

# HR/CMS User Group Meeting

June 12, 2024

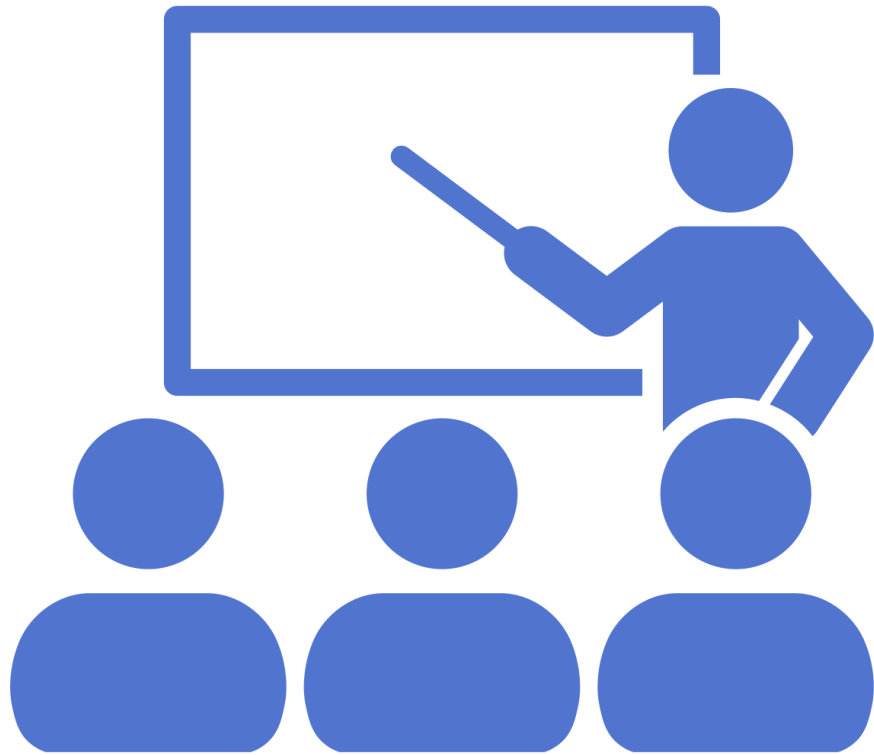


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# Welcome



- ★ **Virtual Webinar**
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- ★ **Use Q&A to ask questions**
- ★ **Session is recorded**

# Agenda

- ★ Welcome - William McNamara, Comptroller
- ★ Empower/SMART Plan
- ★ Trending Topics
- ★ Metro Credit Union
- ★ GIC – No waiting period
- ★ Security Requests
- ★ Voya
- ★ Fiscal Year-End/Accounts Payable
- ★ Total Administrative Services Corp
- ★ Resources & References

# Opening Remarks

William McNamara

Comptroller of the Commonwealth

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts SMART Plan Update



## Payroll User Group Meeting

June 12, 2024

# SMART Plan Agenda

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- Plan Service Center Access
- Employee Re-Enrollment
- SMART Advisor Map

# Plan Service Center (PSC) Access

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- If contact person leaving, notify supervisor that replacement will need to set up access
- Critical to have someone able to access deferral files



# Plan Service Center (PSC) Access

## How to change or add a department's primary contact:

- To make changes or add new contacts, send requests to Tom Griffin at the Comptroller's Office: [Thomas.Griffin@mass.gov](mailto:Thomas.Griffin@mass.gov)
- All requests must be approved by the Departments Payroll Director.
- When you make a change, please provide the following information:

Department	Descr	Deptid	Empower ID	First Name	Last Name	Phone#	Email Address
OSC	OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER	OSC1103	D187	Tom	Griffin	(617) 973-2552	<a href="mailto:Thomas.Griffin@mass.gov">Thomas.Griffin@mass.gov</a>

Do not send any security requests to Empower



# Plan Re-Enrollment



## Participants switching from one state agency to another:

- Must submit new enrollment form
- Deferral info must be included on file feed from new division
- If you receive info for an EE that doesn't belong to you, please contact the SMART alias: [smart@empower.com](mailto:smart@empower.com)

**Participant Enrollment / Inscripción del participante en el Governmental 457(b) Plan / Plan gubernamental 457(b)**

**Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan** 98966-01

**Participant Information / Información del participante**

Last Name / Apellido \_\_\_\_\_ First Name / Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ MI / Inicial del segundo nombre \_\_\_\_\_  
(The name provided MUST match the name on file with Service / El nombre proporcionado DEBE coincidir con el nombre archivado en el Proveedor del Servicio)

Mailing Address / Dirección postal \_\_\_\_\_  
City / Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ State / Estado \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code / Código postal \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone / Teléfono del hogar \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone / Teléfono del trabajo \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number / Número de Seguro Social \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address / Dirección de correo electrónico \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Married / Casado/a ☐ Unmarried / Soltero/a ☐ Female / Femenino ☐ Male / Masculino

Mo / Mes \_\_\_\_\_ Day / Día \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Año \_\_\_\_\_ Mo / Mes \_\_\_\_\_ Day / Día \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Año \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth / Fecha de nacimiento \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire / Fecha de contratación \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income (Required for My Total Retirement enrollment) / Ingresos anuales (dato obligatorio para la inscripción en My Total Retirement) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check box if you prefer to receive quarterly account statements in Spanish. / Marque la casilla si prefiere recibir estados de cuenta trimestrales en español.

Do you have a retirement savings account with a previous employer or an IRA? / ¿Tiene una cuenta de ahorro para la jubilación con un empleador anterior o una cuenta de jubilación individual (IRA)? ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No

Would you like help consolidating your other retirement accounts into your account with Empower? / ¿Le gustaría recibir ayuda para consolidar sus otras cuentas de jubilación en su cuenta con Empower? ☐ Yes, I would like a representative to call me at phone # \_\_\_\_\_ to review my options and assist me with the process. The best time to call is \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. (circle one - available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time) \*Rollovers are subject to your Plan's provisions. / Sí, me gustaría que un representante me llamara al número de teléfono \_\_\_\_\_ para analizar mis opciones y para que me ayude con el proceso. La mejor hora para llamar es de \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. (marque una en un círculo - disponible de 8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. hora del Este). \*Las reversiones por transferencia están sujetas a las revisiones del plan.

**Statement Delivery / Entrega de estados de cuenta**

If an e-mail address is on file for your account, your statement will be delivered electronically. If you prefer to receive a printed statement, you may elect to change your preference through your online account or by calling 1-877-457-1900. / Si una dirección de correo electrónico está archivada para su cuenta, su estado de cuenta se entregará electrónicamente. Si prefiere recibir un estado de cuenta impreso, puede optar por cambiar su preferencia a través de su cuenta en línea o llamando al 1-877-457-1900.

**Payroll Information / Información de la nómina**

☐ I elect to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % (do not complete both) (up to \$22,500.00 or 1% - 100%) per pay period of my compensation as Before Tax contributions to the Governmental 457(b) Plan until such time as I revoke or amend my election. / Opto por aportar \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % (no complete ambos) (hasta \$22,500.00 o de 1% a 100%) por período de nómina de mi remuneración, como aportaciones antes de impuestos al Plan gubernamental 457(b) hasta el momento en que revoque o modifique mi elección.

☐ I elect to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % (do not complete both) (up to \$22,500.00 or 1% - 100%) per pay period of my compensation as Roth contributions to the Governmental 457(b) Plan until such time as I revoke or amend my election. / Opto por aportar \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % (no complete ambos) (hasta \$22,500.00 o de 1% a 100%) por período de nómina de mi remuneración, como aportaciones tipo Roth al Plan gubernamental 457(b) hasta el momento en que revoque o modifique mi elección.

Payroll Effective Date / Fecha de entrada en vigor de la nómina: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo / Mes \_\_\_\_\_ Day / Día \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Año \_\_\_\_\_

Payroll Center Name / Nombre del centro de nóminas \_\_\_\_\_ Payroll Center Number / Número del centro de nóminas \_\_\_\_\_

Division Name / Nombre de la división \_\_\_\_\_ Division Number / Número de la división \_\_\_\_\_

**Scheduled Annual Increase / Incremento anual programado**

I elect to have a scheduled annual contribution increase to the Plan the following amount (s) or percentage(s) of my eligible compensation indicated below (per pay period): / Elijo que se haga un incremento anual programado de mis aportaciones al Plan por los siguientes montos o porcentajes de mi remuneración elegible, que se indican a continuación (por período de nómina):

Please complete the following information: / Complete la siguiente información:

☐ Before-Tax Starting Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % per pay check / Monto inicial antes de impuestos \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % por cheque de nómina  
To a Maximum Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % per pay check (\$10.00 - \$22,500.00 or 1% - 100%) / A un monto máximo de \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % por cheque de nómina (\$10.00 a \$22,500.00 o 1% a 100%)  
Select the increment to increase annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % / Seleccione el incremento para aumentar anualmente \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ %

☐ Roth Starting Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % per pay check / Monto inicial de aportación tipo Roth \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % por cheque de nómina  
To a Maximum Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ % per pay check (\$10.00 - \$22,500.00 or 1% - 100%) / A un monto máximo de \$ \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ % por cheque de nómina (\$10.00 a \$22,500.00 o 1% a 100%)  
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# SMART Retirement Plan Advisors

