

## Transaction Specialists' Educational Forum

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#### **Survey Questions**





#### Question

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Where is SCO at in processing Personnel Action Requests (PARs) submitted for General Salary Increases/Special Salary Adjustments (GSIs/SSAs) that took effect on July 1, 2023, for employees who transferred to other departments between the effective date and release date?

**Answer:** We are current with processing GSI/SSA PARs submitted by the departments. If you uploaded a PAR that has not been processed, please check your universal mailbox for any communication or ding notices. PARs will be cancelled if we did not receive a timely response to corrections that are needed or if the PAR can be keyed by the department. If you have any questions, please contact the Statewide Customer Contact Center at 916 372-7200 and select Civil Service Audits.

## Reciprocal Self-Certification Form: Tools and Resources

Veronica Silva-Gil

Member Election Team - CalPERS



#### Agenda

- Background
- Employer Responsibilities
- Process for State Agency Employers
- The Reciprocal Self-Certification Form
- Resources



#### Background

- State Controller's Office (SCO)
- Shifted responsibilities
- Training last December 2023



#### **Employer Responsibilities**

Use the most recent version of the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form

Provide form to every new enrolled member

Obtain completed form within 10 business days

Ensure form is completed thoroughly

Update information within myCalPERS



#### **Process for all State Employers**

Report the new appointment in PIMS



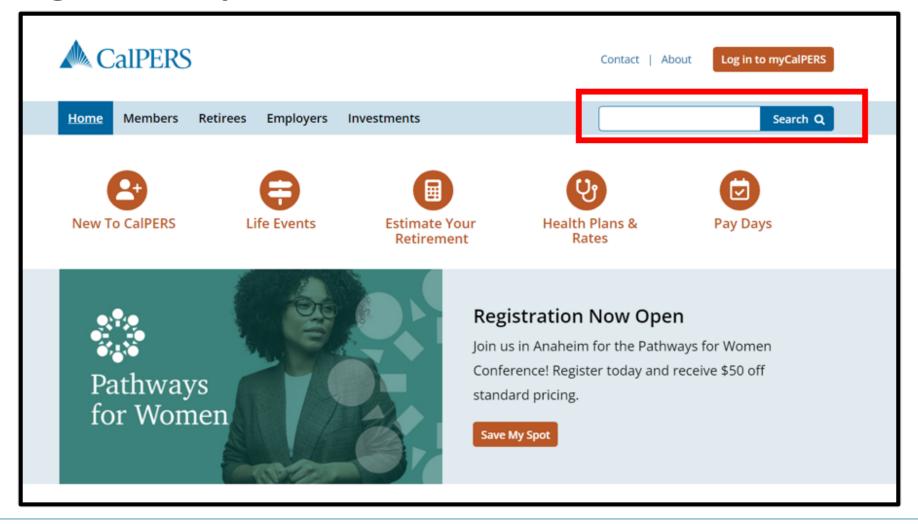
Employee returns Reciprocal Self-Certification Form within 10 business days



Update reciprocal information in myCalPERS

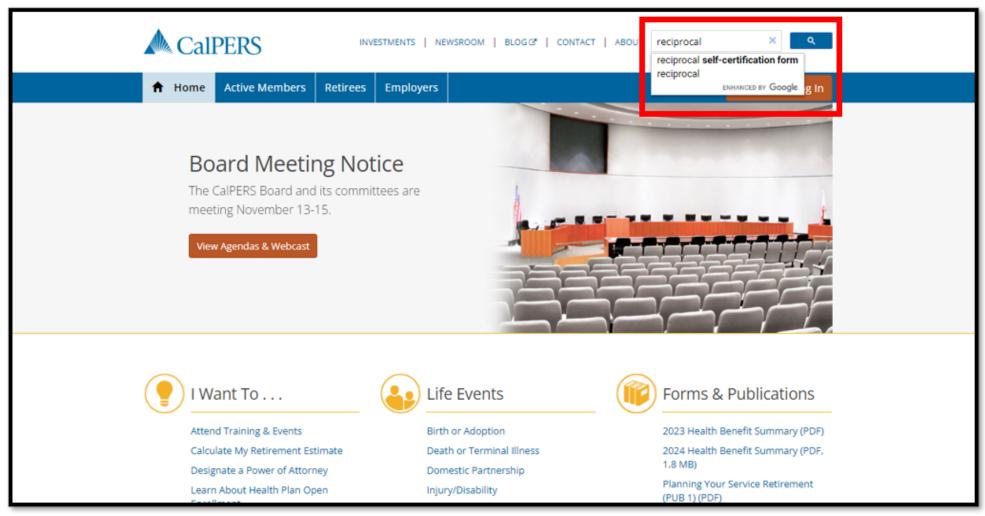


#### **Accessing the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form**



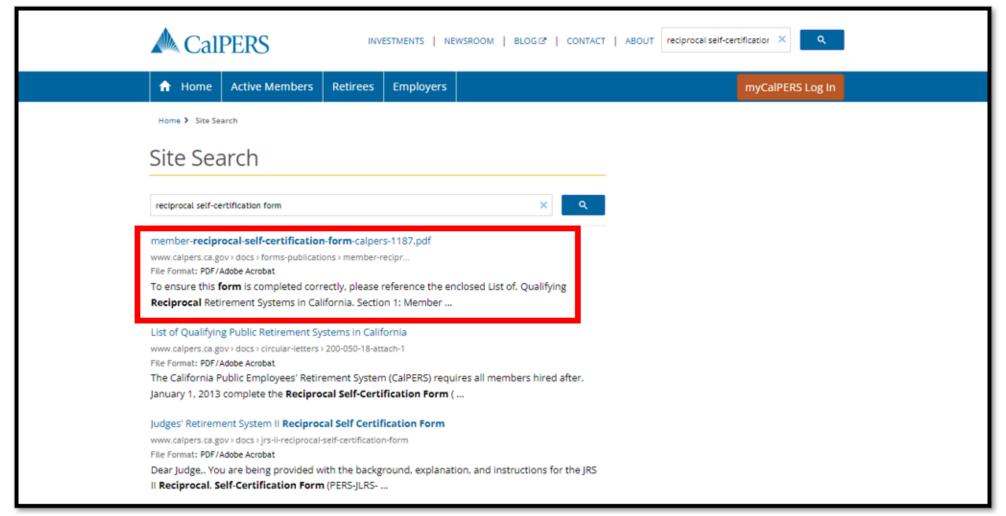


#### **Accessing the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form**





#### **Accessing the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form**





Reciprocal Self-Certification Form

Complete the following information and return this form to your employer within 10 business days to determine your eligibility for benefits in CalPERS. To ensure this form is completed correctly, please reference the enclosed List of Qualifying Reciprocal Retirement Systems in California.											
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#### **Reciprocal Self-Certification Form-Completed**

#### Section 3: Sign and Certify

I understand that I am subject to the applicable laws and regulations of each system where I have membership. I also understand that completing this form will only determine my enrollment eligibility in CalPERS. It is not a request to establish reciprocity.

