating is to better align the CalPERS rates with the open market so public agency membership will be more stable over time.

Employer Feedback

CalPERS is conducting a study of the public agency health regions and would like your feedback. A survey was emailed to employers on June 29, 2018. Take a few minutes to complete the survey. All answers are confidential. If you wish to offer additional feedback not covered in the survey or if you want your comments on record with the CalPERS Board of Administration, send an email to the EPAHR mailbox at: Public_Agency_Health_Regions_Evaluation@calpers.ca.gov.

The EPAHR team will be compiling feedback over the next several weeks and will report to the CalPERS Board of Administration in July, September, November, and December of this year.

For more information, check the CalPERS website for upcoming board meetings, notices, and agendas.

If you need further assistance, visit the Contact page on the CalPERS website. The survey will be available starting July 5, 2018 until July 20, 2018.

The address for the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PA_REGIONS

Thank you for your participation,

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