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TO: All Agencies/Campuses in the Uniform State Payroll System

FROM: Jil Barraza, Chief
Personnel and Payroll Services Division**RE: 2023 SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE RATES**

The Social Security Administration published the new 2023 Social Security (OASDI) and Medicare rates. For 2023, the withholding rate for Social Security remains at 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount. The annual taxable wage limit increased to \$160,200.00 per employee with a maximum contribution of \$9,932.40.

The Medicare portion remains at 1.45% on all earnings. As of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 pay an additional 0.9% in Medicare taxes. These changes will take effect beginning with payments issued on January 1, 2023.

REFERENCES:

[SSA Fact Sheet - Social Security](#)[SSA Press Release #10-2022-2](#)[Payroll Procedures Manual - Section H 256 - Social Security](#)[Payroll Procedures Manual – Section H 275 – Medicare](#)

Please direct questions regarding this Payroll Letter to the Statewide Tax Support Program via email at PPSDSTSP@sco.ca.gov.

Additional Contact Information:

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Email acasupport@sco.ca.gov
- [Cal Employee Connect \(CEC\) - Help and Feedback](#)
- California Leave Accounting System (CLAS) Email Clas@sco.ca.gov
- ConnectHR Email connecthrhelp@sco.ca.gov
- CS Escalation Email (HR Supervisors and Managers) PPSDOps@sco.ca.gov
- Decentralized Security & ViewDirect Access - (916) 619-7234 or DSA@sco.ca.gov
- HR Suggestions Email (All HR Staff) PPSDHRSuggestions@sco.ca.gov
- Management Information Retrieval System (MIRS) Email PPSDmirs@sco.ca.gov
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- [Cal Employee Connect Project](#)
- [California State Payroll System Project](#)

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