

Important

This presentation is for SURS members who are in Tier I.

Tier I members are participants with SURS or another eligible Illinois public retirement system who certified prior to 01/01/11.



About SURS

- State Universities Retirement System
 - Defined Benefit (established 1941)
 - Defined Contribution (added 1998)
 - Tier II (added 2011)
- 401(a) Qualified Plan
- Non-ERISA
 - Employee Retirement Income Securities Act
- Governed by Illinois Compiled Statutes



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SURS Members Are



- Public higher education employees
- Employees that have worked for at least
 4 months at a SURS-covered employer



SURS-Covered Employers

Community

Carle Sandburg College
City Colleges of Chicago
Harold Washington

Harry S. Truman Kennedy-King Malcolm X Olive Harvey Richard J. Daley Wilbur Wright College of DuPage

College of Lake County
Danville Area Community College
Elgin Community College
Heartland Community College
Highland Community College
Illinois Central College

Illinois Eastern Community College Illinois Valley Community College John A. Logan College John Wood Community College Kaskaskia College Kishwaukee College Lake Land College

Lewis & Clark Community College

Lincoln Land Community College

McHenry County College Moraine Valley Community College Morton College Oakton Community College Parkland College Prairie State College Rend Lake College Richland Community College

Rock Valley College Sauk Valley College Shawnee College South Suburban College Southeastern Illinois College Southewestern Illinois College Spoon River College

Illinois Central College Triton College
Illinois Eastern Community College
Illinois Valley Community College
William Rainey Harper College

Universities

Chicago State University
Governors State University
Governors State University
Illinois State University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Illinois-Springfield
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
Western Illinois University

Other Participating Employers

ILCS Section 15-107(1) Members-Springfield
ILCS Section 15-107(c) Members-Springfield
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Illinois Board of Higher Education
Illinois Community College Board
Illinois Community College Board
Illinois Community College Trustee Association
Northern Illinois University Foundation
State Universities Civil Service System
State Universities Retirement System
University of Illinois Alumni Association
University of Illinois Foundation



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What We Do

- Retirement
- Disability
- Disability Retirement
- Refund
- Death
- Survivor
- Service Credit Purchases





One Piece of the Puzzle



- Think of your SURS benefit, or any retirement benefit for that matter, as just one piece to your retirement puzzle
- After retirement, an estimated 75-80% of pre-retirement income is needed to maintain pre-retirement lifestyle
- Social Security benefits could be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision or the Government Pension Offset
- Personal savings is a key component to retirement security
- Take advantage of payroll deducted and tax deferred 403(b) or 457 savings plans offered by your employer



Benefit Plans

Traditional	 Defined benefit plan Lifetime monthly benefit Built-in survivor benefits If no survivor at retirement, survivor refund payable
Portable	 Defined benefit plan Optional forms of annuity Enhanced lump sum distribution Survivor benefits optional at a cost
SMP	 Defined contribution plan Optional forms of annuity based on account value at retirement You select and manage the funds



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	Traditional	Portable	SMP	
Plan Type	Defined Benefit	Defined Benefit	Defined Contribution	
Your Contribution	, , ,			
Your Contribution Breakdown	6.5% Retirement 0.5% AAI 1.0% Survivors	6.5% Retirement 0.5% AAI 1.0% Portability	8% Retirement	
Employer Contribution	Guarantee of fixed monthly life, or "Normal" Cost (Mor each \$1.00 of normal retire	7.3% Retirement 0.3% Disability 7.6% Total *		
	**Money Purchase (MP) calculation is not applicable if certification date is on or after 07/01/05.			



