

495—6.4(97B) Month for which wages are to be reported. Wages are reportable for the month in which they are actually paid to the employee, except when employees are awarded lump sum payments of back wages, whether as a result of litigation or otherwise, receive lump sum payments of extra duty pay, and similar situations involving regular and periodic lump sum payments which IPERS in its sole discretion determines should be treated as covered wages. The employer shall file with IPERS wage adjustments allocating the wages to the periods of service for which such payments are awarded. Employers shall forward the required employer and employee contributions and interest to IPERS.

6.4(1) Actual and constructive receipt. An employer cannot report wages as having been paid to employees as of a monthly reporting date if the employee has not actually or constructively received the payments in question. For example, wages that are mailed, transmitted via electronic funds transfer for direct deposit, or handed to an employee on June 30 would be reported as June wages, but wages that are mailed, transmitted via electronic funds transfer for direct deposit, or handed to an employee on July 3 would be reported as July wages.

6.4(2) One quarter of service will be credited for each quarter in which a member is paid IPERS-covered wages.

a. “Covered wages” means wages of a member during periods of service that do not exceed the annual covered wage maximum as permitted for a given year under Sections 401(a)(17)(A) and (B) of the Internal Revenue Code, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

b. If a member is employed by more than one employer during the calendar year, the total amount of wages paid by all covered employers shall be included in determining the annual covered wage limit established under Sections 401(a)(17)(A) and (B) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the amount of wages paid to a member by several employers during any given month exceeds the covered wage limit as determined for that calendar year, the amount of the excess shall not be subject to contributions required by Iowa Code section 97B.11. IPERS shall not accept excess wages and applicable contributions from employers and shall return excess contributions as provided in 495—subrule 4.3(8).

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