I certify that the information on this form has been verified with the qualifying reciprocal retirement system as true and correct and any information found to be incorrect may require corrections to my CalPERS account including, but not limited to, my retirement enrollment level or formula and adjustments to my member contributions. CalPERS may make any necessary corrections to my account to ensure I am properly enrolled and eligible to receive the correct retirement benefits.

12/05/2023

Member Signature

Date



#### **Timeline**

- Appointment is updated in PIMS
- Appointment will update in myCalPERS after 1-2 business days
- Appointment will default to showing no membership in a reciprocal system
  - If the employee indicated no membership in a reciprocal system, no further action is needed
  - If the employee indicated they are a member of a reciprocal system, you will need to update the appointment in myCalPERS
- Retain the Reciprocal Self-Certification Form in your employee's personnel file

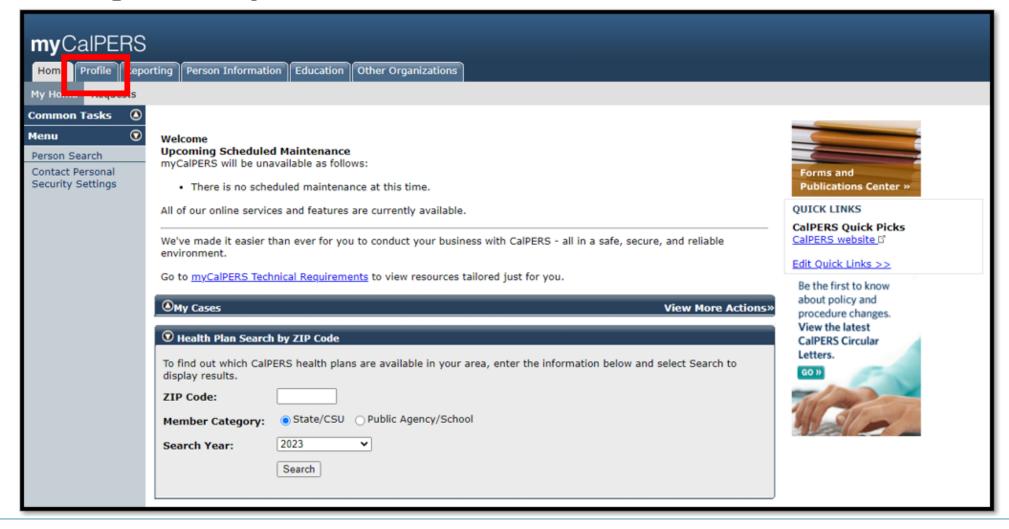


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**Business Partner Retirement Enrollment** 

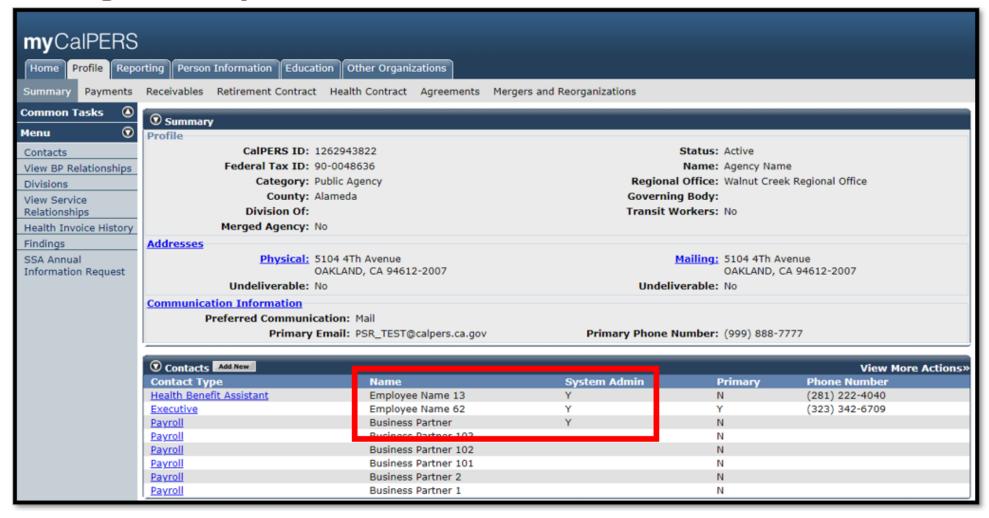


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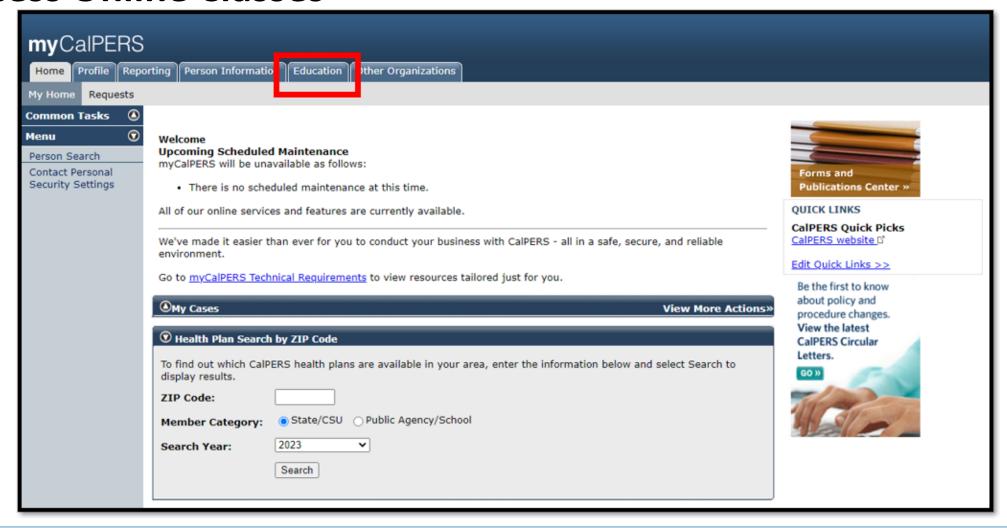