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IRS Contribution Limits

- If hired on or after July 1, 1996, IRS contribution limit applies to earnings
- No contributions will be taken from earnings exceeding the limit
 - FY2018 limit is \$270,000
 - FY2019 limit is \$275,000





Retirement Eligibility

Vested



- 5 years at age 62
- 8 years at age 55
- 30 years at any age



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Service Credit

- Earned service
- Unused, unpaid sick leave
- Purchases
- Reciprocal service
 - Service with another Illinois public retirement system





Earned Service Credit

• Service year is September 1-August 31

Days/Months Worked	Service Earned
15 or more calendar days	1 month
1-2 months .25 year	
3-5 months	.50 year
6-7 months	.75 year
8 months or more	1 full year

• Only 1 year of service is allowed per service year



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Part-time Employee

- Employer verifies all academic contracts at the time of retirement
 - Any changes could affect your eligibility for retirement
 - Service credit and age determines retirement eligibility
- Employer reports the part-time percentage to SURS on payrolls
 - If 50% time or less for more than 3 years, service credit may be adjusted for calculation of the benefit



Sick Leave Service Credit

 Unused/unpaid sick leave reported to SURS by employer upon termination of employment

Full Work Days	Additional Service Credit
20-59 days	.25 year
60-119 days	.50 year
120-179 days	.75 year
180 days or more	1 full year

• Must retire within 60 days of termination



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Service Credit Purchases

Types of purchases

- Repayment of refund
- Prior service
- Other public employment (OPE)
 - Does not apply toward vesting
- Military
- Leave of absence





Repayment of Refund

If you previously participated in SURS and accepted a separation refund, you may reinstate that service credit if:

- You become a participating employee of SURS or another reciprocal system for at least 2 years following the date of the refund, and
- You repay SURS for the refund



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Prior Service

- Employment with any SURS-covered employer prior to the date you began SURS participation (certification date)
 - Extra Help
 - Graduate Assistantship
 - Student Employment
- Employment must have been at least 50%
 - Percentage determined by employer



Other Public Employment (OPE)

- Prior employment with a public school, college, or university in the U.S.
- Must be 100%
- Must contribute to SURS at least 5 years following the employment
- OPE may *not* be used to meet SURS minimum vesting requirements



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Military

- Active duty military service that occurred prior to your certification date can be purchased
 - Copy of DD214 is required
 - Maximum of 2 years allowed





Purchases

General Information

- All purchase types must be verified
 - Contact SURS to initiate process
- Not required to make the purchase
- Payments must be made prior to retirement date
- SMP members must be actively employed in the SURS system
 - Except repayment of a refund
- Cost increases each month by interest



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Purchases

Methods of Payment

- 1.Check
 - After-tax dollars



- Tax-deferred dollars
- IRA account or other qualified plan, 403b, or 457 plan
- 3. Installment Plan
 - Payroll deductions for 12, 24, 36, or 48 months
 - Before-tax deduction



Reciprocal Service

- SURS has reciprocity with other Illinois public retirement systems in determining your eligibility for and amount of retirement benefits
- Minimum requirements for retirement benefit:
 - At least 1 year of pension credit in more than one of the retirement systems,
 - Combined service credits must meet the longest minimum vesting requirement in each system



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Reciprocal Systems

CEABF	County Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund of Cook County	
CTPF	Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund	
FPEABF	Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund of Cook County	
IMRF	Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	
JRS/GARS*	Judges' & General Assembly Retirement Systems	
LABF	Laborers' Annuity & Benefit Fund	
MEABF	Municipal Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund	
MWRD	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	
PEABF	Park Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago	
SRS	State Employees' Retirement System	
SURS	State Universities Retirement System	
TRS	Teachers' Retirement System (of Illinois)	



Retirement Calculations

Traditional & Portable

- General Formula
- Money Purchase
 - Money Purchase calculation not applicable if certification date is on or after 07/01/05)
- Minimum & Guarantee (PA89-616)
- Police & Firefighter





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General Formula

Traditional & Portable

- 1. 2.2% * x years of service = percentage
- 2. Percentage x final average earnings
- 3. Less age reduction, if applicable

Note:

80% maximum benefit = 36.364 years of service



Final Average Earnings (FAE)

- Average of:
 - High four consecutive academic years, or
 - Last 48-months worked
 - Applies to hourly employees, or
 - Employees who receive a 12-month salary paid over 12 months
- SURS uses the higher of these calculations, if applicable



