

and/or a former spouse annuity or annuities.

*Insurable interest rate* means the recurring payments under FERS to a retiree who has elected a reduction in annuity to provide a survivor annuity to a person with an insurable interest in the retiree.

*Marriage* has the same meaning as in § 843.102 of this chapter.

*Member* means a Member of Congress.

*Net annuity* means the net annuity as defined in § 838.103 of this chapter.

*One-half reduced annuity* means the recurring payments under FERS received by a retiree who has elected one-half of the full reduction in his or her annuity to provide a partial current spouse annuity or a partial former spouse annuity or annuities.

*Present value factor* means the amount of money (earning interest at an assumed rate) required at the time of retirement to fund an annuity that starts out at the rate of \$1 a month and is payable in monthly installments for the annuitant's lifetime based on mortality rates for non-disability annuitants under the Civil Service Retirement System; and increases each year at an assumed rate of inflation. Interest, mortality, and inflation rates used in computing the present value are those used by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System for valuation of the System, based on dynamic assumptions. The present value factors are unisex factors obtained by averaging six distinct present value factors, weighted by the total dollar value of annuities typically paid to new retirees at each age.

*Qualifying court order* means a court order that awards a former spouse annuity and that satisfies the requirements of section 8445 of title 5, United States Code, for awarding a former spouse annuity.

*Retiree* means a former employee or Member who is receiving recurring payments under FERS based on service by the employee or Member. "Retiree," as used in this subpart, does not include a current spouse, former spouse, child, or person with an insurable interest receiving a survivor annuity.

*Self-only annuity* means the recurring unreduced payments under FERS to a

retiree with no survivor annuity payable to anyone.

*Time of retirement* means the effective commencing date for retired employee's or Member's annuity. An employee or Member is unmarried at the time of retirement for all purposes under this subpart only if the employee or Member was unmarried on the date that the annuity begins to accrue.

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**§ 842.603 Election at time of retirement of a fully reduced annuity to provide a current spouse annuity.**

(a) A married employee or Member retiring under FERS will receive a fully reduced annuity to provide a current spouse annuity unless—

(1) The employee or Member, with the consent of the current spouse, elects a self-only annuity, a one-half reduced annuity to provide a current spouse annuity, or a fully reduced annuity or a one-half reduced annuity to provide a former spouse annuity, in accordance with § 842.604 or § 842.606; or

(2) The employee or Member elects a self-only annuity or a fully reduced annuity to provide a former spouse annuity, and current spousal consent is waived in accordance with § 842.607.

(b) Qualifying court orders that award former spouse annuities prevent payment of current spouse annuities to the extent necessary to comply with the court order and § 842.613.

(c) The amount of the reduction to provide a current spouse annuity under this section is 10 percent of the retiree's annuity.

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**§ 842.604 Election at time of retirement of a fully reduced annuity or a one-half reduced annuity to provide a former spouse annuity.**

(a) An unmarried employee or Member retiring under FERS may elect a fully reduced annuity or a one-half reduced annuity to provide a former spouse annuity or annuities.

(b) A married employee or Member retiring under FERS may elect a fully