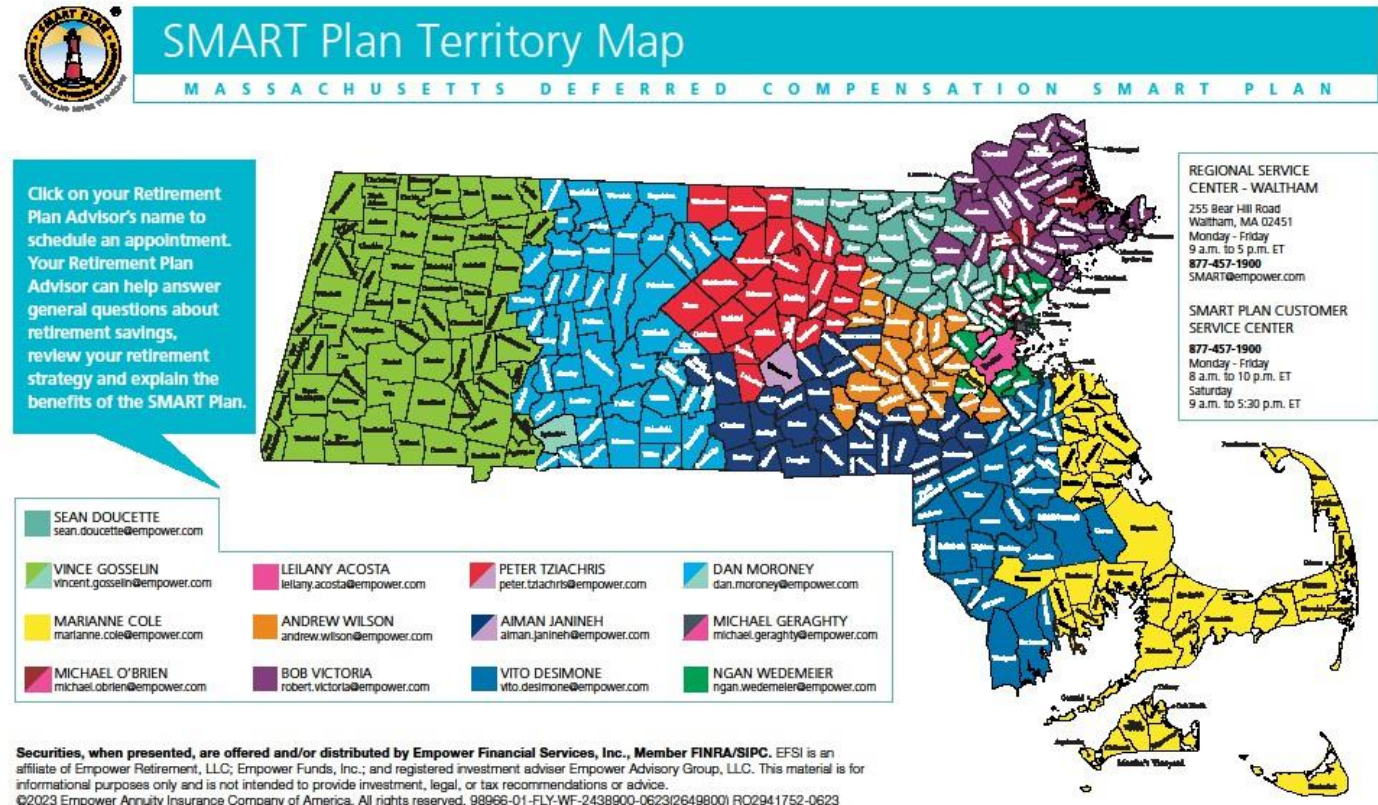
- RPA's always available to meet with employees at work location or virtually

- Individual appointments can be booked via interactive map on SMART Plan website:

[www.mass-smart.com](http://www.mass-smart.com)>

Plan Resources>

Find your Representative



# Questions?

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[SMART@Empower.com](mailto:SMART@Empower.com)

Thank you

# Trending Topics

Evanice Henniger

Director of Business Partner Engagement

# Non-Resident Alien (NRA)

- ★ Any individual who is not a US citizen or permanent resident
- ★ An alien who has not passed the green card test or the substantial presence test
- ★ For tax purposes, NRAs have a different method of having tax withheld, complete different tax forms and documents, and are eligible for very few and limited deductions

# Agency Responsibility

- ★ Employee's work authorization should be checked before they begin working or on the day of hire
- ★ Must inform the Statewide Payroll Team to enroll the employee in Sprintax, if:
  - The employee checks box 2 or box 4 in Section 1 of the I-9 form
  - The employee does not have a Social Security Number
  - The employees Social Security card reads "Valid For Work Only with DHS Authorization" or "Valid For Work Only With INS Authorization"
- ★ Properly enter and maintain identification data in HR/CMS
- ★ Properly enter and maintain employee tax data in HR/CMS



# Employee Responsibility

- ★ Complete Sprintax profile and provide all requested documentation
- ★ Always maintain legal employment status; it is the employee's responsibility to ensure there is adequate planning time to maintain their legal/work status
- ★ Notify the Office of International Education at their institution of any Visa status changes
- ★ Notify agency HR/Payroll of Visa changes, Tax status, Change of Address, Treaty benefits, etc.

# Determining Taxes & Tax Treaties

- ★ To determine an employee's tax status and eligibility for a tax treaty, all non-U.S. citizens who receive compensation, scholarships or fellowships from the Commonwealth must first provide the required information and complete the necessary forms using Sprintax, the Commonwealth's secure Online Tax Compliance System
- ★ Ideally, this information should be provided prior to any payment so that the correct tax withholding and reporting decisions are made; failure to do so may result in the maximum rate of tax withholding (30%)



# Annual Maintenance of Tax Treaties

- ★ NRAs must complete updated tax forms each calendar year if they are claiming a tax treaty exemption on wages and/or scholarships provided by the Commonwealth.
- ★ In December of each year, agency Payroll staff will receive an email from the Statewide Payroll Team requesting that the employee update the upcoming year's treaty forms for active employees entitled to treaty benefits.

# Tax Treaty

- ★ The U.S. tax liability of aliens is determined primarily by the provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. However, the United States has entered into certain agreements known as tax treaties with several foreign countries which oftentimes override or modify the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.
- ★ The primary purpose of a tax treaty is to avoid double taxation by exempting an individual from all or part of the federal and state taxes withheld from payroll payments
- ★ The existence of an income tax treaty between the U.S. and an individual's home country does not mean that an individual will automatically be exempt from taxes; each individual's case is unique
- ★ In order to be exempt from taxes, each individual must meet specific qualifications and have a valid U.S. tax identification number

# Visa Types (Most Common)

- ★ **F-1: Foreign Students.** On-campus work permitted by USCIS regulations (with restrictions – i.e. 20 hours/week when school is in session, 40 hours/week during school vacations); Off-campus work possible if employer has filed labor attestation or student has been approved for practical training; Off-campus permission given on 3rd page of I20 or on EAD.
- ★ **J-1 Student:** Students in the U.S. under Exchange Visitor Program. May work on- or off campus if granted permission by Exchange Visitor sponsor.

# Visa Types (Less Common)

- ★ **J-1 Professor, Research Scholar:** Researchers, professors, scholars here under Exchange Visitor program. May work for university academic department or organization that issued or is listed on DS-2019 form; permission for other work granted by petition to U.S. Information Agency.
- ★ **J-1 Short-term Scholar:** Short-term researchers & professors. Limited to 6 month stay. No extensions permitted. May work for the university academic department or organization that issued or is listed on DS-2019 form; permission for other work granted by petition to U.S. Information Agency.

# Visa Types (Sponsored)

- ★ **H-1A: Registered Nurses. Can only be paid by the facility that filed the labor attestation & applied for the H-1A.**
- ★ **H-1B: Temporary workers in a specialty occupation other than nurses, agricultural workers, athletes or entertainers. Visa is job specific – can only be paid by the organization which filed the petition for H-1 status.**

# Questions



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**June 2024 Updates**





# Recent Communications

- Nearly 150 rejections
- Add my email to *Safe Sender* list



## Financial Webinars to Help Your Employees Get Ahead

It's Financial Literacy Month! April is all about helping your employees make smart financial decisions that will help them build a healthy financial future.

A great place for them to start is by attending Metro's upcoming webinars. They can join from wherever it's convenient, take notes at their own pace, and ask questions of our financial experts.

Please share this information with your employees so they can secure their spot today.

### Seminar Topics

**Teens & Money – Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 6 p.m. EST**

This is a great opportunity for the teen in your life to learn about managing money effectively, preparing for common upcoming bills, opening checking and savings accounts, establishing credit (and using it wisely), and understanding investing options.

[Register Now!](#)



## Government Center Branch Closing

Dear Aaron,

We're writing to let you know that the **Government Center branch**, located at **100 City Hall Plaza in Boston**, will close at the end of business on **Friday May 31, 2024**.

After a decade of service to our Boston community, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed how our members are banking. Government Center has seen a decline of in-person transactions inside the branch, which has contributed to the decision to close its doors.

With one door closing, we still have **18 other branch doors you can open** including 3 Boston locations:

- 922 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02115
- Dorchester - 960 William T Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02122
- 1071 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

There are also **three Metro ATMs near Government Center** that are available for cash withdrawals:

- McCormack Building, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston MA 02108
- Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02133
- Hurley Building, 19 Stanford Street, Boston MA 02115

Prefer to bank online? Our **Digital Branch**, our most convenient location, is available to you. You can connect with a live agent during business hours on your phone or computer from anywhere, and they'll assist you with most transactions you'd normally perform in a branch.

We appreciate you banking with us and your support throughout this change. I'm happy to schedule some time to come onsite and answer questions that you or your employees may have. Please reach out through any of the channels listed below.

Best,



**Brandon Williams**  
Relationship Manager  
877 MYMETRO x5408  
[BWWilliams@MetroCU.org](mailto:BWWilliams@MetroCU.org)



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# 2025 Calendars

- Calendar orders will start early October
- **Deadline: Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**
- 3 Ship Dates
  - 11/18/24 (Guaranteed by EOY)
  - 12/16/24
  - 1/13/25 (Final Ship Date)

**New In  
2024**

## Massachusetts State Employees HR/CMS Pay Calendar 2024

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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# Recent Developments



## Special Program – Summer Interns

- Now available for those <18
- Revamped Seminar – *Preparing for Financial Independence*



## COMING SOON – Metro Checking

- Same great features & benefits
- PLUS – added convenience



## Switching Just Got Easier

- New Service to help you save
- Easy Enrollment – eStatements, iBanking, etc



# Dedicated Contact



Brandon Williams, CCUFC  
Metro@Work Relationship Manager  
[BWilliams@MetroCU.org](mailto:BWilliams@MetroCU.org)  
877.MY.METRO ext. 5408

## Upcoming Site Visits

Ashburton Place: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month

MITC Building: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month

Springfield State Building: 8/20 – 11:30am to  
1:30pm

## HR/CMS Core Users—RWP Follow Up & Review

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June 12, 2024



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# 1. Introductions & Update

# Agenda

<b>1</b>	Introductions & Update
<b>2</b>	Review Rule Change
<b>3</b>	Critical Items to Note
<b>4</b>	Q&A
<b>5</b>	MAGIC Demo
<b>6</b>	Resources

## Change Enablement Updates

Previous	Current	Upcoming/ Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentations across GIC agencies</li><li>• Email communications</li><li>• RWP primer in annual enrollment training deck</li><li>• RWP Trainings Completed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GIC web page resources</li><li>• FAQs and follow up emails</li><li>• Preparation for HRAC and HR/CMS Core Users follow-up presentations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FAQ Development</li><li>• Email campaign with reminders, recordings, and other resources</li><li>• GIC web page resources</li></ul>

# Change Enablement Updates—Coordinator Trainings

Coordinator Type	Sent	Registered	Attended	Q&A
Online	133	233	173	90
Offline	211	148	107	100
Municipal	47	89	62	70

Personal emails were sent to **every individual** who had not registered for the trainings to ensure awareness of the change and the trainings, as well as the availability of recordings after the trainings.



