



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE CLOSER TO HOME TRANSFER LIST

Closer to Home Transfer applications are being accepted now through Oct. 31.

To be eligible to apply for a Closer to Home Transfer, employees must:

- Have status.
- Have not voluntarily transferred during the 12-month period prior to the application date.

- Have no record of disciplinary action or unsatisfactory service rating during the two years preceding the date of the filling of position.

If you qualify, go to our website for more information and to [learn how to apply](#). If you have questions, contact [Stephanie Short](#) at (517)485-3310 ext. 115.

MCO ON THE RECORD...

Here are a few current news links featuring statements from MCO officials about issues our members are facing:

9/7/2022 - Bridge MI [With fewer inmates \(and of-ficers\), Michigan closes another prison](#) - "At the end of the day, if [employee] attrition isn't addressed by the summer of 2023, we're going to be in the same boat," said **Byron Osborn, president of the Michigan Corrections Organization.**

9/14/2022 - WLNS 6 [State prisons face employment challenges](#) - "Some folks are in a position, where they are holding on. "Well, listen, I'll keep working the overtime but man,

we are hoping for some light at the end of the tunnel here," said **Byron Osborn, President of the Michigan Corrections Organization...** "We're hoping they follow the lead of some other states who have instituted signing bonuses for corrections officers, condensed pay scales and retention bonuses as well."

9/22/2022 - WLNS 6 [Lawmakers seek to address corrections officer shortage](#) - **The Michigan Corrections Organization** says it all comes down to the pay and benefits. As other career paths offer more money and a job that doesn't put you at risk and as lawmakers try to resolve the issue, the problem is getting worse by the day.

MCO Members can still reauthorize their dues without a break in membership status.



From Thursday, Oct. 6 through Thursday, Oct. 13, members can reauthorize their union dues before they automatically stop.

The [HRMN portal](#) is open for you to log in and reauthorize ([use this link](#) if you're on a mobile device). If you aren't sure how, go to [mco-seiu.org/reauthorize](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Or, you can call the HR Service Center at 877-766-6447 and ask to reauthorize. Their hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can always reach out to MCO if you are having trouble. Call us at (517) 485-3310.

IN MEMORIAM:

Gone, but never forgotten. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

August 2022

Officer Cyal Wascher, AMF

September 2022

Officer Ellis Farrar, MTU

Officer Benita Wilson, RGC

2022 MCO BIG BUCK TOURNAMENT

MCO is inviting all dues-paying members to participate in our 2022 Big Buck Tournament. Hunt where you want, anytime between Oct. 1 - Dec. 11 to be eligible to win. Visit [our website](#) for registration details and tournament rules.