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TO: All Agencies Participating in the California Automated Travel Expense Reimbursement System

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## RE: CALATERS GLOBAL – TELEWORK STIPEND FOR CERTAIN BARGAINING UNITS

The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) has announced agreements reached with Bargaining Units (BU) 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13, and all excluded employees for a Telework Stipend. Upon Legislative approval (sometime after January 1, 2022), the stipend will be effective October 1, 2021. A Payroll Letter with details on how the stipend will be paid will be released at a future date. The Telework Stipend does not currently apply to Units 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Effective immediately, CalATERS recommends Department Accounting Office Technicians (DAOT) carefully audit and not process any reimbursement or travel expense claims received for internet, cable, phone, or utility expenses incurred after September 30, 2021, for BUs 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and all excluded employees. Reimbursements or travel claims received for these types of expenses for employees in BUs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 may continue to be submitted and approved in accordance with the SCO Memorandum – Reimbursement of Emergency Telework Internet and Telephone Expenses dated February 12, 2021(State of California).

If you have questions, please email the CalATERS Help Desk at CalATERS@sco.ca.gov and refer to this letter.

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