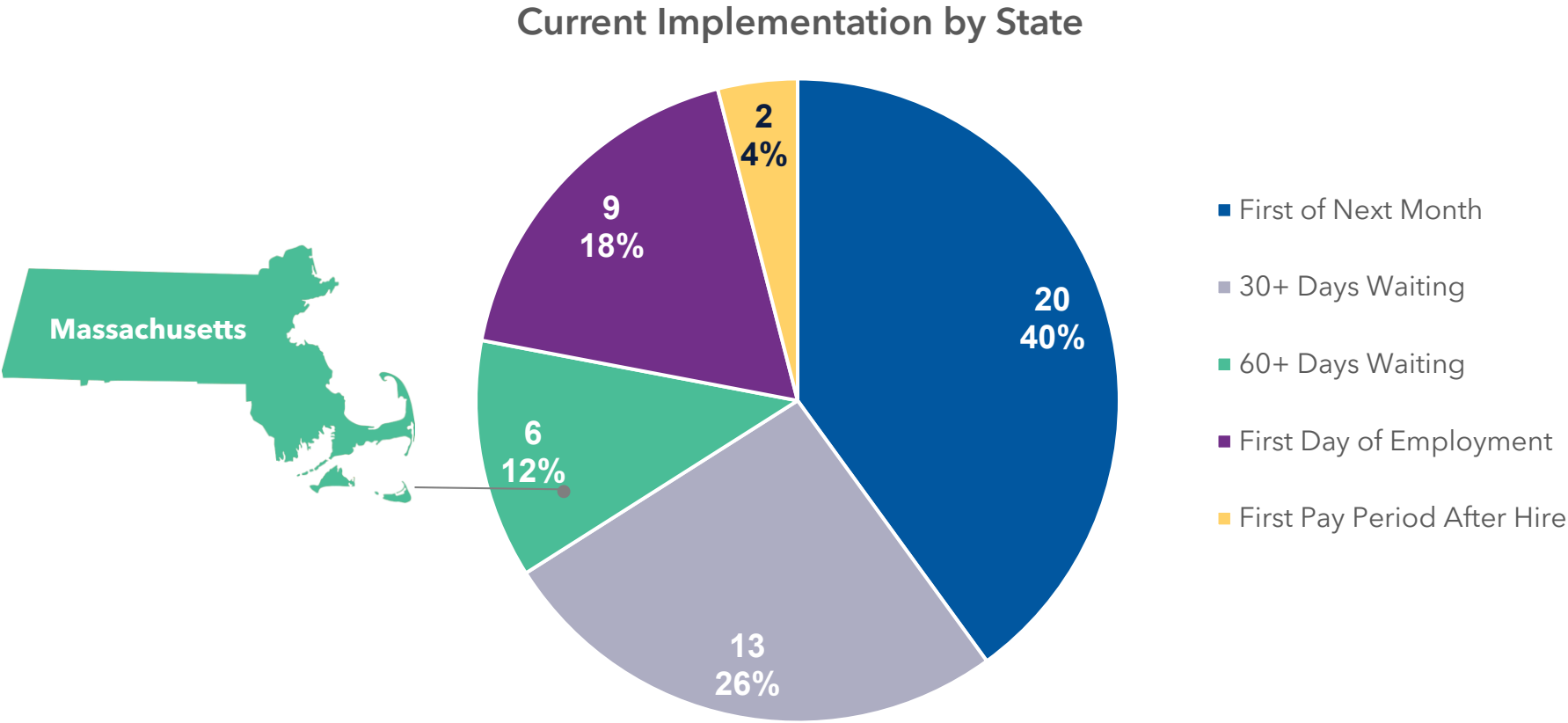
## **2. Review Rule Change**



# Reduction of 60-day Minimum Waiting Period

- The FY2024 budget mandated the reduction of the waiting period for GIC benefits for all eligible new hires.
  - "... such health insurance coverage shall be effective as of the employee's start date if the employment start date falls on the first day of the month or as of the first day of the month following the employee's start date if the employment start date falls on any day other than the first day of the month."
- The provision is effective on July 1, 2024.
- GIC, in partnership with A&F and A&F-IT, conducted a thorough and intensive assessment at the outset of this project.
- From this assessment, it was apparent that leveraging existing systems and processes to reduce the waiting period was the best path forward.
- This reduction will eliminate gaps in coverage for many new hires.

Reducing the waiting period will position Massachusetts in line with majority of state employee plan offerings across the country.



Reducing the waiting period will bring the average waiting period from 73 days to 15 days, a reduction of nearly 80%, which will eliminate potential gaps in coverage for many new employees.

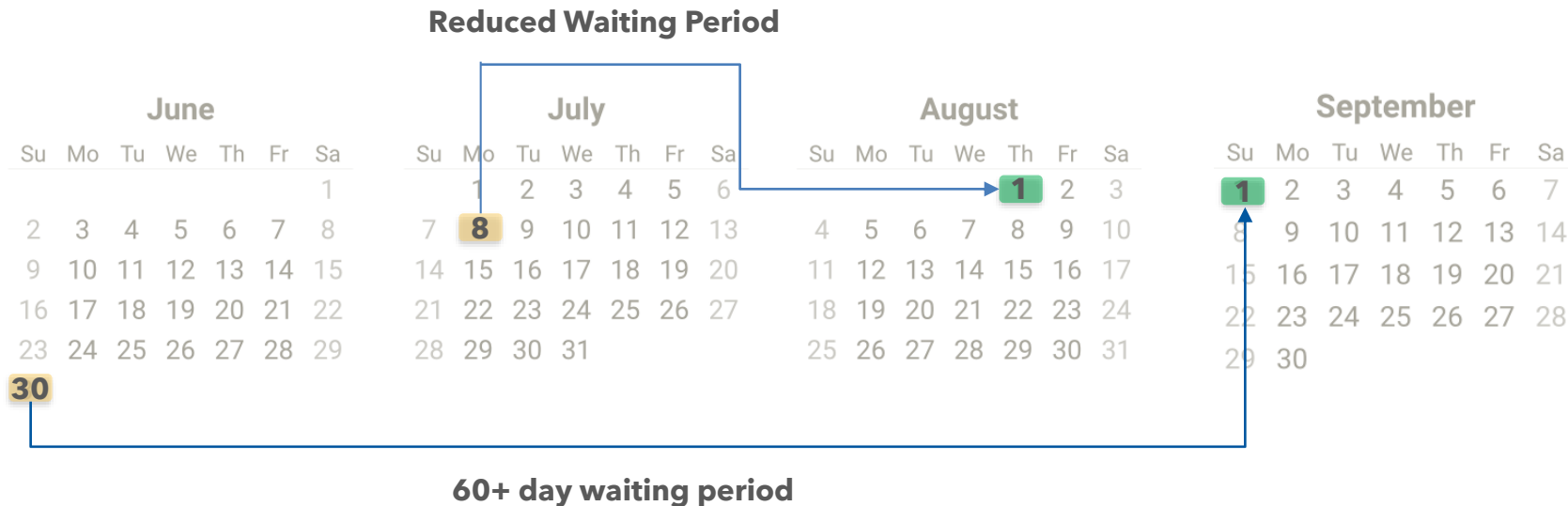
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Waiting Period	Year	0- 9	10-20	20-31	32-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89
Current	2023						2%	41%	22%	35%
	2022						1%	37%	28%	34%
	2021						1%	40%	28%	31%
	2020						1%	38%	28%	33%
RWP	2023	29%	26%	45%						
	2022	32%	29%	39%						
	2021	33%	26%	41%						
	2020	27%	28%	45%						

### **3. Critical Items to Note**



Anyone hired before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 will be subject to the 60-day minimum waiting period, without exception.

- Anyone beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> or later will be eligible for the reduced waiting period.
- Please be mindful of this when hiring around this time
  - New employees starting on Monday, July 1 should have their official effective date of hire also be Monday, July 1 rather than Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Members will still have 21 days to elect benefits.



New hire information should be entered into HR/CMS on or before the date of hire.

- Doing so will trigger a registration email from the MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal between 24 and 48 hours after the new hire's start date, allowing the member to make elections swiftly.
- The registration email will be sent to the email address the employee provided and may be a personal or business email.
- Failing to do so will delay the registration email and will therefore delay access to make benefit elections.

## Most new hires will receive a bill from the GIC for the first month's premium

- Bills are not available immediately at the time of enrollment. Members will receive an email notification with an important message in MyGICLink when GIC issues a bill.
- Once the bill is mailed to the member, the member can also view and pay their bill through MyGICLink or via mail/check. **Members will have 60 days to pay the bill to the GIC.**
- Members should pay their bill by the due date indicated and **must** pay the bill within 60 days or risk termination of insurance, leaving them without insurance and unable to re-enroll until annual enrollment time (April).
- Coordinators should inform new hires to expect a bill for premiums owed and encourage employee to pay bill.
- Coordinators should encourage members to make elections as soon as possible in order to start deductions.
- Each month has two deductions, based on the payroll calendar, which pay for the upcoming month's premiums.
- In order for deductions to be taken, an application must be completed prior to the deduction cut-off in prior week.
- A new deduction schedule is available in the MAGIC system under the help tab to show GIC's deduction schedule and explain how premiums are billed.



Carriers will receive new member information from the GIC with increased frequency to allow for timely enrollment

- GIC is increasing frequency of file transfers to carriers to speed up member onboarding with carriers.
- Carriers will provide a new “Welcome” email to new members with plan information in advance of the standard, existing emails that go to new members.
- These emails will be sent to the address the member provides during the elections process.
- Carriers are responsible for issuing membership cards immediately.

# Preparing for Change

**Review the training presentation, recording, and FAQs & share with the appropriate personnel in your agencies**

**Enter all new hire information into HR/CMS on or before the date of hire**

- This will trigger a MyGICLink registration email to the new employee within 48 hours of their effective date of hire

**Encourage exclusive use of MyGICLink Portal (rather than online forms or paper) and collect email addresses**

- Members must provide a personal or business email for purposes of registering for the MyGICLink Portal

**Inform new hires to expect a bill for premiums owed and reinforce the importance of paying on time**

- Non-payment will result in termination of insurance with no ability to re-enroll until the next Annual Enrollment cycle

**GIC is updating regulations & issuing an administrative bulletin with further guidance**

- Hearing held on April 10, 2024; Regulations approved at the May 16 meeting of GIC Board
- Promulgation effective for July 1, 2024, date
- Administrative bulletin on the agenda for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GIC Board

## 4. Q&A





### **MyGICLink Allows GIC Members To:**

- View benefits 24/7 throughout the year
- Securely update personal information
- Update benefits during GIC's Annual Enrollment period or when experiencing a qualifying event
- Update dependent(s), if applicable
- Chat with GIC staff, and much more!