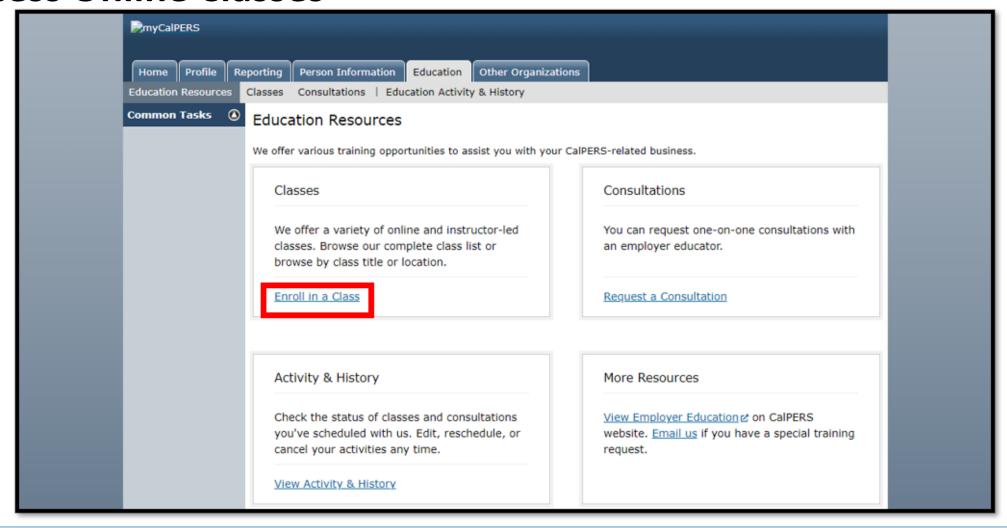
#### **Online Class Available**

- myCalPERS Retirement Enrollment: Edit Reciprocal Information
- To assist you with adding and updating reciprocal information in myCalPERS
- Practice processing transactions
- Available 24/7

