



## County Employees' Retirement Fund

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# Clerk Bulletin

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## CARS Upgrade

The CARS County Portal and Member Portal will have a new look beginning November 1. Both Portals will be unavailable from 5:00 Friday evening until Sunday afternoon as we work on implementing an upgrade to the system.

This upgrade consists of updated graphics and enhanced features. *The Portals will only work in Chrome or Edge going forward.* More information will be sent in the coming weeks on these enhancements.

## Annual Contribution Election

CERF has emailed the 2022 Annual Contribution Election form to all counties. We need to know if your 2021 contribution amount will continue in 2022. Counties can pay up to 4% of the CERF contribution on behalf of employees. After December 1, 2021, you **may not** change your election for 2022.

If you didn't receive this form, please contact Cynthia at 573-632-4120 or [ccampbell@mocerf.org](mailto:ccampbell@mocerf.org).

## Pre-Retirement Webinar

CERF and Empower Retirement will host a Pre-Retirement Webinar from 9-11 a.m. November 9. Empower will distribute registration information to counties.

Members who are two to three years from retirement may want to attend. The webinar covers the basics of the CERF Pension and CERF Savings.

## Break in Service

Employees hired in a full-time position, who then change to part-time status, must remain in CERF and continue to make the required contributions regardless of the number of hours they will work. Once enrolled in CERF, all participants (whether full-time or part-time) will remain in CERF until they terminate county employment for a period greater than 30 days or move to an ineligible position.

## 2021 Refunds Cut-Off

The cut-off for processing refunds for the year will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 15.