**Members can find MyGICLink registration instructions and resources on [mass.gov/gic](https://mass.gov/gic)**

## **Encourage Members to Register for the MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal**

- All state and municipal active employees and retirees with a valid email address on GIC records who are covered by GIC Benefits have access to MyGICLink to view and make changes to their GIC coverage online.
- GIC encourages employees to provide their preferred email address to receive communications and have access the new Member Benefits Portal.

- **View MyGICLink Promotion Materials on [mass.gov/gic](https://mass.gov/gic):**

Use graphics and copy to let your agency's GIC members know about the fastest and most efficient way to manage their GIC benefits, MyGICLink.



# Thank You



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## **5. MAGIC Demo**

Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC  
(HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)





## Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

GIC receives new hire transactions nightly from HR/CMS and UMass Payroll systems. To verify do the following:

1. Go to the MAGIC **Search** page.
2. Use one of the two categories to search by:
  - **Insured GIC ID** - Reference ID, Employee ID or Social Security Number (SSN).
  - **Insured Name Search** - First and Last name of Insured.
3. Click **Search**.

The screenshot shows the MAGIC Group Insurance Commission Search page. It features a dark blue header with the MAGIC logo and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seal. Below the header is a search bar with a 'Search' button. The main content area has three search categories: 'Insured GIC ID' with a search box labeled 'Search By Insured GIC ID / Employee ID / Reference ID', 'Insured Name Search' with 'Last Name' and 'First Name' boxes, and 'Family Name Search' with 'Family Last Name' and 'Family First Name' boxes. A 'Search' button is located below the family name search boxes. Three numbered callouts are present: 1 points to the 'Search' button in the header; 2 points to the 'Last Name' and 'First Name' boxes; 3 points to the 'Search' button at the bottom of the search categories.



## Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. The New Hire's account is displayed.
2. Verify the member has a **Preferred Email** address listed.  
\*If a **Preferred Email** address is not listed the Welcome Registration email will be sent to the **Home Email** address. If no Home Email address is listed the email will be sent to the **Work Email** address.

\*The Welcome Registration email will be sent within 24-48 hours to the **Preferred Email**.

3. **Portal Registered** will update to **Yes** once the employee has registered.

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GIC-ID:		NAME:	EMPLOYEE, SAMPLE	SEX:	
SSN:		ADDRESS:	1 TEST LANE BOSTON, MA 02108		
EMPLOYEE ID:					
STATUS:	ACT	AGENCY / DIVISION:		DOB:	
HIRE DATE:		SALARY (\$):		SALARY EFF DATE:	
FULL TIME HOURS:	40.00	STANDARD HOURS:	40.00		
REFERENCE NO:		TERM DATE:		TERM REASON:	

[Phone / Email](#)

HOME/CELL PHONE:	555-555-1111	HOME EMAIL:	<a href="mailto:testemailaddress@mail.com">testemailaddress@mail.com</a>
PREFERRED PHONE:		PREFERRED EMAIL:	<a href="mailto:sampleemployee@mail.com">sampleemployee@mail.com</a>
WORK PHONE:		WORK EMAIL:	<a href="mailto:testemployee@mail.com">testemployee@mail.com</a>
PORTAL REGISTERED:	NO		

3

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## Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. If a New Hire has no email address listed.
2. Click **Edit Phone/Email**.

[Edit Phone/Email](#) 2

GIC-ID:		NAME:	EMPLOYEE, SAMPLE	SEX:	
SSN:		ADDRESS:	1 TEST LANE BOSTON, MA 02108		
EMPLOYEE ID:					
STATUS:	ACT	AGENCY / DIVISION:		DOB:	
HIRE DATE:		SALARY (\$):		SALARY EFF DATE:	
FULL TIME HOURS:	40.00	STANDARD HOURS:	40.00		
REFERENCE NO:		TERM DATE:		TERM REASON:	

[Phone / Email](#)

HOME/CELL PHONE:	555-555-1111	HOME EMAIL:	
PREFERRED PHONE:		PREFERRED EMAIL:	
WORK PHONE:		WORK EMAIL:	
PORTAL REGISTERED:	NO		

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## Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Enter the **Preferred Email** address.

\*The Welcome Registration email is sent to **Preferred Email** address first. If a Preferred Email address is not listed the Welcome Registration email will be sent to the **Home Email** address. If no Home Email address is listed the email will be sent to the **Work Email** address.

2. Click **Submit**.

**Contact Information**  
**Important!** The GIC receives employee contact information, including email, from the HRCMS payroll system. If you have changed this employee's email, please be sure to also make the change in the HRCMS payroll system to be sure that we always have the most up-to-date information.

Home/Cell Phone	<input type="text"/>	Home Email	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Phone	<input type="text"/>	Preferred Email	<input type="text"/>
Work Phone	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Work Email	<input type="text"/>

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## Verifying a New Hire in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Confirm the email address is correct.
2. The Welcome Registration email will be sent within 24-48 hours of the email address being added.

GIC-ID:		NAME:	EMPLOYEE, SAMPLE	SEX:	
SSN:		ADDRESS:	1 TEST LANE BOSTON, MA 02108		
EMPLOYEE ID:					
STATUS:	ACT	AGENCY / DIVISION:		DOB:	
HIRE DATE:		SALARY (\$):		SALARY EFF DATE:	
FULL TIME HOURS:	40.00	STANDARD HOURS:	40.00		
REFERENCE NO:		TERM DATE:		TERM REASON:	

[Phone / Email](#)

HOME/CELL PHONE:	555-555-1111	HOME EMAIL:	
PREFERRED PHONE:		PREFERRED EMAIL:	<a href="mailto:SAMPLEEMPLOYEE@MAIL.COM">SAMPLEEMPLOYEE@MAIL.COM</a>
WORK PHONE:		WORK EMAIL:	
PORTAL REGISTERED:	NO		

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## **6. Resources**

MAGIC & GIC Website





## Agency Insured Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Go to the MAGIC **Home** page.
2. Click **Reports**.

The screenshot shows the MAGIC Group Insurance Commission website. At the top left is the MAGIC logo with the text "MAGIC Group Insurance Commission". At the top right is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seal. Below the logo is a dark blue navigation bar with white text links: "Benefit Management", "Reports", "Admin", "Online Forms", "Online Forms - Open Cases", and "Declined Benefits - Portal". Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into three columns. The left column has a "Home" heading and a "News & Alerts" section. The middle column has a "Group Insurance Commission" heading and a paragraph of text about the GIC's mission. The right column has a "Links" heading and a list of links: "Coordinator Resource Materials", "Employee Assistance Program (EAP)", "Mass4You", and "Mass4You Financial Tools Available to Help GIC Members". Two orange callout boxes with numbers are present: Callout 1 is a circle with the number 1 and an arrow pointing to the "Home" heading. Callout 2 is a circle with the number 2 and an arrow pointing to the "Reports" link in the navigation bar.

**MAGIC**  
Group Insurance Commission

Benefit Management Reports Admin Online Forms Online Forms - Open Cases Declined Benefits - Portal

**Home**

News & Alerts

**Group Insurance Commission**

The mission of the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) is to provide high-value health insurance and other benefits to state employees, retirees, and their survivors and dependents. The GIC also covers housing and redevelopment authorities as well as certain municipalities that elect to join the GIC. The agency works with vendors selected through competitive bidding to offer cost-effective benefits produced with careful plan design and rigorous ongoing management. The agency's performance goals are to provide affordable, high quality benefits and, as the largest employer purchaser of health insurance in the Commonwealth, to use that position to drive improvements in the health care system.

**Links**

- [Coordinator Resource Materials](#)
- [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)
- [Mass4You](#)
- [Mass4You Financial Tools Available to Help GIC Members](#)



## Agency Insured Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click the **Dropdown** arrow.

MAGIC  
Group Insurance Commission

Benefit Management Reports Admin Online Forms Online Forms - Open Cases Declined Benefits - Portal

Select Report: -- Select --

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## Agency Insured Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click the **Monthly Agency Insured Report**.

The screenshot shows the MAGIC Group Insurance Commission portal. The top navigation bar includes links for Benefit Management, Reports, Admin, Online Forms, Online Forms - Open Cases, and Declined Benefits - Portal. The 'Reports' tab is selected. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Select Report:' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: -- Select --, -- Select --, Monthly Agency Insured Report (highlighted), LTD Age Change, Optional Life Age Change, and New Hire Without EmailAddress After July 1, 2024. A blue arrow points to the 'Monthly Agency Insured Report' option, and a yellow circle with the number 1 is next to it.



## Agency Insured Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Select the **As of Date**.
2. See detailed deductions for employees.
3. **Amount Owed** by employee is listed in black.  
**Refund Due** to employee is listed in red.
4. Select a format and click **Export** to save a copy.

Select Report: Monthly Agency Insured Report

As Of Date:  View Report

1 of 1 Select a format Export

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Group Insurance Commission

### Agency Insured Report (deductions)

Reference ID	Emp Id	Name	Coverage Descriptions	Premium Due (\$)	Premium Deducted (\$)	Balance Due (\$)
ABC12345A	000001	Sample Employee A	Sample Basic Life Insurance	\$1.59	\$1.59	\$0.00
ABC12345A	000001	Sample Employee A	Sample Health Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
ABC12345A	000001	Sample Employee A	Sample Optional Life Insurance	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
		<b>Insured Total</b>		\$151.59	\$151.59	\$0.00
ABC12345A	000002	Sample Employee B	Sample Basic Life Insurance	\$1.59	\$0.00	\$1.59
ABC12345A	000002	Sample Employee B	Sample Health Insurance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
ABC12345A	000002	Sample Employee B	Sample Optional Life Insurance	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
		<b>Insured Total</b>		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$151.59
ABC12345A	000003	Sample Employee C	Sample Basic Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$1.59	\$(1.59)
ABC12345A	000003	Sample Employee C	Sample Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$(100.00)
ABC12345A	000003	Sample Employee C	Sample Optional Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$(50.00)
		<b>Insured Total</b>		\$0.00	\$151.59	\$(151.59)





## Missing Email Address Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Go to the MAGIC **Home** page.
2. Click **Reports**.

