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ACCOUNTING BULLETIN

TO: Fiscal Officers of All State Agencies

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SUBJECT: Instructions for Closing FY17 Expenditure Authority Accounts

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GENERAL

As of today a final FY18 budget has not been passed into law.

The current fiscal year ends June 30, 2017. Appropriations for this fiscal year will lapse August 31, 2017. Invoices for goods or services contracted for or received prior to July 1, 2017 must be vouchered against FY17 expenditure authority accounts (both appropriated and non-appropriated). **The schedule of due dates that are outlined in this bulletin will be strictly enforced by this Office. If a specific time is not stated along with the date, the deadline will be 4:30 p.m.**

REAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

All vouchers payable from FY17 expenditure authority accounts that are reappropriated for FY18 must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **June 20, 2017**. Agencies must clearly identify these on the face of the schedule and vouchers. No lapse period spending will be permitted on accounts that are reappropriated. **The unliquidated portion of obligations for multi-year contracts against reappropriated accounts will be deobligated by the Office of the Comptroller as of June 30, 2017. Agencies should coordinate the re-establishment of these obligations in FY18 with the Obligations Unit.**

POSTAGE VOUCHERS

All vouchers payable from FY17 expenditure authority accounts for the purchase of postage must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **June 22, 2017**. To qualify as a payment against a FY17 appropriation, the postage must pertain to FY17 usage.

UTILITY BILLS

Agencies should continue the past practice of allocating utility bills that cover portions of June and July. Agencies have the option of either prorating utility bills to the proper month based upon the number of days service was provided, or charging the bill to the month and appropriate fiscal year which had the majority of serviced days. Once an option is chosen, it must be continued in all subsequent fiscal years.

TELEPHONE BILLS

Telephone bills contain an advance charge for monthly service and charges for toll calls made during the previous billing period. Agencies have the option of charging the entire bill according to the fiscal year the vendor's invoice date falls within, or allocating the advance charges according to billing date and the toll call charges according to actual toll call date. Once an option is chosen, it must be continued in all subsequent fiscal years.

TRAVEL

Where travel at fiscal yearend crosses into the new fiscal year, agencies have the option of charging all travel expenses incident to a specific trip to the fiscal year in which the travel began, or allocating the expenses according to the days traveled in each fiscal year utilizing separate vouchers. If the first option is chosen, the entire trip should be submitted on a separate voucher. Once an option is chosen, it must be continued in all subsequent fiscal years.

LAPSE PERIOD – VOUCHERS

From July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 (or until the end of lapse period), all paper vouchers must be stamped or otherwise marked as either "FY17" or "FY18" to clearly designate the fiscal year. The fiscal year indicator should be placed on the upper right-hand corner of each voucher. For paperless vouchers, "FY17" or "FY18" should be placed on the agency file balance report. All paper vouchers covering goods or services to be paid from FY17 expenditure authority accounts during the lapse period should be stamped in a prominent place, "Contracted for Prior to July 1." For paperless vouchers, the statement "Contracted for Prior to July 1" should be stamped on the agency file balance report. **ALL TRANSACTIONS SUBMITTED ON A FILE MUST BE FROM THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.**

Lapse period expenditures are limited to those liquidating liabilities for goods and services contracted for prior to July 1, 2017.

All vouchers must contain beginning and ending dates of service. Vouchers citing a contract must contain beginning and ending dates of service that are within the terms of the contract.

All vouchers must contain a Proper Billing Date, if applicable.

All vouchers payable from FY17 expenditure authority accounts must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **August 23, 2017.**

PROFESSIONAL OR ARTISTIC VOUCHERS

Any service which involves professional or artistic skills or any personal services by an employee whose compensation is subject to income tax withholding (including contractual employees) must be performed by June 30, 2017 to be charged against the FY17 appropriation.

Any voucher for professional or artistic skills, or personal services submitted with a service date beyond June 30, 2017 will be ineligible for payment from FY17 and will be returned to the agency.

LAPSE PERIOD – OBLIGATIONS

The reconciliation of your obligation records is extremely important through the closing of this fiscal year. Timely reconciliation of your records can ensure timely processing of your payments.

From July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 (or until the end of lapse period), all contract related documents must be stamped or otherwise marked as either “FY17” or “FY18” to clearly designate the fiscal year. The fiscal year should be placed on the upper right-hand corner of the document.

Obligations established against FY17 expenditure authority accounts after June 30, 2017 must represent liabilities outstanding at June 30, 2017 (i.e., financial obligations for goods or services contracted for or received prior to July 1, 2017). In addition, all FY17 CODs filed after June 30, 2017 should be stamped “Contracted for Prior to July 1.”

Outstanding obligations at June 30, 2017 may be canceled or decreased during the lapse period. Outstanding obligations representing actual contractual liabilities may be decreased or canceled only if such notice is accompanied by a contract amendment reflecting the corresponding decrease or cancellation. Contractual liabilities may also be increased during the lapse period as long as the increase is relevant to the original contract and is accompanied by a contract amendment executed prior to July 1, 2017 increasing the contract amount.

Reminder - If an amendment to increase an **FY17** contract is not fully executed prior to July 1, 2017, an Intent Affidavit is required. The affidavit must state that the agreement or amendment was agreed to on or before June 30, 2017 and explain why it was not executed on or before June 30, 2017. An Intent Affidavit is required from the party (vendor and/or agency) who failed to sign the agreement or amendment before the fiscal year ended. If both the vendor and agency signed after June 30, 2017, affidavits must be submitted by both the vendor and agency.

All obligation establishments, increases, decreases and cancellations that affect FY17 processing, must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **August 17, 2017**.

LAPSE PERIOD – TRANSFERS AND CORRECTION REQUESTS

All Appropriation Transfers, Expenditure Transfers and Object Correction Requests that affect FY17 processing must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **August 23, 2017**.

FY18 VOUCHERS AND OBLIGATIONS

Expenditures for goods and services contracted for after June 30, 2017 must be charged against FY18 expenditure authority accounts and cite obligations established in the FY18 accounts. ALL TRANSACTIONS SUBMITTED ON A FILE MUST BE FROM THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.

RECEIPTS AND REFUNDS

Receipts received prior to 11:00 a.m., June 30, 2017, will be processed as FY17 transactions. All receipts received after that time will be processed as FY18. All refunds that affect FY17 processing must be received in the Office of the Comptroller by **August 23, 2017**.

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