What is the **AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT** Provision?

The automatic adjustment provision is an innovative approach to pension funding that keeps PERA on a path to full funding. Under this approach, changes are included in statute that make automatic adjustments to four components: member contributions, employer contributions, the annual increase (AI) paid to retirees, and the direct distribution from the State. Every June, PERA reviews the progress toward its funding goal.

As indicated in its 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), PERA is on schedule to meet its funding goal. This means the automatic adjustment provision will not trigger any additional changes in 2024.

**Current Provisions**

**Member Contributions**

Member contributions will not be affected by the automatic adjustment provision in July 2024.

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See [copera.org](http://copera.org) for more information on contribution rates.

**Employer Contributions**

Employer contributions will not be affected by the automatic adjustment provision in July 2024.

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Actual DPS employer rate will be subject to the PCOPs offset. The DC Supplement may also affect rates in the State and Local Government Divisions effective January 1, 2024. See [copera.org](http://copera.org) for more information on contribution rates.

**Annual Increase**

The AI paid to eligible benefit recipients in July 2023 will be 1.0%. The July 2024 AI for most eligible benefit recipients will also be 1.0% since there was not an automatic adjustment provision announced in June 2023.

**State Direct Distribution**

PERA will receive a direct distribution from the State budget for 2023.
How Does the Automatic Adjustment Keep PERA on Schedule?

**IF PERA IS BEHIND SCHEDULE**
- Decrease AI percentage by up to 0.25% in one year, not to fall below 0.5%
- Increase employer contributions by up to 0.5% in one year, not to exceed an additional 2%
- Increase member contributions by up to 0.5% in one year, not to exceed an additional 2%
- Increase the direct distribution from the State budget by up to $20 million in one year, not to exceed $225 million

**IF PERA IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**
- Increase AI percentage by up to 0.25% in one year, not to exceed 2%
- Decrease employer contributions by up to 0.5% in one year, not to fall below 2018 levels
- Decrease member contributions by up to 0.5% in one year, not to fall below 2018 levels
- Decrease the direct distribution from the State budget by up to $20 million in one year

**PERA'S PROGRESS TOWARD FUNDING GOAL**

**When Do Automatic Adjustment Provisions Take Effect?**

PERA announces the progress toward its funding goal each year in June, along with any automatic adjustments to contributions or the AI, which would take effect the next July.

**June 2023**
PERA's 2022 ACFR indicates PERA is on schedule and adjustments are not needed in 2024 to stay on track.

**June 2024**
PERA's 2023 ACFR is released and it will be determined whether adjustments are needed in 2025 to stay on track.

**Annually**
Process occurs again.

This fact sheet provides information about the automatic adjustment provision. Your rights, benefits, and obligations as a PERA member are governed by Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and the Rules of the Colorado Public Employees’ Retirement Association, which take precedence over any interpretations in this fact sheet.