

**495—12.2(97B) Initial benefit determination.**

**12.2(1)** The initial monthly benefit for the retired member will be calculated utilizing the wages that have been reported as of the member's retirement and subject to the requirements of subrule 12.1(7). When the final quarter(s) of wages is reported for the retired member, a recalculation of benefits will be performed by IPERS to redetermine the member's benefit amount. In cases where the recalculation determines that the benefit will be changed, the adjustment in benefits will be made retroactive to the first month of entitlement. The wages for the "computed year" shall not exceed the highest covered wage ceiling in effect during the member's period of employment.

**12.2(2)** In cases where the member's final quarter's wages have been reported to IPERS prior to retirement, the original benefit will be calculated utilizing all available wages.

**12.2(3)** The Option 1 death benefit amount cannot exceed the member's investment and cannot lower the member's benefit below the minimum distribution required by federal law.