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General Formula

Example

- Age at retirement = 60 years
- 28 years service credit
- Final Average Earnings= \$48,350

Calculation of Benefit:

28 yrs x 2.2% = 61.6%

Annual Benefit: 61.6% x \$48,350 = \$29,783

Monthly Benefit: $$29,783 \div 12 = $2,481$



Age Reduction

If less than 30 years of service credit, annuity reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for each month under age 60

Age 60	\$2,481	No reduction
Age 59	\$2,332	6% reduction
Age 58	\$2,183	12% reduction
Age 57-1/2	\$2,108	15% reduction
Age 56	\$1,885	24% reduction
Age 55	\$1,736	30% reduction



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Money Purchase Calculation

Traditional and Portable - Tier I only

(Money Purchase calculation not applicable if certification date is on or after 7/1/05)

- 1. Retirement contributions and interest a) FY 2018 interest rate is 6.50%
 - b) FY 2019 interest rate is 6.75%
- 2. Plus employer (State of Illinois) share
- 3. Divided by actuarial factor



Money Purchase Calculation

Facts

(Money Purchase calculation not applicable if certification date is on or after 7/1/05)

- State actuary requires annual review of the economic assumptions (State actuary was designated in 2012)
- PA99-232 effective 08/03/15 requires an experience study be conducted at least every three years.
- Both the economic assumption review and the experience study can result in change to Money Purchase factors
- Current factors effective 1/4/16 7/1/19
- New Money Purchase factors effective 7/2/19
 - Recent Experience study conducted in fall of 2017
- Money Purchase factors do not affect the General Formula





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Money Purchase Calculation

Example

(Money Purchase calculation not applicable if certification date is on or after 7/1/05)

Money Purchase Calculation: Member Age 60		MP Factors Effective 01/04/16
Normal Retirement Contributions & Interest*		\$153,950
State Employer Match (\$153,950 x 1.4)	+	\$215,531
Total Normal Contributions & Interest* at Retirement	=	\$369,481
Actuarial Age Factor	÷	<u>139.492</u>
Monthly Retirement Benefit	: =	\$ 2,648
*Interest is based on Illinois State Comptroller rate		
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Calculation Results

• General Formula \$2,481

Money Purchase

\$2,648

 SURS calculates all applicable formulas and pays highest benefit to member



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Calculation Recap

Traditional and Portable

General Formula Calculation

- 1. 2.2% x years of service=percentage
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Money Purchase Calculation

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Determining a Retirement Date

- Termination Date
 - Last date of employment
 - Typically the last day of a month



• Retirement Date

Must follow the termination date

• Annuity Begin Date

 Typically the first of the month following your termination date

Note: Any insurance benefits you are eligible for as a retiree will not begin until your annuity begin date.

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Retirement Date

Examples

Example 1:	
Termination Date:	December 31, 2017
Retirement Date:	January 1, 2018
Annuity & Insurance Begin Date:	January 1, 2018
Example 2:	
Termination Date:	December 15, 2017*
Retirement Date:	December 16, 2017
Annuity & Insurance Begin Date:	January 1, 2018
*If your termination date is mid month, contact y	our current employer for
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Self Managed Plan

TIAA 888-219-8310

www.tiaa.org/illinois

Fidelity 800-343-0860

www.netbenefits.com/surs

Principal* 877-210-5565, ext. 202

*annuity payout only RRC@exchange.principal.com

3 Lifecycle Fund Series and 25 individual investment options

http://www.surs.org/fund-overview



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Two Types of SMP Investors

Which type are you?