The screenshot shows the MAGIC Group Insurance Commission website. At the top left is the MAGIC logo with the text 'Group Insurance Commission'. At the top right is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seal. Below the logo is a dark blue navigation bar with white text links: 'Benefit Management', 'Reports', 'Admin', 'Online Forms', 'Online Forms - Open Cases', and 'Declined Benefits - Portal'. Below the navigation bar is the main content area. On the left side of the main content area, there is a 'Home' link with an upward-pointing arrow and a yellow circle with the number '1' next to it. To the right of the 'Home' link is a 'News & Alerts' section. In the center of the main content area is the 'Group Insurance Commission' section, which contains a paragraph about the GIC's mission. On the right side of the main content area is a 'Links' section with four underlined blue links: 'Coordinator Resource Materials', 'Employee Assistance Program (EAP)', 'Mass4You', and 'Mass4You Financial Tools Available to Help GIC Members'. A yellow circle with the number '2' is positioned above the 'Reports' link in the navigation bar, with an arrow pointing to it.



## Missing Email Address Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click the **Dropdown** arrow.

MAGIC  
Group Insurance Commission

Benefit Management Reports Admin Online Forms Online Forms - Open Cases Declined Benefits – Portal

Select Report: -- Select --

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## Missing Email Address Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click the **New Hire Without Email Address Report**.

The screenshot shows the MAGIC Group Insurance Commission portal. The top navigation bar includes links for Benefit Management, Reports, Admin, Online Forms, Online Forms - Open Cases, and Declined Benefits - Portal. The 'Reports' link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Select Report:' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: -- Select --, -- Select --, Monthly Agency Insured Report, LTD Age Change, Optional Life Age Change, and New Hire Without EmailAddress After July 1, 2024. The 'New Hire Without EmailAddress After July 1, 2024' option is selected and highlighted in blue. A blue arrow points from a yellow circle with the number 1 to the selected option.



## Missing Email Address Report in MAGIC (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Select your **Agency**.
2. See detailed report below.
3. **Select a format** and click **Export** to save a copy.

**MAGIC**  
Group Insurance Commission

Benefit Management Reports Discrepancy Report Online Forms Online Forms - Open Cases Declined Benefits – Portal

Select Report: New Hire Without EmailAddress After July 1, 2024

Agency  View Report

1 of 2 Select a format Export

**MAGIC**  
Group Insurance Commission

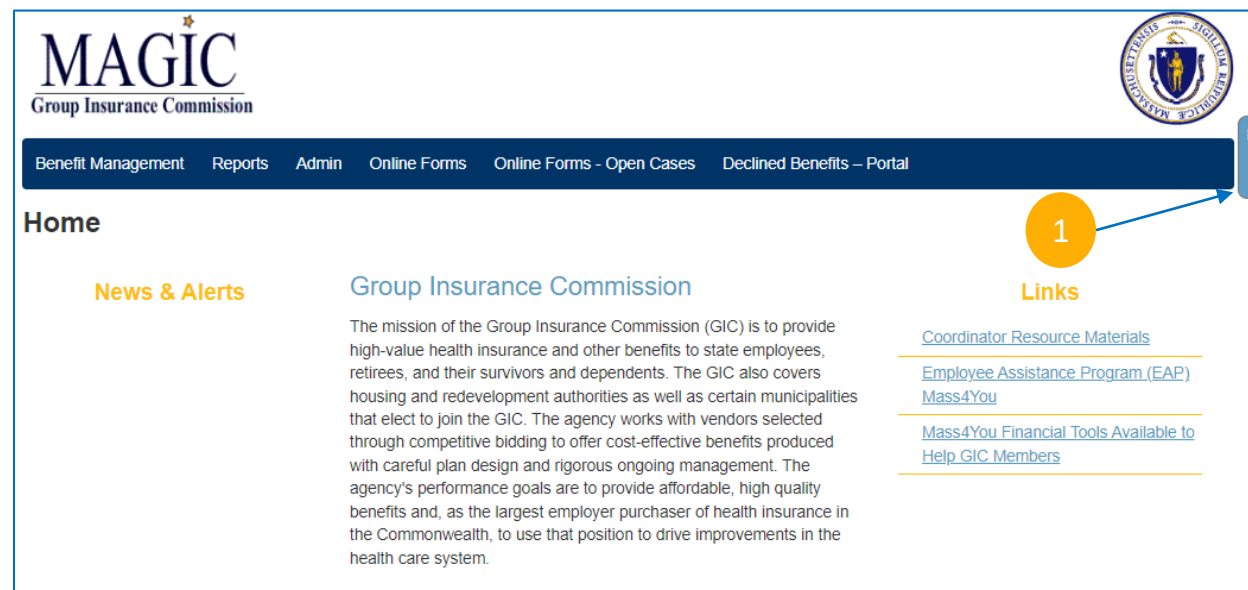
**New Hire Without an Email Address after July 1st 2024**

Employee Id	Insured Name	RefID	Hire Date
XXX-XX-1234	Sample Employee	ABC12345A	07/02/2024



## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

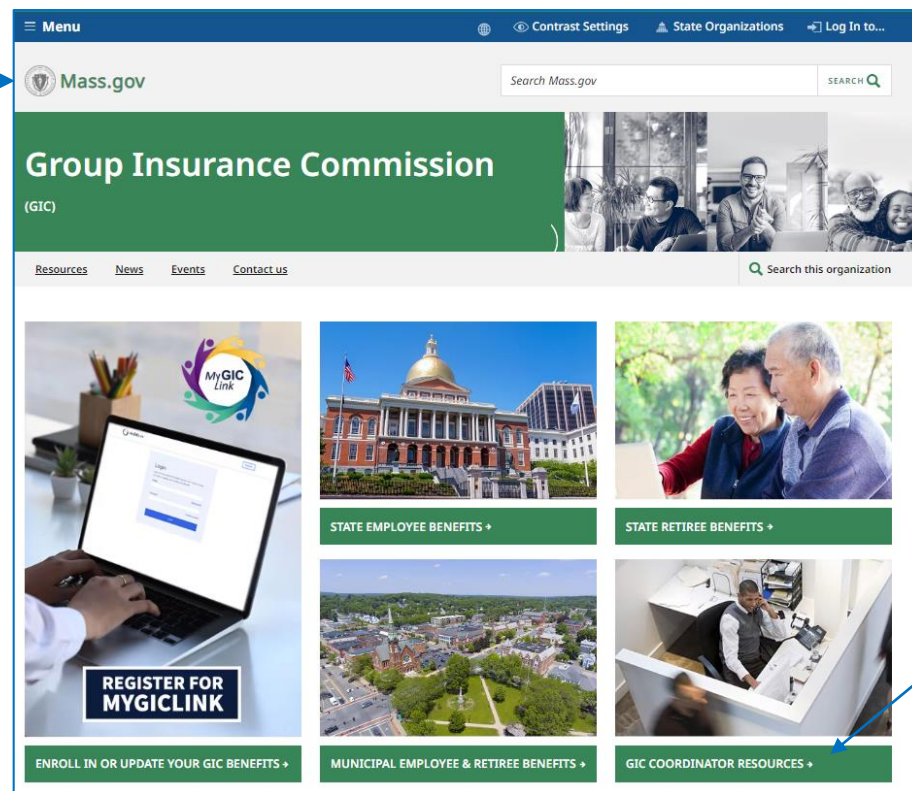
1. Additional new guides have been added to the MAGIC Help Tab.





## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Go to [www.Mass.gov/GIC](https://www.Mass.gov/GIC)
2. Click **GIC Coordinator Resources**.





## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click **MyGICLink Toolkit**

**GIC Coordinator Resources**

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<a href="#">MyGICLink Toolkit →</a>	<a href="#">MAGIC Toolkit →</a>	<a href="#">Coordinator Training →</a>
<a href="#">New Hire Benefits Law Effective July 1, 2024 →</a>	<a href="#">Ordering Brochures →</a>	<a href="#">Requesting Benefit Forms for Members →</a>
<a href="#">Hospital List →</a>	<a href="#">GIC Benefit Rates →</a>	
<a href="#">Annual Enrollment →</a>	<a href="#">Qualifying Events →</a>	<a href="#">Member Benefit Guides →</a>
<a href="#">GIC Glossary →</a>	<a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions →</a>	<a href="#">Additional Coordinator Resources →</a>



## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click **HR/CMS and UMass Toolkit**

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

- ▼ [HR/CMS and UMass Toolkit](#)
- ▼ [Municipal Toolkit](#)
- ▼ [Offline Agency Toolkit](#)

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## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click the links to view samples.
2. Click the links to view video samples.

### HR/CMS and UMass Toolkit

#### Documents

- [MyGICLink: What You Need To Know](#)
- [Instructions for Updating an Employee's Email in MAGIC](#)
- [MyGICLink FAQ](#)
- [GIC Member Portal User Guide](#)
- [MyGICLink Member Registration Email Sample](#)
- [MyGICLink New Hire Registration Email Sample](#)
- [MyGICLink State Employee Acknowledgement Form](#)
- [Registration User Guide](#)

#### Videos

- [Welcome to the MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal](#)
- [MyGICLink Benefits Demo](#)
- [MyGICLink Dependents Demo](#)
- [MyGICLink Personal Information Demo](#)
- [MyGICLink Qualifying Events Demo](#)
- [MyGICLink Coordinator Training](#)

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## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

### 1. Sample of the New Hire Registration email.

#### SAMPLE: myGICLink New Hire Registration Email

From: **My GIC Link** <mygidlinkcustomerservice@mass.gov>  
Subject: Welcome to MyGICLink, Exceptional member benefits at your fingertips  
To: johnsample@test.com

Hi John Sample,

As a new employee you have 21 days from your date of hire to enroll in GIC Benefits. Please log in to myGICLink Self Service Portal today to enroll.

**Portal Link:** <https://test.gicmass.co23.force.com/customerserviceportal/superSelfRegister>  
**Email to register:** [john.sample@test.com](mailto:john.sample@test.com)

Your Pin Number is **123456**

**Basic Life and Health** - You may apply during the GIC's Annual Enrollment which occurs every Spring for coverage effective July 1.

**Optional Life or Long Term Disability** - You may apply during the GIC's Annual Enrollment which occurs every Spring for coverage effective July 1, subject to providing satisfactory Medical Evidence of Insurability.

**Dental/Vision** - If you are eligible for GIC's Dental and Vision benefits, you may apply during the GIC's Annual Enrollment which occurs every Spring for coverage effective July 1.

**Important:** Please use the following link to access the GIC Member Portal: <https://test.gicmass.co23.force.com/customerserviceportal/superSelfRegister>

Thank you for joining MyGICLink.

