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# ACCOUNTING BULLETIN

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TO: Fiscal Officers of All State Agencies  
FROM: Ellen Andres, Assistant Comptroller – Operations  
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SUBJECT: SAMS Modernization – One Obligation Per Voucher  
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The SAMS Modernization (SMOD) project will result in changes to current State Accounting procedures and requirements. Additional bulletins will be issued as changes are identified. The changes will be effective with the SMOD implementation for all transactions processed on or after 7/1/2022, regardless of fiscal year, unless otherwise noted. The IOC is coordinating with the Illinois Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to make the necessary changes in SAP.

There will be a change to the voucher file layout (900M) to allow for only **one** obligation per voucher. The current voucher layout allows for three obligations cited per voucher. The following page reflects the file layout changes that will be made to SAMS Manual Exhibit 17.20.30-A. Bytes 276-285 will still be used to cite the Obligation Number and bytes 287-296 for the Obligation Amount. Other changes are summarized as:

Bytes 297-306 (previously Second Obligation Number) – Filler

Bytes 308-317 (previously Second Obligation Amount) – Zero Filled

Bytes 318-327 (previously Third Obligation Number) – Filler

Bytes 329-338 (previously Third Obligation Amount) – Zero Filled

Note: This change will only affect a small number of agencies and voucher transactions.

Please ensure this bulletin is provided to everyone in your organization impacted by the change. If you have any questions concerning this Accounting Bulletin, please contact:

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Obligation Number	276	285	10	X(10)	Enter the agency assigned obligation number (right justified with leading zeros) for the first obligation related to this payment request (if payment is not related to a previously recorded obligation, enter "00" left justified).
Filler	286	286	1	X	Value Spaces.
Obligation Amount	287	296	10	9(8)V99	Obligation Amount is the amount associated with the Obligation Number. Note: The Obligation Amount must equal the voucher amount.
Filler (Previously Second Obligation Number)	297	306	10	X(10)	Value Spaces.
Filler	307	307	1	X	Value Spaces.
Not Applicable (Previously Second Obligation Amount)	308	317	10	9(8)V99	Must be zero filled.
Filler (Previously Third Obligation Number)	318	327	10	X(10)	Value Spaces.
Filler	328	328	1	X	Value Spaces.
Not Applicable (Previously Third Obligation Amount)	329	338	10	9(8)V99	Must be zero filled.
Filler	339	347	9	X(9)	Value Spaces.