



Common reauthorization misunderstandings



We have been hearing from a few members who think they have reauthorized dues. Actually, they reauthorized last year.

You must have reauthorized on Oct. 1, 2020 or later, or else your dues will automatically stop this October.

We are also hearing from people who aren't aware that they already reauthorized and that no further action is needed for their dues to continue.

If you aren't sure if you have reauthorized for this year's deadline, log in to the [HRMN portal](#) to check ([use this link](#) if you're on a mobile device). Go to Menu at top left. Then under Bookmarks, select Pay, then select

Dues Payroll Deduction.

If you do not need to reauthorize at this time, under the heading Current Deductions, you'll see a message stating: "You currently have active dues deductions for the deduction code EC01: EMP ORG-MI CORR ORG (MBR). You have already reauthorized your dues for the upcoming fiscal year. This authorization is valid through 10/14/2022. You may return after October 1 to reauthorize again for an additional year." **If you do not see that message, you still need to reauthorize.**

If you need help, let us know. Email reauthorization@mco-seiu.org or call us at (517)485-3310. You can also read more info at mco-seiu.org/reauthorize.

AMF OFFICER UNINJURED AFTER ASSAULT ATTEMPT

A Baraga inmate threw punches at an officer, but he was able to block them and walk away with no injuries.

The attempted assault happened Aug. 13 on the unit five (Level V) yard.

An inmate walked up to a CO and began throwing punches, which the officer deflected. Staff were able to get the situation under control.

The inmate was moved to segregation.

MCO President Byron Osborn posted an update on bargaining, the staffing and mandates crisis, and more. This update was emailed to members Thursday. You can also read it in our [members-only Facebook group](#).

Sponsor or play in the 2021 Crisis Fund Golf Outing!

Don't forget, the Crisis Fund Golf Outing is Friday, Sept. 10. Sign up now while there's still time!

The event will be at Ledge Meadows Golf Course in Grand Ledge. Spots for four-person teams are available.

We are also looking for sponsors. Sponsorships start at just \$25.

The deadline to sponsor a tee or cart sign is Sept. 2. [Registration and sponsorship info is on our website.](#)

To reserve your spot, send in your registration with payment as soon as possible. See you there!



DON'T PITCH THAT MAIL! MCO CHAPTER ELECTION BALLOTS ARRIVING NOW

Chapter election ballots are being mailed now to dues-paying members eligible to vote at chapters that have a contested election. Watch your mailbox.

Ballots must be received at the address on the return envelope before Friday, Oct. 1. On the morning of Oct. 1, the ballots will be retrieved, and the count will begin. Any ballots returned after that time will not be counted.

If there is no contested race for any chapter office at your facility, you will not receive a ballot. Instead, those who nominated themselves will automatically take office Oct. 1. See your union bulletin board for more information.

As a reminder, you must be a dues-paying member for at least 180 days (as of count day) to vote, according to MCO bylaws. If you have not paid dues for 180 days, you will not receive a ballot. New recruits who join within 60 days of hire are eligible to vote immediately and will receive ballots.

If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Short at stephanie@mco-seiu.org.

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