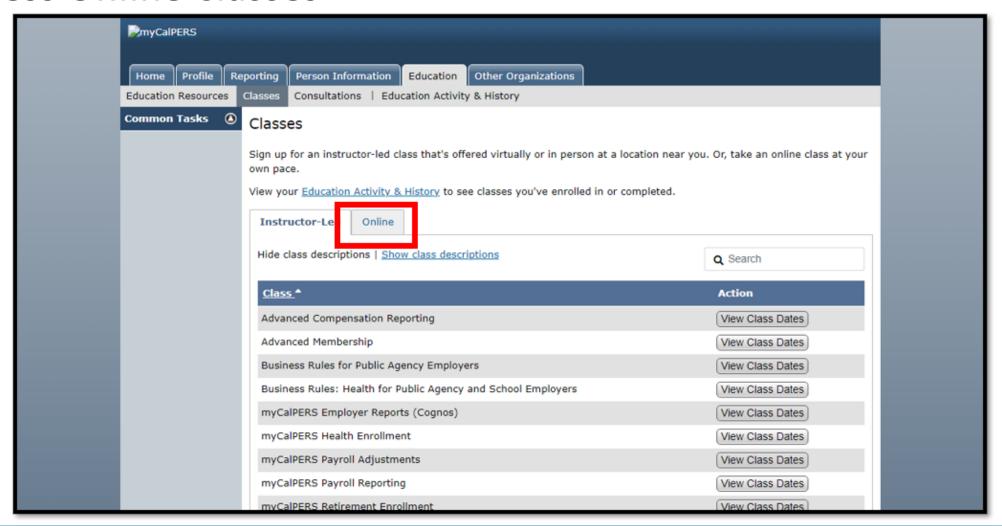




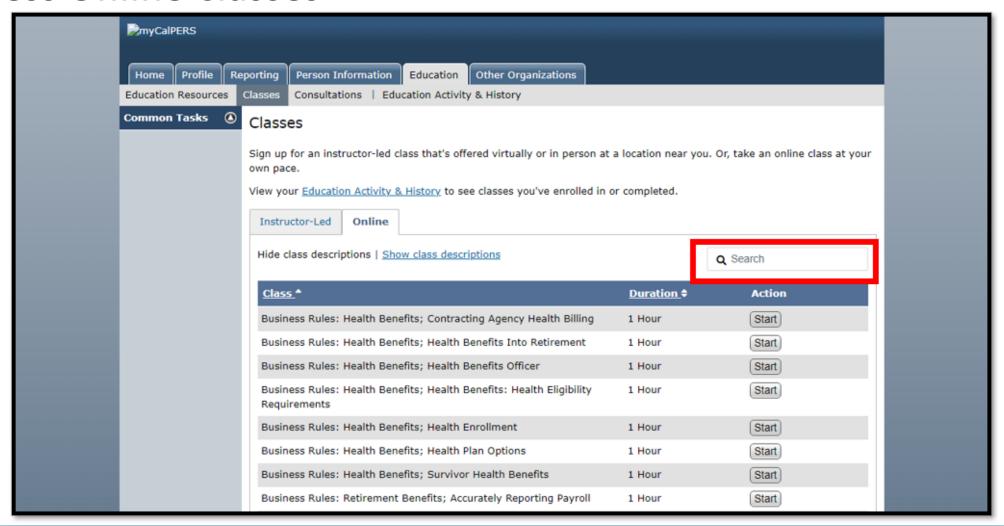




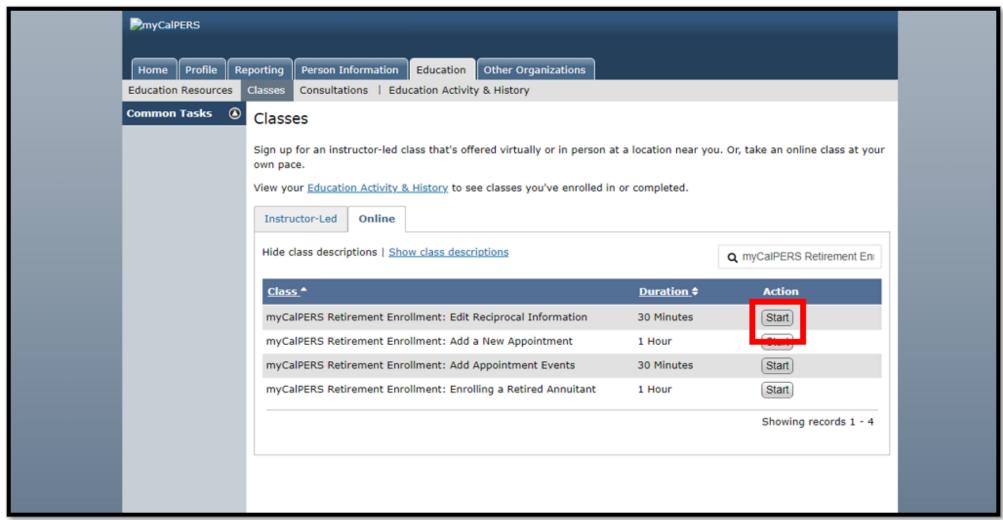




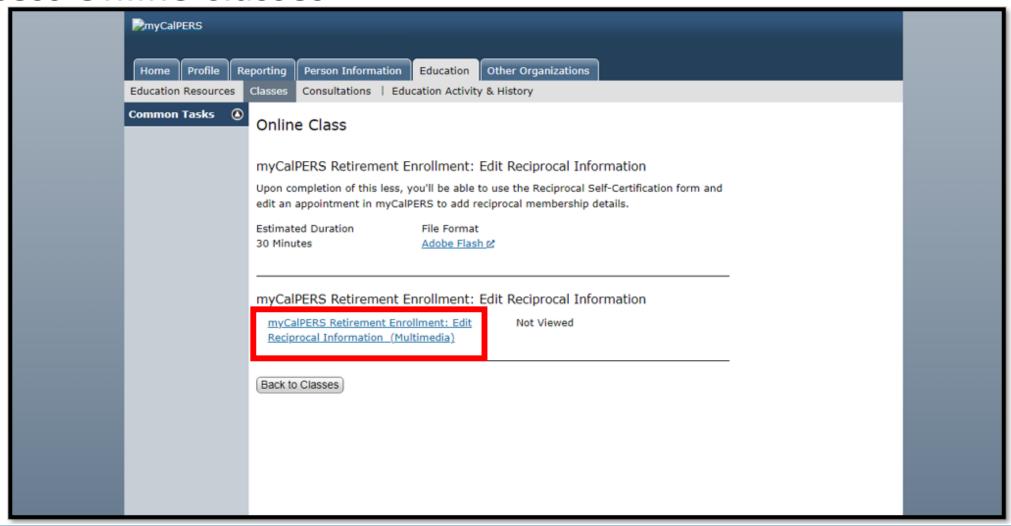














#### Resources 1 of 2

- Reciprocal Self-Certification Form
  - CalPERS Website>docs>forms-publications>member-reciprocal-self-certificationform-calpers-118
- Using myCalPERS
  - CalPERS Website>education-center>using-mycalpers



#### Resources 2 of 2

- State Reference Guide
  - CalPERS website > Employers > Policies and Procedures > Reference & Health Guides
- Call the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377)



## Questions





# STATEWIDE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

# Underfunded Savings Plus Accounts



#### What is an underfunded account?

**Definition: HR Manual Section 1803** 

A participant's account can be considered underfunded when:

- There is a delay in posting a participant's contributions or lump sum separation pay; or
- A reversal of a Savings Plus contribution occurs and there are insufficient funds in the account to cover the reversal (think: "overdrawn" - a negative account balance)
  - Both can happen due to delayed and/or corrective payroll actions



## Background

When a negative contribution comes into the Plan via payroll, we may see a positive contribution to offset the negative

- If we do not see the positive as part of the current payroll file, we may contact your payroll
  office to confirm if there will be additional corrections, and/or positive amounts coming in
  future payroll files to offset the negatives received
- We continue to track the account

If a positive contribution does offset the negatives in a timely manner, we consider the participant's account to be unaffected

No further action is required by payroll or the Plan



## Background, continued

When a negative contribution is received and the participant's account is negative, and a positive contribution does **not** follow, the account is now underfunded

This is the scenario we will address today



## What happens next?

If a subsequent corrective payroll is **not** forthcoming, or is for a lesser amount, Savings Plus will recoup the costs associated with the underfunded Savings Plus participant account directly from the entity responsible for the error.

- HR Manual Section 1803
- \$500 administrative fee



### Example

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## We are here to help!

We want to be a valuable partner to you in helping Californians save and plan for retirement.

The Savings Plus team is preparing tools, trainings, and resources to help departments understand and avoid transactions that may negatively impact participant accounts.

We are collaborating with the SCO and sharing these updates across various forums, webinars, and more.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at <a href="mailto:SPPOpsLiaison@calhr.ca.gov">SPPOpsLiaison@calhr.ca.gov</a> or call us at 916-909-3717.



# CalHR Transaction Specialists' Educational Forum Update



CalHR Benefits Division
June 6, 2024

# CalHR Benefits Division

The Benefits Division is responsible for the design, acquisition, and oversight of the various statewide benefit programs administered by CalHR offered to state employees, retirees and dependents. Our goal is to ensure access to competitive, quality and affordable benefits. Successful delivery of these responsibilities enables the state, as an employer, to offer optimal benefits packages for recruiting and maintaining a top-performing workforce.



# Benefit Project Updates



CalHR Benefits Division
June 6, 2024

# Benefits Open Enrollment (OE)

Presenter: Bobby Saetern

Contact: OpenEnrollment@calhr.ca.gov

#### **Open Enrollment Updates**

- The Open Enrollment (OE) season has officially kicked off with all OE Project stakeholders.
- The 2024 OE period will take place September 16 to October 11, 2024.
- State employees and retirees have the option to enroll, change, or remove benefit options for health, dental, vision, Flex, COBRA, long-term disability and legal insurance.
- All changes made during the 2024 OE period will be effective January 1, 2025.

#### **Open Enrollment Listserv**

 To sign up for future OE information and updates, please subscribe to the OE subscription list on the HR Professionals webpage: <u>State HR Professionals | Cal HR (benefitsprograms.info)</u>



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#### **Open Enrollment Events**

• The CalHR Benefits Team is collaborating with stakeholders to plan, prepare and host OE events for the 2024 season.

#### **In-Person Fairs**

- Northern CA
- Southern CA
- Central CA
  - > Locations, dates, and times are being finalized.

