

## Working While Pensioned (Work After Retirement) Exception Application

Application to be completed by the Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) of the Diocese in which the work will take place.

### Section 1: Employee Information

Legal Name of Retired Cleric

First  MI  Last

Mailing Address

Street

City  State  ZIP

Date of Birth

### Section 2: Employment Information

Employer Name

Mailing/Billing Address

Street

City  State  ZIP

Status:  Parish  Mission  Other

Position:  Interim  Priest-in-Charge  Other (specify)

Scope of Responsibilities:  Full-time  Part-time

Work expected to begin  Work expected to end

Exceptions from the Working While Pensioned Rules may be granted for up to two years per lifetime.

Cleric remaining at same place as prior to  Yes  No

retirement\*: Cleric earning more than \$40,650\*\*  Yes  No

\* Please submit additional information described in instructions.

\*\* During the 12-month period beginning on the start date indicated above.

### Section 3: Compensation

Other than a one-time payment, list all amounts on an **annual basis**. See [www.cpg.org](http://www.cpg.org) for details.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Base salary (excluding housing) and  
scheduled taxable cash payments

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash housing allowance and/or  
utilities\*\*\*

Employer-provided housing expected to  
last for more than 24 months?\*\*\*  
Yes No  
(Check Yes if employer provides) **physical  
housing** for the employee)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer contributions to a qualified or  
non-qualified plan.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
One-time payments

#### Submit the completed and signed form to:

The Church Pension Fund, 19 East 34th Street, New York, NY 10016, Attn: Benefits Policy or email to [benefits@cp.org](mailto:benefits@cp.org). If you have any questions, call us at (866) 802-6333, Monday–Friday, 8:30AM–8:00PM ET (excluding holidays).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Note that if the retired cleric receives temporary housing (i.e., (1) expected to last for 24 months or less and (2) is not the cleric's permanent residence), whether a cash housing allowance or an employer-provided residence, it will not be included towards housing for the compensation limit. Housing that is not temporary should be included as compensation as of the date the housing is first provided.

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### Certification by Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority)

I certify that:

- If the cleric will serve in the same location as just prior to receipt of his or her pension benefit, the cleric will serve in a position with limited scope and remuneration (in each case, as compared to all compensated Church work prior to retirement);
- If the cleric is age 65 or older, the Church employer will comply with the Medicare Secondary Payer rules (please review the attached Eligibility For Active Health Plans For Medicare-Enrolled Retirees for further details);
- If the cleric is under age 65 and working at the same location as just prior to receipt of his or her pension benefit, a bona fide severance occurred (pursuant to the applicable Internal Revenue Code rules) prior to the cleric's return to employment with the Church employer;

I hereby certify that this information is true and accurate as of the date of this certification.

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

(must be at least three months prior to inception of exception)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) Ecclesiastical Authority

## Eligibility For Active Health Plans For Medicare Enrolled Retirees

### Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Law

The Medical Trust's Plans must comply with the government's Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) law, which outlines when Medicare is not responsible for paying first for health claims. The government designed Medicare to provide health coverage for retired individuals, not actively working individuals. Medicare requires employers' active health plans to be the primary payer of health claims for individuals who are eligible for active healthcare coverage. If an actively working age 65+ employee is eligible for employer-provided health benefits, then Medicare will not be the primary payer for health claims.

Each employer (parish, diocese, etc.) must determine which employees are eligible for employer-provided health benefits. The Medical Trust cannot determine this policy. The policy should comply with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), which requires employers to offer their age 65+ employees and spouses the same health coverage that is offered to employees and spouses under age 65, regardless of their Medicare eligibility. In addition, this equal-benefit rule applies to health coverage offered to full-time and part-time employees. Those actively working employees over age 65 who are qualified for employer-subsidized health benefits and meet the Medical Trust's basic eligibility rules described in the Medical Trust plan must be offered an active health plan.

Medicare beneficiaries are free to reject employer health plan coverage and retain Medicare as their primary coverage. However, when Medicare is the primary payer, employers cannot offer such employees or their spouses secondary health coverage for items and services covered by Medicare.

Medicare states that an employer cannot sponsor or contribute to individual Medicare supplement health plans or Medicare HMOs for Medicare beneficiaries who are otherwise eligible for active group health coverage. Therefore, the Medical Trust does not offer Medicare supplement health plans or Medicare HMOs to actively working employees and their spouses over age 65 who are eligible for active group health coverage, and the actively working employee and their spouse can no longer receive a subsidy under The Church Pension Fund Post-Retirement Medical Assistance Plan. Failure to comply with the MSP rules can result in penalties assessed against the employer. It is the employer's responsibility to comply with the MSP rules.

For more information, please view information about the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual on [www.cpg.org](http://www.cpg.org).

## Working While Pensioned (Work After Retirement) Exception Application Instructions

### Use this form to:

- Apply for an exception to the Working While Pensioned (WWP) rules

### Who should complete the form:

- The Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) of the diocese in which the work will take place

### Instructions

- The Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) of the diocese in which the work will take place must submit the Working While Pensioned Exception Application to CPF through the Benefits Policy department.
- See [www.cpg.org](http://www.cpg.org) for details about the Working While Pensioned rules and how working after retirement can impact a retired cleric's pension benefits.
- If the cleric will serve in the same location as just prior to receipt of his or her pension benefit, please attach a description of his or her duties and compensation for the position prior to retirement and after retirement.
- The completed application must be submitted three months in advance of the proposed starting date.
- Be sure to sign and submit the Certification by Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) with the application form.

### Once the application is submitted

- The staff Committee on Ecclesiastical Offices (COEO) of The Church Pension Fund (CPF) will review the completed application and make a determination whether to approve the request.
- The COEO's decision regarding the application will be communicated to the Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) and the cleric as soon as administratively practicable.

### Please note

- The Bishop (or, in the Bishop's absence, the Ecclesiastical Authority) must submit another application to CPF three months prior to the expiration of the previous exception period to request that the exception period be extended.
- Exceptions from the WWP rules may be granted for up to two years per lifetime. Exceptions granted for work performed prior to January 1, 2018 will not count towards this limit.
- Exceptions are not required for clergy who are age 72 or older.

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