

MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT RULES

NOTICE: A mandatory rule regarding Federal benefit payments took effect as of March 01, 2011. Those who are enrolled in benefit payments and currently receiving paper checks - including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans Affairs, Office of Personnel Management and Railroad Retirement Board - have until March 01, 2013 to begin receiving payments either by direct deposit or the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card program.



Why wait until then? GPCE Credit Union encourages members to **sign up for direct deposit now**. The direct deposit option is the safer and more secure option. Direct deposit lessens your chance of becoming a victim of fraud and you know your money will be immediately available to you at the credit union. Those who sign up for benefits on or after May 1, 2011 must choose an electronic option.

Keep in mind, if you do not sign up for direct deposit you will automatically be enrolled in the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card program.

Protect yourself and your family members today. GPCE Credit Union is prepared to assist you with your enrollment. Switching from a paper check to direct deposit at GPCE Credit Union is easy and fast. However, there is specific information required from you in order for us to complete your Federal benefit direct deposit. The next time you receive your paper check bring it into GPCE Credit Union to make your monthly deposit and we will be happy to assist you with your direct deposit enrollment process.

In addition, if an eligible family member does not have a credit union account to receive a direct deposit and does not want the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card program, **NOW IS THE TIME** for them to **open a new account** at GPCE Credit Union. We invite them to become a part of our credit union family. *"We're Here For You!"*

Members also have the option of signing-up directly through the U.S. Treasury Processing Center. You must be prepared to provide six pieces of important information to complete the enrollment process on your own:

- 1 - The benefit recipient's social security number.
- 2 - The claim number or the 12-digit check number of your last benefit check.
- 3 - The spelling of names and address information *as they appear on the federal benefit check*.
- 4 - The payment amount of the benefit recipient's last federal benefit checks.
- 5 - The credit union routing number.
- 6 - Your credit union account number.

To enroll yourself, please call the toll-free helpline number at 1 (800) 333-1795 / Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET. You may also sign up via the Internet at www.GoDirect.org.

GPCE Credit Union requests members to call us first to ensure the information you are providing to the processing center is correct, preventing delays or a returned deposit. For your convenience, a link to www.GoDirect.org has been added to our website News page. Simply scroll down and click on the **Go Direct Campaign** tab.