- Hands-Off Investor
 - Target date funds
 - Simplicity
 - Diversification
 - Lifetime investment strategy
 - Ongoing management by team of professionals
- Hands-On Investor
 - You play an active role in building a diversified portfolio
 - Potential for diverse asset classes
 - Complete freedom of, and responsibility for your investment choices



SMP Distributions

- Based on value of member's account on retirement date
- Contact provider(s) for estimate
 - TIAA: 888-219-8310
 - Principal: 877-210-5565, ext. 202
- Member chooses form of distribution
 - Lump sum*
 - Rollover*
 - Annuity (with SMP providers)
- *If qualified for insurance, not eligible for insurance benefits with this option



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SMP Types of Annuity

Single-Life Annuity	
Without Guarantee Period	
With Guarantee Period	• 10 years
	• 15 years
	• 20 years
Joint & Survivor Annuity	
Without Guarantee Period	50% or 100%
With Guarantee Period	50% or 100%
	• 10 years
	• 15 years
	• 20 years
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SMP Annuity

Example

		Projected Account Values		
Type of Annuity	Age	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Single-Life	60	\$465	\$699	\$ 932
	65	\$525	\$788	\$1,052
50% Joint & Survivor	60	\$428	\$643	\$ 858
	65	\$472	\$710	\$ 947
100% Joint & Survivor	60	\$391	\$588	\$ 784
	65	\$424	\$637	\$ 850

Above information provided by Principal Life Insurance Company As of October 1, 2017 (Amounts rounded down to nearest dollar). All J & S options assume spouse is 5 years younger. No guarantee option selected.



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Refund

	Traditional	Portable	SMP
Less than 5 years of service	 Your contributions No employer contributions Up to 4.5% interest 	 Your contributions No employer contributions All of the interest 	 Your contributions No employer contributions Investment return on your contributions
5 or more years of service	 Your contributions No employer contributions Up to 4.5% interest 	 Your contributions All of the interest \$1 for \$1 employer match 	 Your contributions Employer contributions Investment return on your and employer contributions

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Disability Benefits

- Disability
 - 50% of base salary, if approved
 - Apply through employer
 - Medical documentation required
 - If approved, continue to earn service credit



- 35% of base salary, if approved
- Must first exhaust disability benefits
- Permanently disabled from any gainful employment
- DRA not available with SMP



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Monthly Survivor Benefits

	Traditional	Portable	SMP
Qualified Survivors	 Spouse or civil union partner Dependent child up to 18, or 22 if full-time student Disabled child prior to age 18 Financially dependent parent 	Spouse or Civil Union partner, orContingent annuitant	 Spouse or Civil Union partner, or Contingent annuitant
Eligibility	• 1.50 years	• 1.50 years	ImmediateState match included with 1.50 years
Benefit Amount	At least 50% of annuity	Elective at retirement50, 75, or 100% of reduced annuity	Elective at retirement
Automatic Annual Increases	• Yes	• Yes	• No



Death Benefit

One-Time Lump Sum

_	Traditional	Portable	SMP
Beneficiaries	Any person or legal entity	Spouse or Civil Union partner, orAlternate beneficiary	 Spouse or Civil Union partner, or Alternate beneficiary
Pre- Retirement	 Account balance (less 1/8 if survivor benefit payable) 	Member and employer contributions and interest (less value of survivor benefit payable, if applicable)	Account investment value
Post- Retirement	Without survivor. Greater of \$1,000 of Termainder of		 See terms of annuity contract with provider



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Insurance Eligibility at Retirement

- College Insurance Program (CIP)
 - Full-time employees of Community Colleges, excludes City Colleges
- State Group Health Plan
 - Employees of State universities and affiliated State agencies, surveys, etc.
 - Minimum 5 years of state service
- Must receive a monthly benefit



New Web-based Online Enrollment

- Enrollment is now done through online enrollment platform (effective September 30, 2016)
- Member registration will be required and members will have a CMS-issued Employee ID Number
- MyBenefits will streamline insurance information and allow changes to be made online or by telephone
- SURS will no longer handle enrollments



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How to Contact MyBenefits

MyBenefits

www.MyBenefits.illinois.gov

(844)-251-1777

Service Center: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm CST



Insurance Program Rates

College Insurance Program (CIP)

- Rates are determined by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS)
- For more information contact MyBenefits.





