



# OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION

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## Fiduciary Rule Investor Protections

Beginning in 2017, the revised DOL Fiduciary Rule will officially take effect. As of this year, financial advisers who are considered to be fiduciaries, will be required by law to provide financial advice that is in the best interests of the investors they advise. The purpose of this law is to prevent unscrupulous advisors and brokers from steering investors toward financial and retirement products that would more heavily favor them, in terms of commissions or fees. The revised rule expands the fiduciary protections that cover various types of retirement investment advice.

Without the revisions to the Fiduciary Rule, brokers and investors were able to make product recommendations to investors that would put potential profits for the advisor ahead of the client's best interests. This practice of guiding investors to products that maximized the profits for the brokers and investors ultimately cost American families millions of dollars. The White House Council of Economic Advisors conducted an analysis of the types of conflicts of interest created by this type of advising and determined that it resulted in approximately one percentage point in annual losses or roughly \$17 billion per year total.

The ultimate goal of the Fiduciary Rule is to make a sustainable and comfortable retirement more attainable for many retirees, by making sure that retirement brokers and advisors are more accountable for their advice.

If you would be interested in learning more about the Fiduciary Rule or would just like to build on your current level of financial awareness, Ohio Deferred Compensation is here to help. Send us an email at [communications@ohiodc.org](mailto:communications@ohiodc.org) or call our Service Center at 877-644-6457 to find out how you can access our educational videos, webinars, handouts, etc, or to speak with one of our Account Executives.

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