

HUMAN RESOURCES MEMORANDUM 17-014		DATE ISSUED: 6/28/2017
SUBJECT: 1959 SURVIVOR BENEFIT PROGRAM RATE INCREASE		REFERENCE: CalHR 2704
TO: DGS Managers and Supervisors, Personnel Liaisons and Attendance Clerks		SUPERCEDES: HR Memo 16-013

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this HR Memo is to inform employees of the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program rate increase, effective July 1, 2017.

On April 19, 2017, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board approved the contribution rates for the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program for eligible state employees.

This benefit is provided to state employees who are not in Social Security, which includes peace officers, firefighters, state safety, and patrol members.

The total monthly contribution approved for this benefit is \$10.40 for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The state employee and employer monthly contribution rates will increase from \$5.15 to \$5.20 each.

Pursuant to Government Code section 21581(c), the contribution for state employees may be \$2.00 per month, as long as the combined employee and employer cost for this benefit is \$4.00 per month. If the total cost of this benefit exceeds \$4.00 per month, the employee and employer shall share equally the cost of the benefit.

If you have questions related to this memorandum, please contact your assigned Personnel Specialist.

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