Announcements
Circular Letter

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To: All Public Agency Employers, County Superintendent of Schools and Individual
   School Districts
Subject: Introducing Social Security Functionality

Purpose
The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform all public employers that CalPERS has enhanced
its myCalPERS system to allow both CalPERS and non-CalPERS contracting agencies to do
business with the State Social Security Administrator (SSSA). The new features include:

- Initiate or amend a Social Security or Medicare Agreement
- Provide responses to the Annual Information Request (AIR) – The AIR form is a questionnaire
  that assists SSSA to communicate with public agencies annually and ensure tax compliance
  according to the Social Security laws.

Background
CalPERS is the official State Social Security Administrator. The Social Security Administration
(SSA) requires each state to designate an official to act for the state in administering that state’s
Section 218 Agreement. A Section 218 Agreement is a voluntary Agreement between the state
and the SSA to provide Social Security and Medicare coverage for state and local government
employees. As the official State Social Security Administrator, CalPERS has the following roles:

- Serve as the liaison between SSA, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), public entities and
  stakeholders
- Process modifications for public entities to provide coverage for their employees
- Maintain Section 218 related records
• Perform education and outreach

Accessing mylCalPERS

If the agency does not have access to mylCalPERS, a student guide with step-by-step instructions to gain access is available at www.calpers.ca.gov/sssa

The agency would designate a System Access Administrator (SAA) who is the main point of contact and provides mylCalPERS access to users. The SAA can create a Social Security Administrator as a contact type and assign the Social Security Administrator permission. The designee will be able to view:

• An Agreements tab:
  – If the agency has or had a section 218 Agreement, the available details and documents will be located under this tab
  – Initiate a New Social Security/Medicare Agreement or amend an existing Agreement

• A “SSA Annual Information Request” link that is located under the left-hand navigator.
  Throughout the year, agencies will receive notification that the Annual Information Request form is available and the link will be activated.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the State Social Security Administrator’s Office via email at sssa.education@calpers.ca.gov or call 916-795-0810 or call our CalPERS Customer Contact Center at (888) CalPERS (or 888-225-7377).

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