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**Note:** All enrollments processed through MyGICLink are subject to GIC's eligibility rules. If you have questions contact the GIC at 617-727-2310. **Please do not reply or send documents to this automated email.**



## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

### 1. Sample of the **State Employee Acknowledgement Form**.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Group Insurance Commission

State Employee Acknowledgement Form For GIC Benefits

You are responsible for reviewing your benefit options and making your GIC benefit elections within 21 days of the date of hire on the MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal:

- Basic Life Insurance
- Basic Life & Health Insurance
- Summary of Benefits and Coverage
- Optional Life Insurance
- Long Term Disability (LTD)
- Dental/Vision (if eligible)
- Health Care Spending Account (HCSA)\*
- Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP)\*

\* You must enroll in the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) benefit on the FSA administrator's website

I understand that as a new hire I will receive a New Hire Welcome/Registration email from MyGICLinkcustomerservice@mass.gov and I must log in to the MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal to enroll in GIC benefits within 21 days of my date of hire. If I don't receive an email within 10 days of my hire date, I must notify the GIC Coordinator at my workplace so that enrollment forms can be provided to me via GIC Online Forms

By enrolling in GIC basic life or basic life and health insurance, my premiums will be deducted on a pretax basis unless I elect post tax benefits and if I enroll in a GIC health plan, I can't change my health plan until the next Annual Enrollment period. I understand that if I do not elect GIC Basic Life and health within 21 days of hire, my next opportunity to apply for these benefits is during GIC's next Annual Enrollment or within 60 days of a qualifying event.

Name:   
(Please print)

Signature:  Date:

Employee: Return this signed form to your GIC Coordinator.  
GIC Coordinator: Give employee a copy of this form and retain original signed form in employee's personnel file. Do not send to the GIC.



## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click **New Hire Benefits Law Effective July 1, 2024**

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### GIC Coordinator Resources

<a href="#">MyGICLink Toolkit →</a>	<a href="#">MAGIC Toolkit →</a>	<a href="#">Coordinator Training →</a>
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## Website Resources (HR/CMS & UMass Agencies)

1. Click **HR/CMS Coordinators**
2. Detailed information for the Reduced Waiting Period Implementation can be found here

### New Hire Benefits Law Pages for GIC Coordinators

The GIC is in regular communication with GIC Coordinators as this project develops. The following pages for each Coordinator type (HR/CMS, Municipal, and Offline) are to inform and instruct coordinators and organizations of any further action necessary to prepare for and implement this important change, including tools and resources, training opportunities, and more.



# Security Requests

Evanice Henniger

# Process Updates

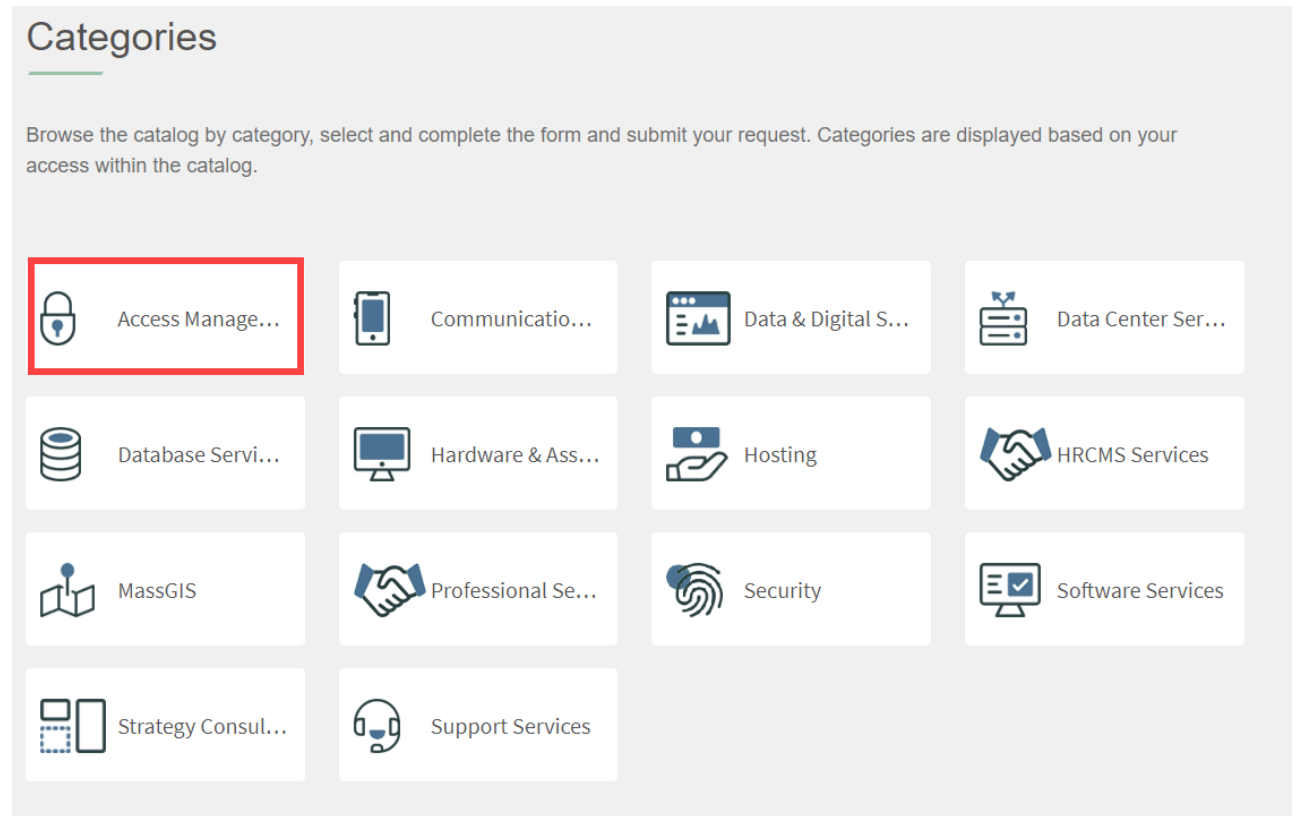
## ★ Department Security Officer (DSO) must submit every request

- New user requests
- Changes to current access
- Deleting users

## ★ Login to ServiceNow

- Select Access Management

## ★ Select Secure Application Request



# Security Guidelines

★ Mobius view has the security reports with each user listed and their current user access

★ Security Reports in Mobius:

- SECMARS (MMARS)
- SECHRCMS (HR/CMS)
- SECCIW (CIW)

★ [HR/CMS Security Guidelines and Procedures Policy](#)



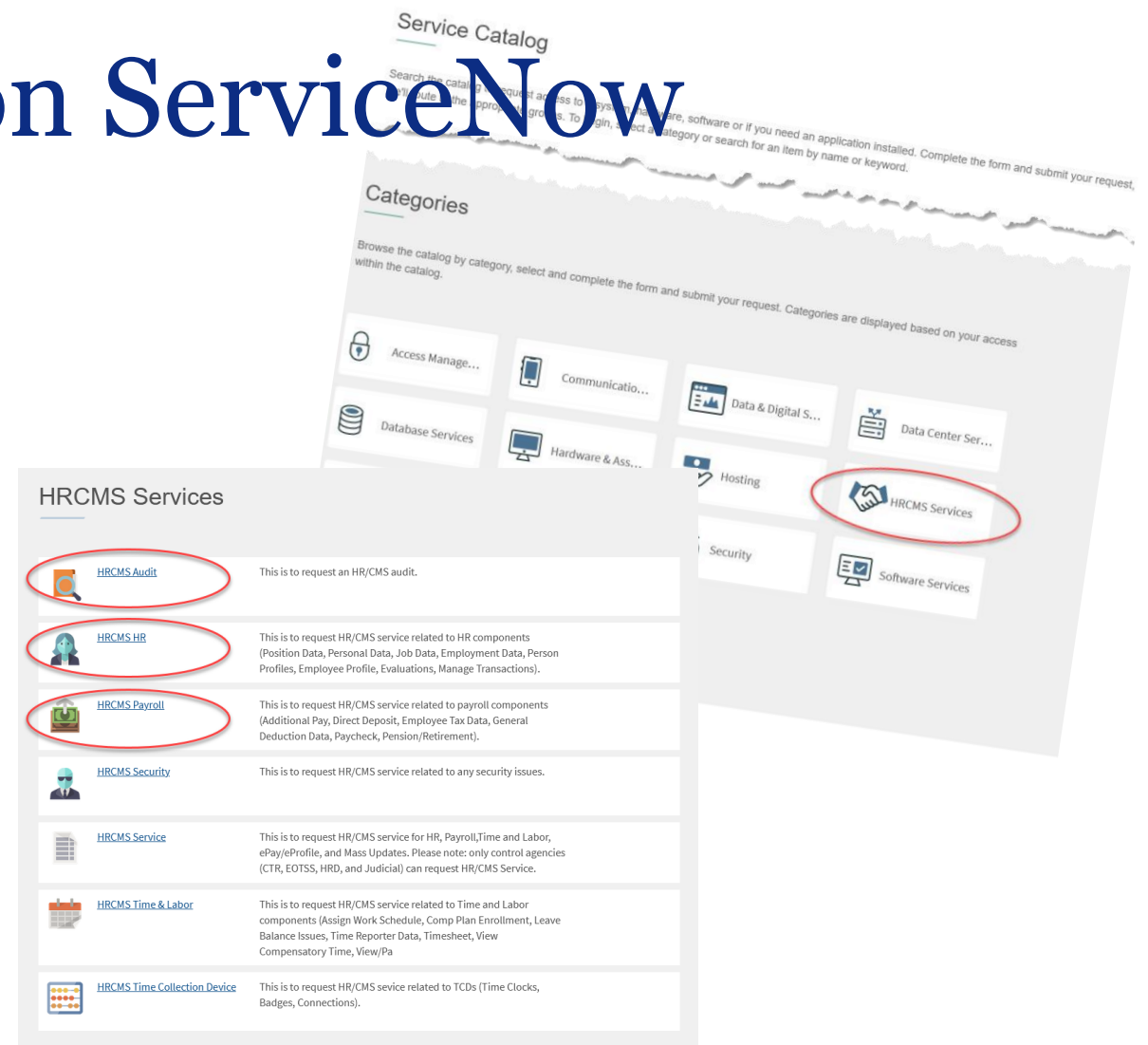
# Communication & Support



- ★ Tickets which are emailed to EOTSS ServiceNow can be misdirected
- ★ Best Practice is to login to the portal and select the correct Service Catalog item
- ★ Please include as much detail as possible in the ticket

# How to log a ticket on ServiceNow

- ★ Executive agencies should use the HRCMS HR catalog item
- ★ Independent/constitutional agencies should use the HRCMS Payroll catalog item



# HR/CMS User Group Meeting

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

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# Agenda

- Commuter Choice Parking and Transit Overview
- Contact Information
- Important Reminders

# Commonwealth Commuter Programs

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### Transit and Parking Reimbursement Accounts, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees

Benefit Strategies, LLC is excited to offer both Transit and Parking benefits to eligible employees of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts! We have added an enrollment form on this site that employees can submit via email directly to Benefit Strategies, which can be accessed by clicking the Election Change button below.

