

# **Interoffice Memo**

DATE: December 14, 2017 PHONE: (909) 388-0820 FROM: RAQUEL RAMOS, Executive Secretary II From Secretar

SUBJECT: NEW TRAVEL REQUEST AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORT

Please allow this memo to serve as a notice of the new the new Travel Request and Travel Expense Report form that replaces the Employee Reimbursement Form. This is also a reminder on the previously existing parameters for submitting requests for reimbursement.

# FREQUENCY OF SUBMSSIONS

- Submit claims monthly when total claim amount is at or exceeds \$25.00.
- May submit multiple months on one claim until claim is at or exceeds \$25.00.
- May submit claims for less than \$25.00 when Fiscal Year (FY) deadline is approaching or mileage reimbursement rates are changing.

# DEADLINES/CUT OFF DATES

- Submit claims no later than six months from date of travel, even if claim is less than \$25.00.
  - Claims submitted later than six months from date of travel require a justification memo signed by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Director.
- Exact FY cut off dates change from year to year. The deadline to submit claims to meet FY cut off dates is often the first week of May.
  - Submitting a claim after the FY cut off deadline often results in delay of receiving reimbursement by an additional 4-6 weeks.
  - Submitting a claim after the FY cut off deadline but within six months from date of travel is not recommended, however will be processed as normal.
- Mileage reimbursement rates often change with calendar year and/or fiscal year. Commissioners are notified as the form changes.

# MINIMUM MILEAGE TO CLAIM

- Per County Code Ordinance, Amended Ordinance 3849 (2001); (b) EXPENSES: (1) All Travel which is twenty (20) miles or less round trip from a member's home shall not be reimbursed. If the round trip exceeds twenty (20) miles, then all mileage is reimbursable as provided herein.
- Commissioners may claim mileage to Behavioral Health Commission meetings if they fall within minimum mileage requirements.

# DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

• Per County of San Bernardino Policy Manual; COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, No. 02-09; L. Indemnification and Insurance Coverage: 4. In an appointee is authorized

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to drive a personal vehicle on County business, proof of a valid California Driver's License and the state minimum required vehicle liability insurance shall be submitted to the appropriate County Department.

## ATTACHMENTS

- DBH Fiscal recommends attaching a map with directions/miles for each of the miles claimed.
- DBH Fiscal recommends attaching a flyer for an event for any expenses that are being claimed.

## **COMPLETION OF FORMS**

Please see the attached Travel Request and Travel Expense Report. This will be provided to all Behavioral Health Commissioners during orientation with the DBH Director.

## **CURRENT FORMS**

The current ERF may be requested via email or phone by contacting Raquel Ramos at <u>rramos@dbh.sbcounty.gov</u> or (909) 388-0820. Hard copies of the form are also available at each Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session.

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Attachment(s): Travel Request and Travel Expense Report

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