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DATE: 07/01/2025 DATE: 06/30/2026

SUBJECT: "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT" REIMBURSEMENT RATES

ATTENTION: AGENCY FISCAL AND PERSONNEL OFFICERS

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The Office of Management and Budget has proposed to the United States Department of Health and Human Services a composite fringe benefit rate of 59.4 percent of base salaries for the year ending June 30, 2026. The rate is applicable to personnel who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), Teachers' Alternate Benefit Plan (TABP), Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), and all employees who are not members of a pension plan but are covered for health benefits. A fringe benefit rate of 117.6 percent has been proposed for the Police and Firemen. These proposed rates are to be used for all Non-State funded sources.

The State Police fringe benefit rate is 86.0 percent for Non-State funded programs. The PERS fringe benefit rate of 59.4 percent should be used for all State Police federally-funded programs.

Actual charges to Federal, Dedicated, and Non-State funded programs will be reflected on the base salaries. **NOTE**: Salaries exclude overtime pay and part-time employees that are <u>not</u> members of a pension plan or not covered for health benefits.

Effective July 1, 2025, the rates shall be used by all State agencies including the State's senior public colleges and universities for estimating and computing actual charges for fringe benefit costs related to Federal, Dedicated, and Non-State programs. Rates previously established are obsolete.

Object <u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	PERS etc.	Police and <u>Firemen</u>	State <u>Police</u>
19	Pension Costs	27.1	84.8	63.3
19	Health Benefits (Including Prescription Drug and Dental Programs)	30.8	27.4	21.8
19	Workers' Compensation Unemployment	1.0	5.1	8.0
19	Insurance Temporary Disability	0.1	0.0	0.0
19	Insurance	0.3	0.2	0.0
19	Unused Sick Leave	0.1	0.1	0.1
	TOTAL	59.4	117.6	86.0

In addition to these fringe benefit rates, the employer's share of FICA/Medicare taxes will be charged to Federal, Dedicated, and Non-State funded programs at the rate imposed by the Federal Government applied to the specified taxable wage base. The rate for the Calendar Year 2025 was 6.20 percent of the first \$176,100 of the gross wages for the Social Security portion, and 1.45 percent of gross wages (no ceiling) for the Medicare portion. The rate and wage base limit for Calendar Year 2026 will be available in Publication 15 (2026), (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide from the Internal Revenue Service once it is published.

Object <u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	PERS <u>etc</u> .	Police and <u>Firemen</u>	State <u>Police</u>
19	FICA	6.20	6.20	
19	Medicare	<u>1.45</u>	<u>1.45</u>	<u>1.45</u>
	TOTAL	<u>7.65</u>	<u>7.65</u>	<u>1.45</u>

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