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Announcements

Circular Letter

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To: Public Employers with an Existing Section 218 Agreement
Subject: State Social Security Administrator Program Funding

Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you that the State Social Security Administrator (SSSA) will not be issuing the Annual Maintenance Fee invoices for fiscal year 2022-23.

This decision was made because the fees collected during previous fiscal years exceed our targeted amount to fund anticipated expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Background

The SSSA started collecting an Annual Maintenance Fee on July 1, 2019. The purpose of the fee is to fund the SSSA and the services it provides, including:

- Serve as the liaison between Social Security Administration (SSA), the Internal Revenue Service, public entities, and stakeholders
- Process modifications for public entities to provide coverage for their employees
- Maintain Section 218 related records
- Perform education and outreach including monthly webinars about Social Security coverage for public employers
- Conduct the Annual Information Request to ensure tax compliance with respect to Social Security and Medicare withholding for all public entities in California

Additional Information

The SSSA will still send the required Annual Information Request form to gather information related to your employee coverage.

The \$650 contracting fee will not be affected by this decision and will continue to be assessed when an agency establishes a new Section 218 Agreement or amends an existing Section 218 Agreement.

The SSSA will provide future communications once the invoices and respective rates are re-established.

Questions

To learn more, read [Understanding State Social Security Fees](#) located on the CalPERS website.

If you have any questions, email the [SSSA Office](#) or call SSSA directly at (916) 795-0810. You may also call our CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

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