

PERiScope **ALERT**

Issues in Public Employee Retirement Systems

GASB provides draft Implementation Guide for Statement No. 74

On October 5, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) published the proposed Implementation Guide for Statement No. 74. Public comments, both in agreement with the Guide and with suggested changes, are encouraged and can be submitted until December 19, 2016. GASB expects to publish a final Implementation Guide after the first quarter 2017.

Plan sponsors should review the proposed Implementation Guide and submit comments as applicable. Since the GASB considers all signed comments received, this is an important opportunity to make them aware of any missed issues that could affect your plan.

The proposed Implementation Guide for Statement No. 75 is scheduled to be released in the third quarter 2017, at which time comments will be accepted. The final Implementation Guide for Statement No. 75 is expected in early 2018.

[Download the Statement 74 Implementation Guide Exposure Draft PDF](#)

BACKGROUND

GASB adopted two Statements regarding OPEB-related financial reporting by state and local governments in June 2015. GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, addresses reporting by OPEB plans that administer benefits on behalf of governments, and replaces the current GASB 43. GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, addresses reporting by governments that provide OPEB to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments, and replaces the current GASB 45.

ACTION

Every state and local government currently complying with GASB 43 and 45 should review the draft Implementation Guide and provide comments to GASB as applicable. For more information, please contact your Milliman consultant.