









# Disability Retirement Fact Sheet



## Survivor Benefits after Disability Retirement

When you retire, you will choose from several benefit options that will determine whether your survivor will receive a continuing monthly benefit. The Unmodified benefit option provides you the greatest monthly benefit for your lifetime and a continuing benefit for your eligible spouse or registered domestic partner. If you receive a service-connected disability retirement, the Unmodified benefit option provides your spouse or registered domestic partner a 100 percent continuance for their lifetime, provided you were married/registered before your retirement date. If you choose the Unmodified benefit option when you retire on a Non-service connected disability retirement, your eligible spouse or eligible registered domestic partner will receive 60 percent of your monthly allowance upon your death. More information about other options can be found on OCERS website.

If you do not have an eligible spouse or eligible domestic partner at the time of your death, your monthly allowance will be payable to your eligible child(ren).

A child is considered eligible if unmarried, under the age of 18, or an unmarried full-time student under the age of 22.

If you do not have an eligible spouse, eligible domestic partner or eligible child(ren) at the time of your death, your designated beneficiary will receive a refund of your remaining member contributions, if any.

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### Note:

This fact sheet is intended to provide you with information as simply and accurately as possible. The law governing disability retirement is complex. If a conflict arises between applicable law and any statement in this fact sheet, the law will govern.

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