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2017 Premium Filing Instructions Updated by PBGC

A new guidance document released by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation outlines the process for measuring and paying the two kinds of annual premiums owed by pension plan sponsors. [Read more>](#)

Rising Rates Unlikely to Save Pensions

Projected interest rate hikes in 2017 are unlikely to dig corporate pensions out of the hole. The US Federal Reserve announced on December 14 its intentions to raise rates throughout 2017. But experts don't see this making much difference for struggling pensions. [Read more>](#)

2017: MEPs, State Plans, Education Loom Large

The champagne flutes may be dry, but plenty of bubbling exuberance remains. And regarding retirement plans, several experts tell us that multiple employer plans (MEPs), state plans and financial education are areas in 2017 in which that exuberance will be especially pronounced. [Read more>](#)

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Managing Investment Fees Among Plan Sponsors' Top Concerns

The annual PLANSPONSOR/Janus Capital Group defined contribution (DC) investment study saw a focus on managing fees for the 2016 year, marking a shift from the focus on fiduciary risks and duties that dominated plan sponsors' worries in the past. [Read more>](#)

Target Date Funds are Now QDIAs, but There's a Catch

Target date funds that include lifetime income options through the use of annuities and similar products can now be counted as qualified default investment alternatives in 401k plans, according to the Department of Labor. [Read more>](#)

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Employers Explore Ways to Boost 401(k) Contributions in 2017

Even though employees are increasingly participating in 401(k) plans, 85% of employers say they are not satisfied with employee savings rates. [Read more>](#)

SIMPLE Solutions to America's 401(k) Retirement Savings Gap

America's retirement savings "gap" was numerically quantified in a report from Pew Charitable Trust release last year. Specifically with regards to consumer confidence surrounding retirement readiness, the study revealed that 60 percent of Americans are either somewhat confident or not at all confident in their ability to retire comfortably. [Read more>](#)

Newsorthy notes



Recent promotions:

- Sharad Arora has been promoted to Manager of OPEB Services
- Michael Lindberg has been promoted to Senior Actuarial Associate

In the marketplace:

To further our expertise and service offerings into the Massachusetts retirement marketplace, we have recently joined the Human Resources Management Association (HRMA). We look forward to meeting plan sponsors and making them aware of the depth of services available from H&H.