#### **Virtual Benefits Fair**

- Two consecutive days, September 11–12, 2024.
- The same information is shared across both days.

#### Virtual Lunch and Learn Sessions

 These sessions are geared towards HR Professionals and will provide an additional forum to help prepare for OE.



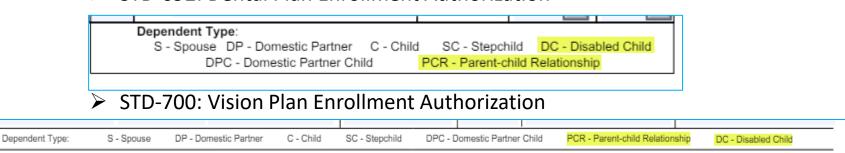
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#### **Benefits Calculator**

- The <u>CalHR Benefits Calculator</u> has been modernized and now includes the following enhancements:
  - An enhanced <u>User Guide</u>.
  - The option to populate both the Dental Plan Enrollment Authorization (<u>STD-692</u>) and Vision Plan Enrollment Authorization (<u>STD-700</u>) enrollment forms.
  - Updated enrollment forms to include the dependent options for Parent-Child Relationship (PCR) and Disabled Child (DC).
    - STD-692: Dental Plan Enrollment Authorization



 Calculate benefits and compare two different benefit scenarios side by side (i.e. two different bargaining units or different plans).



# Open Enrollment (OE)

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Contact: OpenEnrollment@calhr.ca.gov

#### Contact

- Departmental personnel offices can send OE related questions via email to OpenEnrollment@calhr.ca.gov.
- Current response time is five (5) business days.

#### Resources

- <u>CalHR Benefits website</u>
- <u>CalHR Benefits Calculator</u>



Presenter: Delia Baulwin, Project and Compliance Manager Contact: <u>DRV@calhr.ca.gov</u>

#### **DRV Overview**

- CalHR automated the DRV process for dental and Premier Vision effective January 2023.
- The current health Dependent Eligibility Verification (DEV) process through CalPERS and the MyCalPERS system remains unchanged.
- Departmental personnel offices are required to update dental and Premier Vision dependent re-verifications through the Family Connect Portal (FCP).
- All state agencies must establish an administrative account, who is at the supervisor or above classification, in the Family Connect Portal (FCP) to manage each agency's authorized user accounts to update DRV transactions.
- Department compliance with DRV regulation will be monitored and addressed by Health Benefit Officers and FCP Department Administrators.



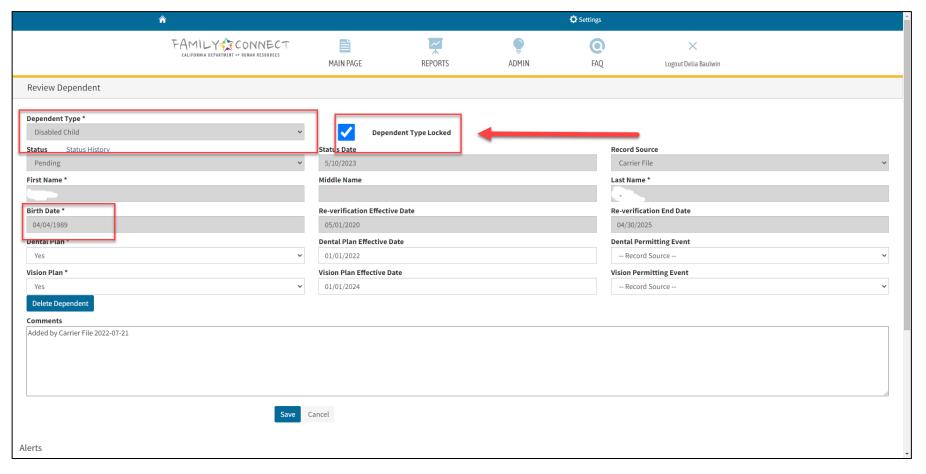
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#### **DRV Updates**

- CalHR 781 Dependent Eligibility Checklist and CalHR 025 Affidavit of Parent-Child-Relationship (dental/vision) have been updated to comply with CalPERS documentation revisions provided in the December 1, 2023, <u>Circular Letter #600-046-23</u>, Eligibility Criteria for Dependents in a Parent-Child Relationship.
- CalHR has officially launched FCP Enhancements for Disabled Dependent and Parent-Child Relationship certifications.
  - Dependents who require certification as a disabled dependent or PCR and are only enrolled in dental and/or Premier Vision will be processed by CalHR's DRV unit.

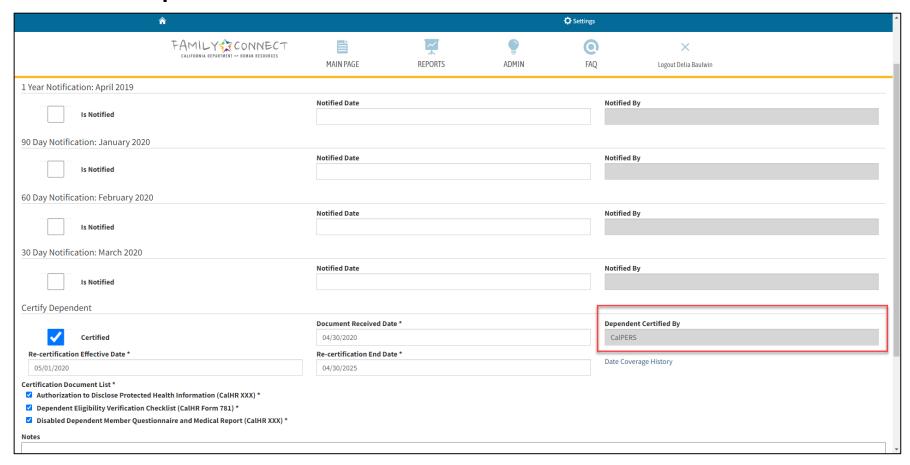
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#### **Disabled Dependent Certification**