[QTBP PARTICIPANT LOGIN](#)[ELECTION CHANGE](#)[LOOKING FOR GIC FSA ACCOUNTS?](#)

The enrollment form allows for Transit and/or Parking election changes. The form takes approximately 3-5 minutes to complete and is designed to be extremely user-friendly. Since both Transit and Parking are payroll funded accounts, there are deadlines each month which are necessary in order to make changes to be effective for the following month. We have included a link next to each benefit with a schedule of when each month's deadline to enroll will occur. Please see the FAQ link for answers to other important and frequently asked questions.

- [QTBP FAQ for Transit and Parking](#)
- [FY2022 Transit Election Change Process Calendar](#)
- [FY2023 Transit Election Change Process Calendar](#)
- [FY2022 Parking Election Change Process Calendar](#)
- [FY2023 Parking Election Change Process Calendar](#)
- [Commuter Claim Form](#)

If you are filing a paper claim for reimbursement or sending any type of other correspondence, please use any of the following methods which you see fit:

- Email to [commonwealth@benstrat.com](mailto:commonwealth@benstrat.com)
- Fax to: 603-232-8079
- Mail to: PO Box 1300, Manchester, NH 03105-1300

Contact us: 1-877-353-9442

Need Help with Commuter forms or Questions? Email:  
[Angela.Thivierge@voyafinancial.com](mailto:Angela.Thivierge@voyafinancial.com)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commuter Transit & Parking benefits have their own dedicated page:

<https://presents.voya.com/Content/Delivers/commonwealth/>

Items found on this page are:

- Member login page
- Direct link to the election change E-Form
- FAQ
- Commuter Claim Form
- Process calendars

# Commuter Election Form

- To enroll, make changes, or drop out – members must complete the Online Election Change E-Form
- E-Form can be found on our website - [here](#)
- Members are encouraged to review the Process Calendars for important deadlines
- If the agency coordinator receives an email notification for an employee that does not belong to their agency, please alert Voya immediately –forward the email to [commonwealth@voya.com](mailto:commonwealth@voya.com)

Need Help with Commuter forms or Questions? Email:  
[Angela.Thivierge@voya.com](mailto:Angela.Thivierge@voya.com)

# Transit Process Calendar

## TRANSIT ELECTION CHANGE PROCESS CALENDAR FY2025 07/01/24-06/30/25

Benefit Month	Requests Received by Voya	Payroll Process Date	Paycheck Date	Funds Credited To Debit Card
July 2024	Weds. 05/29/24	06/04/24	06/07/24	06/20/24
August 2024	Weds. 07/10/24	07/16/24	07/19/24	07/20/24
September 2024	Weds. 08/07/24	08/13/24	08/16/24	08/20/24
October 2024	Weds. 09/04/24	09/10/24	09/13/24	09/20/24
November 2024	Weds. 10/02/24	10/08/24	10/11/24	10/20/24
December 2024	Weds. 10/30/24	11/05/24	11/08/24	11/20/24
January 2025	Weds. 12/11/24	12/17/24	12/20/24	12/20/24
February 2025	Weds. 01/08/25	01/14/25	01/17/25	01/20/25
March 2025	Weds. 02/05/25	02/11/25	02/14/25	02/20/25
April 2025	Weds. 03/05/25	03/11/25	03/14/25	03/20/25
May 2025	Weds. 04/02/25	04/08/25	04/11/25	04/20/25
June 2025	Weds. 04/30/25	05/06/25	05/09/25	05/20/25

# Parking Process Calendar

## PARKING ELECTION CHANGE PROCESS CALENDAR FY2025 07/01/24-06/30/25

Benefit Month	Requests Received by Voya	Payroll Process Date	Payroll check Date	Funds Credited To Debit Card
July 2024	Weds. 06/12/24	06/18/24	06/21/24*	06/20/24
August 2024	Weds. 07/24/24	07/30/24	08/02/24*	07/20/24
September 2024	Weds. 08/21/24	08/27/24	08/30/24*	08/20/24
October 2024	Weds. 09/18/24	09/24/24	09/27/24*	09/20/24
November 2024	Weds. 10/16/24	10/22/24	10/25/24*	10/20/24
December 2024	Weds. 11/13/24	11/19/24	11/22/24*	11/20/24
January 2025	Weds. 12/25/24	12/31/24	01/03/25*	12/20/24
February 2025	Weds. 01/22/25	01/28/25	01/31/25*	01/20/25
March 2025	Weds. 02/19/25	02/25/25	02/28/25*	02/20/25
April 2025	Weds. 03/19/25	03/25/25	03/28/25*	03/20/25
May 2025	Weds. 04/16/25	04/22/25	04/25/25*	04/20/25
June 2025	Weds. 05/14/25	05/20/25	05/23/25*	05/20/25



# Commuter Reminders – Agreements

**2. I further certify that the monthly benefit that I will be receiving does not exceed my average monthly commuting costs by public transportation, excluding any parking costs, based on the average number of workdays I commute in the average month. I agree that if my commuting costs change and the monthly benefit I receive exceed my average monthly commuting costs for two or more consecutive months, I will notify Voya Financial so that my monthly benefit can be adjusted appropriately. I agree to claim my monthly benefit. I also understand that if I am not receiving the maximum allowable benefit and my commuting costs increase, I can request an increase in my benefit under the State Employee Commuter Benefits Program. I also understand that I will notify Voya Financial immediately when I plan to depart from employment.**

**6. If my employment ends from the Commonwealth of MA (no matter if due to resignation, layoff, retirement), then my Transit/Parking benefit plan will be dropped immediately, and the debit card will be deactivated – at which point I will only be able to submit manual claims for paid eligible expenses that I incurred within 180 days from the date of service, otherwise the funds will be forfeited. If I elect to end my participation and payroll contribution into the Transit/Parking benefit plan, and I still have funds available on the debit card, I can continue to use the debit card and spend down my balance or submit manual claims for paid eligible expenses. Per IRS regulations, refunds cannot be approved.**

# Have Questions?

## Contact Information for Employees:

Mon → Thurs: 8:00am – 6:00pm ET

Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm ET

*(Automated system available at all times)*

Text-To-Chat: 1-877-353-9442

Email: [commonwealth@voya.com](mailto:commonwealth@voya.com)

Toll Free: 1-877-353-9442

Language translation services available

Fax: 603-232-8079

## Contact Information for Coordinators:

Account Manager: Angela Thivierge

## Coordinator Contact ONLY:

Please do not refer a member to this email address:

[Angela.Thivierge@Voya.com](mailto:Angela.Thivierge@Voya.com)

My phone number will be made available from my email, and I am always happy to set up a call to answer any questions you may have about forms and resources!

# Fiscal Year End

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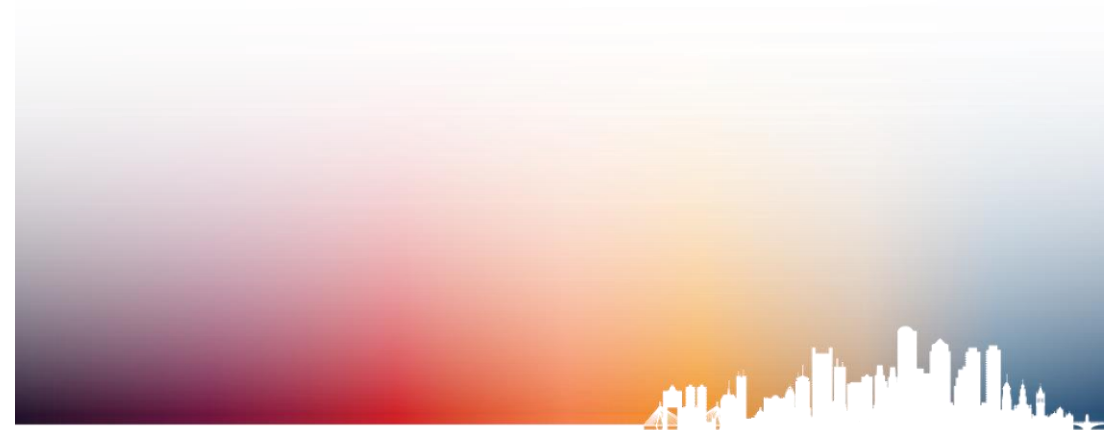
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# Close/Open Resources

★ The Close/Open resource [page](#) includes:

- The Close/Open calendar
- Latest announcements
- On-demand sessions from Close/Open week 2024-2025
- Close/Open Boot camps

Close/Open  
2024-2025



# Chart of Account Changes

## ★ By today you should have:

- Identified FY2025 COA changes, e.g., program codes or appropriation changes
- Prepared for any potential appropriation changes (budget is not finalized, still in conference if there are any changes)
- Planned for any position transfer and LCM distributions for FY25
- Started to enter PH documents for Accounts Payable

## ★ Do not over encumber!!

# Key Dates

## ★ For PPE June 29 – Last full payroll of FY2024

- June 28 – Last day for HR & Garnishment transaction in HR/CMS
- July 1 – Last day for posting Time & Attendance
- July 2 – Last day for making Labor Distribution changes in LCM

## ★ Finalize all Payroll Hold activity for AP by June 30

## ★ PPE July 13 – Payroll is prorated by business days of the pay period (Mon-Fri) there are 10 business days in FY2025

# Split Year Earnings

- ★ Sick, Vacation and Comp Buyouts entered as amounts will post to 7/1, and therefore, FY2025 (SBA, VLA, CBA)
- ★ Sick, Vacation and Comp Buyouts entered as hours will post to 6/30 and therefore, FY2024 (SBB, VIL, CBB)
- ★ Prior Period Adjustments should be entered in Timesheet on a date before 6/29/2024
- ★ Use of a ComboCode with time posted on or after July 1 will post labor charges to FY2025

# HR/CMS Account Code Roll

- ★ **Now available (new report every Friday in June)**
- ★ **HMMARS3 Report identifies:**
  - All positions assigned to invalid accounts
  - If incumbent exists, then EmplID and Rec # are shown
- ★ **Agencies must take corrective action before 6/30/2024**
- ★ **Failure to act will result in positions being automatically updated on July 18**
- ★ **Invalid codes will be updated with the FIRST valid account code within your department**



# Mass Termination of Contract Jobs

- ★ Non-Higher Education agencies will occur on July 18
- ★ Higher Education agencies will not occur until the Fall
- ★ Includes all Active contractors hired before and unpaid since October 1, 2022
- ★ Departments will be notified
- ★ Mobius report is HMPCS004 – Termination of Contract Jobs

