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# CTPF Earns 2023 Great Place to **Work Certification**

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) is proud to be Certified™ by Great Place to Work. Great Place to Work (GPTW) is the global authority on workplace culture, employee experience, and the leadership behaviors proven to deliver market-leading revenue, employee retention, and increased innovation.



The prestigious award is based entirely on what current employees say about their experience working at CTPF. The survey showed that 81% of employees said it's a great place to work compared to 57% of employees at a typical U.S.-based company. Approximately 84% of employees responded that they are made to feel welcome when joining the company, and that management is honest and ethical in its business practices. Learn more here.

# National Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 to End May 11, 2023

#### Your Health Insurance Coverage May Be Impacted

The National Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, will expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. Coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic tests, testing-related visits, COVID-19 vaccines, and more could be impacted starting at the end of the day May 11, 2023. Prior to making COVID related appointments or purchases, CTPF encourages you to check with your individual health insurance plan to learn how your coverage may be impacted.

## **CTPF to Hold Trustee Elections This Fall**

This fall, CTPF will hold elections for:

- Two Teacher Trustees to serve three-year terms from November 2023 - 2026
- Three Pensioner Trustees to serve two-year terms from November 2023 - 2025

Candidate nomination packets are now available. Contact Election Coordinator Gail Davis: 312.604.1400, ext. 402, or email <u>elections@ctpf.org</u> to request a packet. Visit <u>Election Central</u> to learn more.



# CTPF to You: Educational Workshop for Active **Members**

CTPF is hosting an educational workshop for active members in cooperation with the CTU Pension and Insurance Committee on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The presentation will provide an overview of general pension information including:

- Know the Differences Tier 1 vs. Tier 2 Benefits
- Ways to maximize your benefit
- Survivorship and Death Benefits

Register Today!

## Is Your Beneficiary Up-to-Date?

The survivor and death benefits provided by CTPF are an important part of a family's financial future. CTPF uses Form 105, a Designation of Beneficiary form to determine who receives any available lump-sum death benefit or refund of contributions. The designation does not affect or determine survivor pension benefits, which are only payable to an eligible spouse or minor child. A member may change the designation at any time by submitting a new CTPF Form 105. The designation form becomes effective when the original signed and notarized form is received and approved by the CTPF

office. The form must be received by CTPF prior to the member's death.

Life events like marriage, divorce, and birth of a child can affect who you want named as your CTPF beneficiary, so be sure to update your information as necessary. Find the form at ctpf.org/designate.

### 2023 Retirement Webinars on Demand

CTPF members considering retirement in June were invited to attend a2023 Retirement Webinar. These presentations provided a one-stop shop for retirement information, including a general overview of the CTPF and CPS retirement processes.

The recording and presentation from the Retirement Webinar have been posted at ctpf.org/retirement-resources.

## 2022 Health Insurance Rebate Reminder

Members who received and paid for health insurance coverage from another source between January 1-December 31, 2022, recently received a mailing detailing the process of applying for a health insurance premium subsidy. Applicants must complete and return Form 355. The deadline to submit applications is August 31, 2023 (with NO exceptions).



**FORM** 

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#### 2022 Health Insurance Rebate Webinars

CTPF offered webinars that walked members through the process of applying for an outside rebate. These webinars provided a general overview of the eligibility requirements, required documentation, the timeline for the rebate process, and pitfalls to avoid when completing

the outside rebate application. View the webinar presentation and recording at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/health-insurance">ctpf.org/health-insurance</a>.

## **Retirement Counseling**

Do you have questions or need retirement counseling? CTPF's Member Services team offers phone, video, and in-person counseling appointments. Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 or send an email



to memberservices@ctpf.org to schedule an

appointment. Note: Walk-in appointments are not

accepted. Visitors need to be added to the building's security list in advance of their visit.

Members visiting CTPF must present a valid, government-issue photo ID to the building's security team. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a health screening form are required upon entry (<u>form available here</u>). Visit the <u>Office Information</u> page at <u>ctpf.org</u> to prepare for your visit.

## **Spring Town Hall Webinar**

CTPF will offer a quarterly Town Hall webinar hosted by Executive Director Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., on June 1, 2023, at 4 p.m. The webinar will offer general overview of Fund operations and offer reminders for the spring/summer. The webinar is expected to last about 40 minutes. Register at <a href="mailto:ctpf.org/calendar">ctpf.org/calendar</a>.

Register Today!

# Register Today for CTPF's Member Self-Service Portal, myCTPF

The *my*CTPF Member Self-Service Portal includes helpful features for active and retired members:



- View and update address information (if you are not currently contributing to CTPF).
- View and update phone number and email addresses.
- View your benefit status information.
- View and download 1099-R and pay advice(s) (pensioners)
- View and download your annual Member Statement if you have service credit with CTPF.
- Request an estimate of your CTPF retirement benefit (if you meet the eligibility requirements).

Members are encouraged to register at myCTPF.org.



CTPF encourages members to save the Member Services number, 312.641.4464, in their contact list to avoid being marked as spam.

### **Calendar of Events**

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming





## **CTPF Appreciates Your Feedback**

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We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 90,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please consider forwarding this email to a friend who may be a fellow member or pensioner.

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