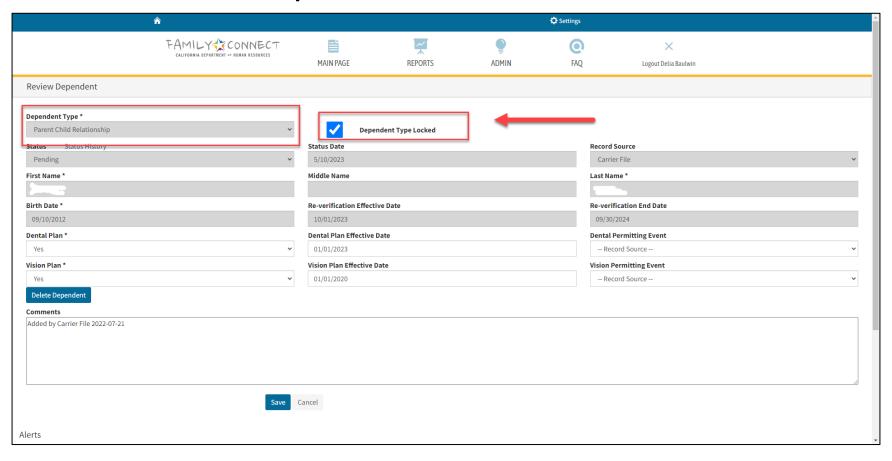
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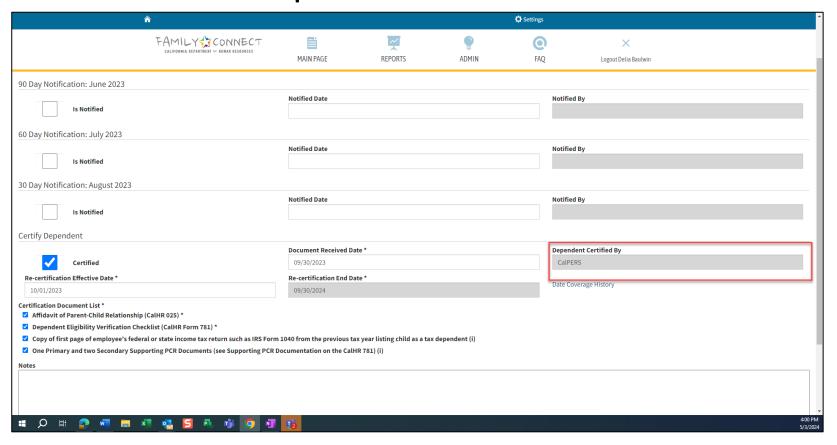
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#### **Parent-Child Relationship Certification**



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#### Contact

- Before contacting the DRV Unit with policy and procedure related questions, please review all DRV resources within the BAM, FCP Manual, and the Human Resources Manual.
- Contact the DRV Unit at CalHR with questions related to the Disabled
  Dependent and Parent Child Relationship benefits program for dependents
  enrolled in dental and/or Premier vision benefits only.
- Departmental personnel offices can send DRV and FCP related questions via email to <u>DRV@calhr.ca.gov.</u>
- Current response time is five (5) business days.

## **Benefit Programs Appeal Reminders**

Presenter: Monica Chavez

Dental Program: dental@calhr.ca.gov

FlexElect Program: <a href="mailto:flexelect@calhr.ca.gov">flexelect@calhr.ca.gov</a>

Third Party Pre-Tax Parking Reimbursement Account: <a href="mailto:Pre-TaxParking@calhr.ca.gov">Pre-TaxParking@calhr.ca.gov</a>

Vision: vision@calhr.ca.gov

#### A Complete Appeal Package Includes:

- Justification memo explaining appeal.
- Complete and error-free forms.
  - CalHR 774 Premier Vision Plan Enrollment <u>Premier Vision Plan Enrollment</u> (ca.gov)
  - CalHR 695 Retiree Vision Plan Enrollment <u>Retiree Vision Plan Enrollment</u> (ca.gov)
  - STD 692 Dental Plan Enrollment Authorization <u>Dental Plan Enrollment</u> (dgs.ca.gov)
- Written confirmation that the employee acknowledges an accounts receivable will be established for retroactive enrollment (if applicable).
  - A refund request or no change in deduction A/R confirmation would not be applicable.
- Once an appeal is approved by CalHR and processed by SCO, we will not cancel or reverse the appeal.



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#### **Best Practices for Departments to prevent:**

- Appeal returned due to not submitting paperwork timely:
  - Set up a tickler to remind team to submit benefits paperwork timely.
  - Have a team onboarding paperwork day.
  - Create an onboarding forms checklist for your team.
- Appeal returned due to incomplete appeal packages:
  - Create an appeals package coversheet checklist.
  - Have a supervisor review and sign off on appeal package before submission to CalHR.



## **Benefit Program Updates**

Presenter: Monica Chavez Vision vision@calhr.ca.gov

#### **Vision Program**

- Improving VSP Membership Profiles for Basic Vision:
  - VSP now receives a demographics file for Basic Vision employees.
  - All State of CA employees now have access to Eyeconic, VSP's online store.
- New Vision Handbook coming soon.

#### **Training Recommendations**

- Benefits Administration Manual Training <u>online CalLearns</u>
- Employee Benefits Orientation Training <u>online CalHR Webpage</u>

#### **Benefit Premiums**

Premiums cannot be waived for months when services are not used.



# **Dental Program**

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#### **Dental Program Updates**

- Top three (3) reasons appeals were returned and how they can be avoided:
  - Errors on submitted forms, especially in Section E: Personnel offices are responsible for auditing forms for accuracy and validity. Personnel Specialists should refer to the <u>Benefits</u> <u>Administration Manual (BAM)</u> to ensure that they have completed the form without errors before submitting to SCO or CalHR.
  - Incomplete Appeal Package: A complete appeal package includes a complete and error-free Dental Plan Enrollment Authorization Form (STD 692), a justification memo detailing why an appeal is necessary, and confirmation that the employee acknowledges they may be responsible for A/Rs to cover premiums for retroactive enrollment changes (when applicable).
  - Redacted, Incomplete, or Invalid SSNs: CalHR requires full social security numbers for members and spouses to review/process an appeal. Departments must provide this information. If your department requires you to redact SSNs, we recommend sending in a separate email with identical subject lines.