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Insurance Program Rates

State Group Health Plan

- State pays 5% of total health insurance premium per full active year of service
- Members actively employed on July 7, 1997
 - Special circumstances may apply under P.A. 91-395
- Rates are determined by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS)
- For more information contact MyBenefits





Medicare

- SURS cannot provide information regarding Medicare eligibility or the benefits provided
- For information about the CIP or State insurance and Medicare, please contact:
 - Central Management Services (CMS) www.illinois.gov/cms/Employees/benefits (800)-442-1300
 - Medicare www.medicare.gov (800)-633-4227



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Medicare Advantage Plans

CIP and State MAPD

- Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL)
 - Medicare Advantage healthcare program
 - Includes health, prescription and vision coverage
 - CIP MAPD: also includes dental
 - State MAPD: dental is available for a premium
- You and all of your covered dependents must be eligible and enrolled in Medicare A & B
 - You continue to pay Medicare premiums
- Enrollment
 - Initial enrollment generally in the Fall after meeting eligibility requirements
 - Open enrollment is in the Fall
 - Coverage effective January 1



Member's Responsibility

- Anticipate, plan, decide
- Utilize retirement checklist



- Obtain, complete, and submit retirement application to SURS at least 60 days prior to retirement date
 - Submit application to reciprocal system, if applicable
- Notify employer of retirement



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Employer's Responsibility

- Process employee's final payments
- Submit Termination Report to SURS
- Verify academic contracts
- Verify part-time service





SURS' Responsibility



- Request and gather information
- Accurately calculate Traditional and Portable claims
- Notify provider(s) for SMP claims
- Ensure member receives every dollar the law allows



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Preliminary Estimated Payment (PEP)

Traditional & Portable

- Completed retirement application
 - Verify member eligibility (vested)
 - Member birth verification (required)
 - Spouse birth & marriage verifications, if applicable
- 80-90% based on what we know
- Makeup payment sent when claim finalized
- PEP may be for 120-180 days



Employment After Retirement

Employee Restrictions

- Non SURS-covered employment no limitations
- SURS-covered employment
 - Clear separation from SURS-covered employment
 - No agreement (written or oral) in place at retirement to return to SURS-covered employment
 - 60-day waiting period
 - Applies regardless of whether the employment is paid or unpaid
 - Earnings limitation based on age at retirement
 - Before age 60: monthly limitation
 - Age 60+: annual limitation
 - Does not apply to Self-Managed Plan





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Employment After Retirement

Employer Restrictions



- SURS-covered employers that employ affected annuitants must make annual contribution to SURS
- Affected annuitant is an annuitant who:
 - Receives compensation during an academic year that is greater than 40% of the highest annual rate of earnings prior to retirement, and
 - Receives an annuity of at least \$10,000 per year



Social Security

Windfall Elimination Provision

"How it affects your Social Security retirement or disability benefits"

Government Pension Offset

"A law that affects spouse's or widower's benefits"

Contact Social Security for more information:

www.socialsecurity.gov (800) 772-1213



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SURS Counseling Appointments

- Eligibility
 - Must be eligible to retire within 4 years
 - Limit 1 appointment per 12-month period

Type of Appointment

- Office
- Phone
- Campus

Process

- Complete retirement estimate form online, or contact SURS to initiate request
- Submit completed form to SURS online, fax, or mail
- Schedule online, or call SURS



Retirement Estimate Information

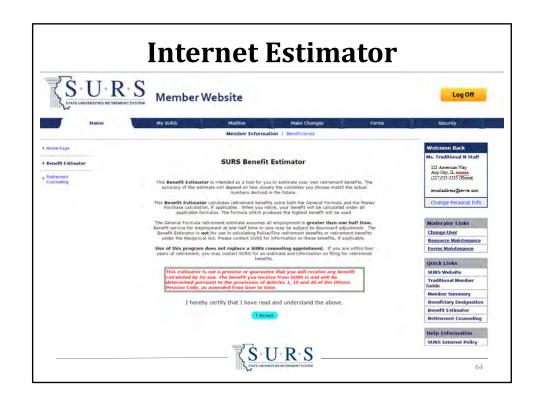
- Estimates calculated are only as good as the information you provide
 - SURS does not have access to current salary, vacation, or sick leave balances
- Critical information
 - Employment classification
 - Retirement dates
 - Salary
 - Base, overloads/overtime, summer
 - Vacation and sick leave
 - Comments

