

Pension E-News



Medicare 2022 Open Enrollment Webinar



Have you been overwhelmed with Medicare solicitation on the television, radio and social media and want to learn the facts? Join CTPF's Health Insurance Manager, Carrie Berkich, for helpful information on Medicare 2022 Open Enrollment. The webinar will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a Q&A session offered at the end of the webinar. Register in advance by visiting ctpf.org/calendar. [Learn more here.](#)

Opt-In Option for Contract School Employees

Legislation enacted August 27, 2021, changed the retirement plan requirements for educational staff employed by a Chicago Contract School in a position requiring certification or licensure. Individuals employed in contract schools on or after August 27, 2021, will be automatically enrolled in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF).

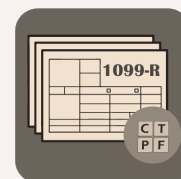
Teachers who were employed before August 27, 2021, have the option of joining CTPF. The election is made by completing and returning [CTPF Form 290](#) and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

Contract School Resources

CTPF delivered information to Contract Schools, set up a dedicated website ctpf.org/Opt-In with educational resources, and offered three webinars for Contract School Members who have the option of joining CTPF. The workshop presentation and recording are available at the Contract School's dedicated webpage ctpf.org/Opt-In.

1099-R Address Change Reminder

The deadline to submit an address change for the 2021 1099R mailing for **pensioners** is December 14. Address changes cannot be made over the phone. Pensioners must send a written and signed request to change their address or complete a [Change of Address form](#) (CTPF Form 107) and return it to imaging@ctpf.org. All address changes for active CTPF members are reported through their employers' reporting system.



Return to Work Rules Modified

At the September 23, 2021, meeting the CTPF Board of Trustees took action and amended the [Return to Work Rules](#) to define "Days" as excluding an in-service day that a retired teacher must attend in order to serve as a substitute teacher. The in-service days do not involve

classroom teaching and therefore do not constitute re employment as a “teacher,” as referenced in Section 17-149 of the Pension Code.

Section III.E.107 of the Return to Work Rules, “Definition of a Day,” has been changed to include the section italicized below:

III.E.107 Definition of a Day. For purposes of this Article, a retiree shall be deemed to have worked a “day” when an Employer reports the retiree worked for compensation as a Teacher for at least one hour in any calendar day. *However, a “day” shall not include an “in service” day that the retiree must attend in order to qualify as a substitute.*

[Visit the Return to Work page for additional information.](#)

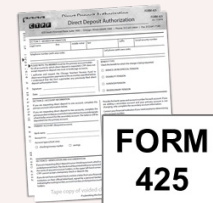
Save CTPF's Numbers in Your Contacts

In October and November CTPF sent out a recorded calls pensioners with timely updates. The calls originated from 312.604.1400. CTPF encourages members to save the office number, 312.604.1400 and Member Services number, 312.641.4464 in their contact list to avoid calls being marked as spam.



Pension Payment Schedule

CTPF encourages all members to switch to direct deposit. Download CTPF Form 425 and submit your documentation electronically to ensure the timely delivery of your benefits. The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through April 2022 is listed below. [Click here for the full schedule.](#)



Month	Last Day to Submit an Address or Tax Withholding Change	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
December 2021	November 12, 2021	November 29, 2021	December 1, 2021
January 2022	December 15, 2021	December 29, 2021	January 3, 2022
February 2022	January 14, 2022	January 28, 2022	February 1, 2022
March 2022	February 11, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 1, 2022
April 2022	March 17, 2022	March 30, 2022	April 1, 2022

Employee Contribution Reporting

Each pay period, Employers remit employee pension contributions to CTPF. Illinois law requires that these contributions be made within a certain time period. If the Employer does not send the funds within the required time, penalties may be assessed. Find the most recent list of delinquent employers [here](#).

Lost Payees

CTPF is trying to contact members who are over age 70½, but who have not commenced benefits or taken a refund of their contributions. If you or someone you know is included on the [Lost Payees Listing](#), please contact Member Services, 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org.

CTPF COVID-19 Information & Resources

CTPF is committed to doing our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the health, safety, and wellbeing of all CTPF Members, the Fund continues to deliver all member services remotely. The physical office remains closed to all but essential employees whose duties cannot be performed offsite. In-person services and counseling are suspended until it is safe to resume these operations.

CTPF has implemented the following changes for the health and safety of all:

- In-person appointments and services are suspended.
- Phone assistance, video counseling, and remote notarization appointments are available. Members should call 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org for assistance.
- US Mail processing may be delayed. Send benefit applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf or .jpg format) to imaging@ctpf.org to ensure prompt processing.

Learn more on the COVID-19 Response Page ctpf.org/covid-19.



All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at ctpf.org/calendar.

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CTPF will continue to share information at ctpf.org on social media, in E-Lerts, and in E-News. We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 89,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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