# Vision Program

Presenter: Monica Chavez Contact: Vision@calhr.ca.gov

#### **Vision Program Updates**

- Top three (3) reasons appeals were returned and how to be avoided
  - o **Errors on submitted forms:** Personnel offices are responsible for auditing forms for accuracy and validity. Personnel Specialists should refer to the <u>Benefits Administration Manual (BAM)</u> to ensure that they have completed the form without errors before submitting to SCO or CalHR.
  - O Incomplete Appeal Package: A complete appeal package includes a complete and error-free Basic Vision Enrollment Authorization Form (STD 700), Premier Vision Enrollment Authorization Form (CalHR 774) or Retiree Plan Enrollment Authorization Form (CalHR 695), a justification memo detailing why an appeal is necessary, and confirmation that the employee acknowledges they may be responsible for A/Rs to cover premiums for retroactive enrollment changes (when applicable).
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# FlexElect Program

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  - Incomplete Appeal Package: A complete appeal package includes a complete and error-free Cash Option Enrollment Form (STD 701C), Reimbursement Account Enrollment Authorization Form (STD 701R), Consolidated Benefits Cash Enrollment Election Form (STD 702), Dental Plan Enrollment Authorization Form (STD 692) when necessary and Payroll Adjustment Notice Form (STD 674) for PIs, a justification memo detailing why an appeal is necessary, and confirmation that the employee acknowledges they may be responsible for A/Rs to cover premiums for retroactive enrollment changes (when applicable).
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### CalHR Benefits Resources

#### Websites

#### **Benefits Website**

https://calhr.benefitsprograms.info/

#### **BAM Training Questions**

BenefitsInquiries@calhr.ca.gov

#### **Healthier U Connections**

https://www.calhrwellness.com/en/welcome-california-state-employees/

#### **Human Resources**

https://calhr.benefitsprograms.info/state-hr-professionals/

#### **State Employees**

https://calhr.benefitsprograms.info/state-employee/

#### **HR Manual**

http://hrmanual.calhr.ca.gov/Home/ManualItem



# CalHR Benefits Resources Cont.

#### Contacts

- ACA Program <u>ACA.Policy@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- BAM Training <u>BAMTraining@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- COBRA <u>COBRA@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Dental Program <u>dental@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Dental/Vision Authorization Portal <u>VisionDental.Authorization@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Dependent Re-verification (DRV) Program <u>DRV@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- FlexElect/CoBen Program <u>FlexElect@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Group Legal <u>Grouplegal@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Life Insurance LifeInsurance@calhr.ca.gov
- Long Term Disability LTD@calhr.ca.gov
- Third Party Pre-Tax Parking Reimbursement Account <a href="mailto:Pre-TaxParking@calhr.ca.gov">Pre-TaxParking@calhr.ca.gov</a>
- Vision <u>vision@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Open Enrollment <u>OpenEnrollment@calhr.ca.gov</u>
- Virtual Benefits Fair <u>BenefitsInquiries@calhr.ca.gov</u>





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#### What are Information Reporting Penalties?

The State is subject to the Information Reporting Penalties (IRPs) based on the retroactive changes in the Affordable Care Act System (ACAS) that cause a change in benefit status data reported on the Form 1095-C to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the employee through the SCO correction process

#### What is Changing?

Starting with corrections for the 2021 reporting year, the IRS is no longer providing relief to employers for incorrect reporting

- 2021 IRP Amount
  - \$280: Failure to file a correct 1095-C record to the IRS
  - \$280: Failure to provide a correct 1095-C to the employee
  - o Total: \$560 per corrected 1095-C
- 2022 IRP Amount
  - \$290: Failure to file a correct 1095-C record to the IRS
  - \$290: Failure to provide a correct 1095-C to the employee
  - Total: \$580 per corrected 1095-C



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#### **Information Reporting Penalty Calculation Example**

The data in the table below is based on the 2020 corrected 1095-C data for the top three (3) departments:

Department	# Of Penalties Assessed	Total Penalty at 50% for 2021	Total Penalty at 100% for 2023 & Moving Forward
Department A	161	\$43,470	\$86,940
Department B	83	\$22,410	\$44,820
<b>Department C</b>	78	\$21,060	\$42,120

#### What does this mean?

• The State of California will be assessing penalties for all corrected 1095-Cs once SCO submits the 2021 corrected 1095-Cs to the IRS

#### What is The Importance?

- Departments are responsible for maintaining accurate and timely information in the ACAS
- IRPs will be passed down to the department at fault
- Penalties compound over time



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#### What can your Department do to Reduce the IRP Liability?

- Correct any retroactive data in ACAS back to 2022
- ACAS updates must be part of the regular personnel and payroll processing
- Register staff to attend the ACA Training class
- Utilize Compliance Reports on <u>Mobius View</u> or View Direct to correct errors. Below are four helpful compliance reports:
  - 1. **PDA2050B** "Employees Permanently Separated Without A Health Benefit Cancellation ACA Code 6A"
  - 2. **PDA2050C** "Employees Without ACA Status Code"
  - 3. PDA2050L "Active Employee With Separation Code"
  - 4. PDA2056M "Employee With 350 Deduction Code Without a 3A, 3B or with a 6A"
- Departments heavy with Permanent Intermittent (PI) employees should utilize the compliance report: PDA2065 "PI Employee Reflected As Not Eligible"



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#### **Information Reporting Penalties – Example A**

Department Z became aware of a needed update for an employee due to the monthly compliance report **PDA2050B** "Employees Permanently Separated Without A Health Benefit Cancellation ACA Code 6A" in November 2022. Employee has been separated since January 3, 2021, but the auto population of 6A did not auto populate a 6A for the employee in ACAS. Department Z corrects the error in ACAS on November 2, 2022. This resulted in a correction to the employee's 2021 1095-C.

#### **Employee's Original ACAS Transactions**

ACA Status Code	Effective Date	Entry Date
3A	6/1/2019	5/10/2019
1A	6/1/2019	5/10/2019
2D	5/8/2019	5/8/2019

Table 1

#### **Employee's Updated ACAS Transactions**

ACA Status	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Entry Date</b>
Code		
6A	2/1/2021	11/2/2022
3A	6/1/2019	5/10/2019
1A	6/1/2019	5/10/2019
2D	5/8/2019	5/8/2019

Table 2

#### Resultant Penalty:

Corrected 2021 1095-C: \$560

• Total: \$560.00



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#### **Information Reporting Penalties – Example B**

Employee N accepted a permanent full-time position within Department B on 6/15/2020. Employee N already has insurance through their partner and decides to decline immediately. On January 7th, 2021, Employee N experiences a permitting event that allows them to enroll health benefits immediately. Department B does not update the employee's ACA until the employee showed up on the **PDA2056M** "Employee With 350 Deduction Code Without a 3A, 3B or with a 6A" compliance report on 4/1/2024. Department B finally made the update on 4/1/2024, it resulted in a correction to the employee's 2021, 2022 and 2023 1095-Cs.