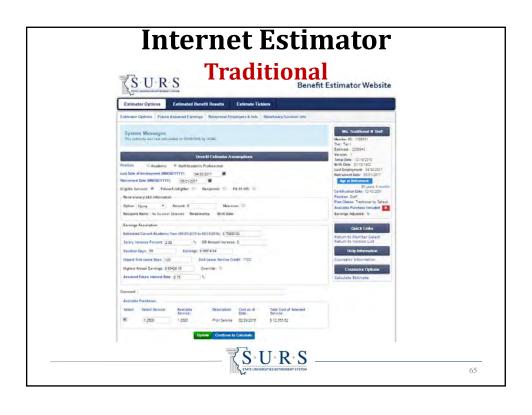


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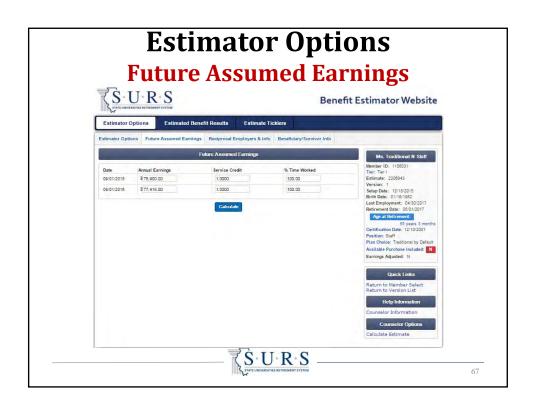
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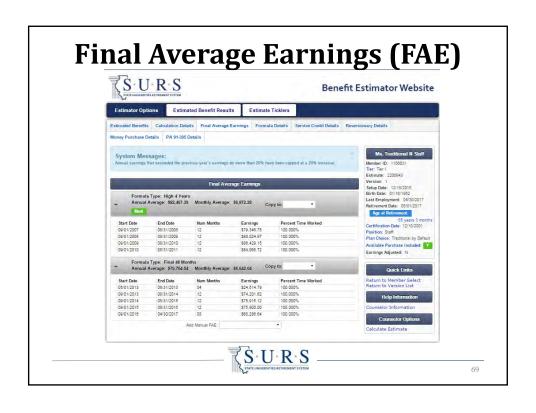


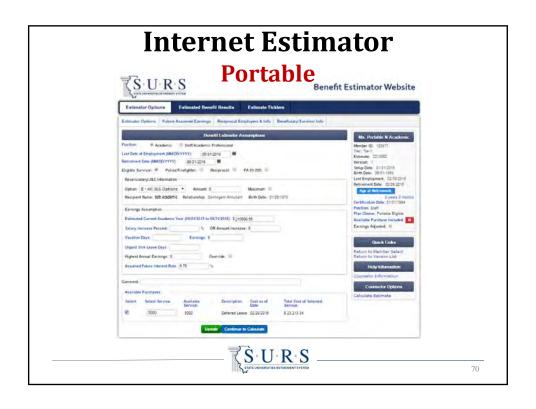


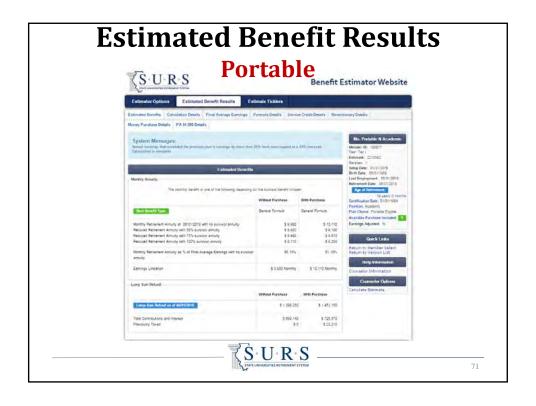












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