# Payroll Receipt Vouchers

- ★ Please send to Comptroller's team first – [PRRV@mass.gov](mailto:PRRV@mass.gov)
- ★ All vouchers for any pay periods should be submitted ASAP
- ★ Cash cutoff for PRRVs is June 30 with the deadline for submission being Friday June 28



# LCM Rules Roll – POAA Rules

- ★ All current rules will expire on June 30
- ★ Draft rules for FY2025 are available as of 05/31/2024
- ★ Departments should review draft rules and delete any rules that will not apply to FY2025
- ★ Departments must include full justification for rule as a comment and submit for approval
  - Departments do not need to email paperwork to Statewide Payroll Team
  - Rules request form is no longer used
  - Departments should retain a signed copy of rules on file
- ★ New Rules for FY2025 must have a From date of 7/1/2024 and To date of 12/31/9999

# POAA continued

## ★ Document IDs for draft rules are defined as follows:

- Department ID
- Assigned Appropriation or ALL if the rule applies to all Appropriations
- C24 (to indicate that it is a Create rule generated in 2024)
- Unique number

## ★ Departments can enter \*C24\* as the Document ID search criteria to find all draft POAA rules

# PALT, DEACC and Others

- ★ **PALT Rules – Rules are specific to FY; departments must reapply for all PALT rules**
- ★ **DEACC – Please contact Statewide Payroll Team to request removal of rules that no longer apply for FY2025**
- ★ **PCREQ/DEPTES/EDPRs/LDPRs – Will continue in effect for FY2025; departments should review and make any changes needed**

# Boot Camp – Closing/Opening Dynacash

Join the Payments team on Thursday, June 13th @10am

Recording will be posted to CTR LMS

Reminder to reconcile your Dynacash!

Get your outstanding dyna buybacks in today



# Accounts Payable

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# Accounts Payable Period

★ Pay periods ending: 7/27, 8/10, and 8/24

★ Two ways to charge FY2024:

- Enter prior period adjustment in timesheet for date prior to June 30
- Use an Accounts Payable earning code in Additional Pay (see CTR memo for list of AP Earning Codes)



# Payroll Holds

- ★ Are required for all charges – even negative and net zero – during Accounts Payable
- ★ After June 30, 2024, Payroll Holds will be added to the list of transactions requiring A&F approval for submissions or alterations in excess of \$50,000
- ★ Make sure you have enough money to cover FY2024 charges through Split Year before you encumber money in a PH
- ★ Are NOT required for Split Year or DD level encumbrances

# PRLDE & PRLIF Cleanup

- ★ State Finance Law requires that accounts are funded before expenditures are made
- ★ All State Accounts must be balance before the end of AP period

# Deficiency Payroll

- ★ If you do not get all payments entered before 8/23/2024, any prior fiscal year payments will have to be processed as deficiencies
- ★ Payroll Deficiencies are processed through the Prior Year Deficiency (PYD) Process. They are submitted to Statewide Payments team for review. Once approved, CTR will provide the deficiency codes and recoup the funding from the department.
- ★ Department uses deficiency earning codes as directed by Statewide Payroll Team to process charges in HR/CMS
- ★ Payroll Accounting Team will handle the distribution in LCM



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Group Insurance Commission

# HR/CMS User Group Meeting

June 13, 2024

# Overall Refresher of the FSA/Dependent Care Benefit

- TASC administers the FSA Healthcare and Dependent Care
- Plan runs on a Fiscal Year July 1-June 30th.
- Grace Period through 9/15 each plan year, and Runout Period through 10/15 each plan year.
- For the FY25, FSA Healthcare maximum is 3200 and Dependent Care maximum is 5000.
- Participants do receive a TASC debit card that they can use to pay for eligible expenses. Participants can request additional cards for spouse/dependent at no charge.

# Overall Refresher of the FSA/Dependent Care Benefit

- Participants must re-enroll each plan year during open enrollment period. To enroll mid plan year, the participant must have a Qualifying Life Event or elect as a new hire within their first 21 days of hire.
- All enrollments should be submitted through [www.massfsatasc.com](http://www.massfsatasc.com).
- Also on the massfsatasc.com site are Resources for GIC Coordinators and participants. This includes Plan information such as Participant handbook, List of Eligible Expenses, Reimbursement forms, enrollment forms, change forms, etc.

# Overall Refresher of the FSA/Dependent Care Benefit

- Under Resources, you will find the Change Form (paper or web-based) The change form is required to be completed to report terminations, Reclassifications/transfers from one Agency to another, election changes due to a Qualified Life Event, and Beginning and Ending of Leave of Absence (LOA).
- Once a change form is submitted, it routes to our Premium Service Team, who processes the request, and then corresponds back to the Coordinator.
- Amanda Odom is the Relationship Manager and your direct TASC contact. [Amanda.Odom@tasconline.com](mailto:Amanda.Odom@tasconline.com), 800-422-4661, ext 7908. This is for Agency Coordinators only.



# Process for Leave of Absence (LOA)

## Reporting LOA to TASC

Participant Leaves of Absence should be reported at the beginning and ending of the LOA period. LOA can be reported to TASC via **change form** by the employee or the Coordinator. If reported by the employee, TASC Premium Services will email the Coordinator to inform and confirm.

## Types of LOA Options

1. LOA Paid
2. LOA – Unpaid
  - Prepay contributions
  - Payment of missed deductions upon return
  - Direct bill payment while on LOA



## LOA - Paid

- **Healthcare FSA:** Deductions will continue to be taken from your pay each pay period and your coverage will continue uninterrupted. Expenses can be incurred before, during, or after the LOA.
- **Dependent Care:** Deductions can continue to be taken if you think you will have enough incurred expenses while you are actively working. Expenses can only be incurred before or after the LOA. No expenses may be reimbursed that were incurred while on the LOA. If you choose to stop your Dependent Care deductions, see the Returning from an Unpaid

# LOA – Unpaid

## Prepay contributions

- Participant has a lump sum pre-tax deduction withheld prior to their LOA This will cover the period of time that no payroll deductions are being taken. TASC Card will remain active and participant may continue using funds and submitting claims through the prepaid time period.
- DCAP participants should stop their deductions while on LOA as they are not eligible to incur expenses while on LOA.

# LOA - Unpaid

## Pay Upon Return

- Participants can elect to make up missed deductions on a pre-tax basis once they return from LOA. Once missed deductions are paid, coverage would be back dated to the LOA start date, so participant can at that time claim healthcare expenses that were incurred during their LOA period. TASC card is not active during LOA, but reactivated upon return.
- DCAP participants should stop their deductions while on LOA as they are not eligible to incur expenses while on LOA.

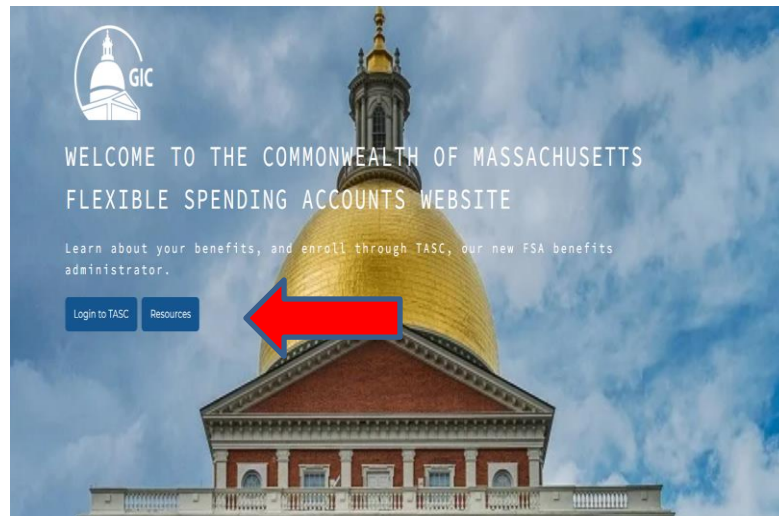
# LOA - Unpaid

## **Direct Bill (not pretax)**

- Participants can elect to be directly billed for FSA premiums and monthly admin fee while on LOA. This must be requested before the beginning of the unpaid leave. TASC will invoice the participant at the beginning of each month and payment must be received by the due date on the invoice.
- DCAP - Since direct bill is on an after-tax basis, there is no benefit for participants to continue dep care deductions directly while on the LOA.

# How to submit a change form to report LOA to TASC?

Step 1: Go to [www.massfsatasc.com](http://www.massfsatasc.com), and click on Resources



Step 2: Select "Change Form (web-based)"

## GIC COORDINATOR RESOURCES

FY25 Paper Enrollment Form

Change Form (paper)

Change Form (web-based)



**Step 3: This is what the web-based change form looks like. You will enter in all of the requested demographic information for the LOA participant. Then, beginning with #16, you will enter the LOA information in and submit. This form routes to TASC premium services who processes the LOA entry.**

### HCSA/DCA CHANGE FORM

COMPLETED BY THE GIC COORDINATOR ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEE

Complete and submit this form for the following events. Employee or GIC Coordinator may complete/submit for all events, except 6) below (Coordinator Only)

1. Currently enrolled employees who have a qualifying life event and wish to adjust their elections or election amounts (add, drop, change) may do so by completing the form.
2. Employees not currently enrolled, but have had a qualifying life event which makes them eligible to enroll may do so by completing the form. NOTE: If you are enrolling for the first time due to a qualifying life event, you MUST also complete and submit the [enrollment form](#) found at [massfsatasc.com](#)
3. You are starting or ending a Leave of Absence (LOA)
4. You are submitting a reclassification request, where you are transferring from one agency to another agency
5. You are requesting a payroll refund, due to a payroll deduction error
6. Termination of employment (Coordinator Only)

To be completed and submitted by GIC Coordinator  
(on behalf of employee)

1. EMPLOYEE FIRST NAME\*



Questions?

# Resources & References



# Reference Resources

## ★ PowerDMS

- [Medicare Tax](#)
- [Determining Medicare Tax Status](#)

## ★ [Students and Employment | USCIS](#)

## ★ [Wage Law Act](#)

## ★ [Non-Resident Alien Tax Treaty](#)

## ★ [Managing Citizenship, Visa & Non-Resident Alien Taxation Reference Guide](#)

# Support Resources

## ★ EOTSS ServiceNow

- <https://massgov.service-now.com>
- Should be used for HR/CMS issues

## ★ CTR Solution Desk

- <https://www.macomptroller.org/solution-desk/>
- Should be used for LCM or MMARS issues

★ <https://public.powerdms.com/MAComptroller/documents/2269012>

# Thank you

Next meeting September 11, 2024