#### **Employee's Original ACAS Transactions**

ACA Status	Effective	Entry Data	
Code	Date	Entry Date	
4A	7/1/2020	6/17/2020	
1A	7/1/2020	6/17/2020	
2D	6/15/2020	6/15/2020	

Table 1

#### **Employee's Updated ACAS Transactions**

<b>ACA Status</b>	Effective	<b>Entry Date</b>
Code	Date	
3A	2/1/2021	4/1/2024
4A	7/1/2020	6/17/2020
1A	7/1/2020	6/17/2020
2D	6/15/2020	6/15/2020

#### Resultant Penalty:

Table 2

- Corrected 2021 1095-C: \$560, Corrected 2022 1095-C: \$580, and Corrected 2023 1095-C: \$620
- Total: \$1760.00



# **BREAK**



**5 MINUTES** 



# STATEWIDE PROGRAM UPDATES



## **Statewide Tax Support Program**

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#### **Deceased Employees**

In recognition of unique reporting and withholding requirements, at both Federal and State levels to update Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement (Form W-2) records, the State Controller's Office implemented reporting and withholding procedures for wages issued to deceased employees. Processes were implemented to report wages issued to a deceased employee, but released to the beneficiary/designee via Federal Form 1099-MISC.

#### **Special Reporting Requirements**

- Deceased Employee Form W-2
- Designee/Beneficiary 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information
  - Under no circumstances should the recipient be advised that payments are not taxable
  - Questions should be directed to a tax consultant or the IRS



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#### **Department Responsibilities for PPSD21 reporting**

- Employee Action Request (EAR) withholding change to permanently (PERM) exempt
  - IRS Lock in place, upload to <u>ConnectHR</u>
    - ➤ In ConnectHR, choose W-2 Unit STD. 686 (IRS Lock in Place)
- About Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
  - NO payments should be released without the W-9 form
  - If the designee does not provide your department with a complete W-9 form DO NOT release any payments to them
- Submit PPSD-21, Deceased Employee Data form with copy of W-9 form
- Refer to the <u>Payroll Procedures Manual</u>, Section I 900, Deceased Employee's Wages for more information on the department's responsibilities:

#### **References:**

- Payroll Letter #23-019: Deceased Employee and Designee/Beneficiary Reporting
- PPSD-21, Deceased Employee Data Form
- Personnel Action Manual (PAM): Section 8 Processing of Transactions
- PAM: Section 6 EAR Processing



## **Business System Support and Maintenance Section**

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#### **2023 Contract Implementation**

- SCO has concluded performing mass updates for 2023 contract implementation
  - Departments are responsible for keying General Salary Increase (GSI) or Special Salary
     Adjustment (SSA) transactions that have not been added to records of eligible employees
    - ➤ Please reference the applicable <u>SCO Personnel Letters</u> and CalHR Pay Letters for more information
    - ➤ Please process necessary updates by June 30, 2024, to ensure that 2024 mass updates are correct



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#### **2024 Contract Implementation**

- SCO is on track to perform mass updates for 2024 contract implementation by Payroll Cutoff for the July pay period
  - SCO will process updates for General Salary Increase (GSI) transactions
    - ➤ Mass updates will be performed in several groups
  - Departments will be responsible to process Special Salary Adjustment (SSA) transactions
    - ➤ Please process necessary updates by Payroll Cutoff for the July Pay Period to ensure that July 2024 pay warrants are correct
- SCO will release <u>Personnel Letters</u> on a flow basis



## **Statewide Training Program**

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- 3rd Trimester Needs Assessment Coming July 2024
  - O All can participate!
- Three (3) more Virtual Instructor-led Training (VILT) classes ready for the new trimester
  - Fundamentals of Payroll
  - Payroll Input Process (PIP)
  - Employment History Overview



## **PPSD General Reminders**

When you reconcile payroll, check that these *details* are correct:

- Withholdings and deductions
- Employer taxes
- Hours worked, including overtime, vacation time, sick days, etc.
- Wages and salaries

Make sure the numbers recorded are reasonable. Look at past payrolls to see if current pay period is similar. If there is a large difference, learn the cause. Then, make sure each transaction you entered is correct.



## **PPSD General Reminders**

- Utilize ConnectHR to submit documents or upload data
- Include the employee's complete social security number (SSN) when sending documents through ConnectHR
- Check <u>Weekly Processing Dates</u> before sending inquiries
- Update <u>California Personnel Office Directory (CPOD)</u>
- The <u>PPSD Register</u> PPSD's Monthly Newsletter
- Check out our recommended Human Resources subscriptions
- Review Communication from State Policy and Instructional Departments for Business Process impacts
- It is recommended that the Human Resources (HR) staff follow <u>Section M</u> of the Payroll Procedures Manual (PPM) for certifying payroll, which requires HR staff to validate that both mandatory and voluntary deductions have been withheld appropriately and to certify the employee's payroll is accurate.
- HR offices calling the <u>Statewide Customer Contact Center</u> (916-372-7200) must listen to the prompts carefully and patiently to select the appropriate program area who may best assist with their inquiry.
- Share this information with your Human Resources Team!



### **SCO** Resources

#### Websites:

- Human Resources (HR) <a href="https://sco.ca.gov/ppsd">https://sco.ca.gov/ppsd</a> state <a href="https://sco.ca.gov/ppsd">hr.html</a>
- State Employees <a href="https://sco.ca.gov/ppsd">https://sco.ca.gov/ppsd</a> se payroll.html

#### **SCO Key Initiatives:**

- SCOConnect
- <u>California State Payroll System Project</u>

#### **Contacts:**

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Email <u>ACASupport@sco.ca.gov</u>
- Cal Employee Connect (CEC) Help and Feedback
- ConnectHR Help and Feedback
- California Leave Accounting System (CLAS) Email <u>CLAS@sco.ca.gov</u>
- CS Escalation Email (HR Supervisors and Managers) <a href="mailto:PPSDOps@sco.ca.gov">PPSDOps@sco.ca.gov</a>
- Decentralized Security Administration & ViewDirect Access (916) 619-7234 or DSA@sco.ca.gov
- HR Suggestions Email (All HR Staff) <a href="mailto:PPSDHRSuggestions@sco.ca.gov">PPSDHRSuggestions@sco.ca.gov</a>
- Management Information Retrieval System (MIRS) Email <a href="mailto:PPSDMIRS@sco.ca.gov">PPSDMIRS@sco.ca.gov</a>
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