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REGULATION

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1. PURPOSE

This regulation establishes the standards for the payment of overtime, on-call compensation, and callback compensation.

2. CIVIL SERVICE RULE REFERENCE

Rule 5-4 Additional Compensation: Overtime, etc.

5-4.1 Additional Compensation — An appointing authority may require an employee to work under special conditions. An eligible employee working under the following special conditions is paid the pay premiums provided in this rule in accordance with the regulations.

5-4.2 Overtime

- (a) **Eligibility.** *The compensation schedules must identify each classification that is eligible for overtime pay. Overtime pay is paid to eligible employees for time in pay status in excess of 8*

hours in a day and 40 hours in a week or as otherwise provided in the regulations.

- (b) **Rate.** *The overtime rate of pay is one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay, as defined in the regulations. The regulations may provide for accrual of compensatory time at the premium rate instead of a cash payment.*

5-4.3 On-Call

- (a) **Eligibility.** *The compensation schedules must identify each classification that is eligible for on-call pay. On-call pay is paid to an eligible employee who is scheduled to be available to return to duty, work-ready, within a specific time.*
- (b) **Rate.** *The on-call rate of pay is one hour of straight time pay for each 5 hours of on-call time.*

5-4.4 Callback

- (a) **Eligibility.** *The compensation schedules must identify each classification that is eligible for callback pay. Callback pay is paid to an eligible employee who is not on scheduled on-call status but is called back to duty outside of normal working hours.*
- (b) **Rate.** *Callback pay is paid at the overtime rate of pay. An eligible employee is paid for a minimum of 3 hours unless called back within 3 hours of the employee's regular starting time.*

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3. STANDARDS

A. Eligible Employees

1. Employees in classifications that are assigned an eligibility code of "N" are eligible for overtime. Eligible is represented as non-exempt in the Human Resources Management Network system (see the Compensation Plan for eligibility codes).
 - a. When processing a preauthorized reclassification, the appointing authority must enter the assigned eligibility code

as reported in section A of the Compensation Plan for the new classification level.

2. Overtime

a. Rate

- (1)** The overtime rate is one and one-half times the employee's regular rate.
- (2)** The regular rate is defined as the employee's base rate of pay plus any applicable shift premium, special pay premium (e.g., prison rate), on-call, longevity, or other pay, except for overtime premium.

b. Basis

- (1)** Overtime payment is made to eligible employees for time worked in excess of 8 hours in a day and 40 hours in a week.
 - (A)** Overtime payment is made to eligible employees working in the Department of Community Health facilities for time worked in excess of 8 hours in a day and 80 hours in a biweekly work period.
 - (B)** Overtime payment is made to eligible law enforcement officers and corrections officers for time worked in excess of 8 hours in a day and 80 hours in a biweekly work period.
- (2)** Premium payment must not be duplicated (pyramided) for the same hours worked.
- (3)** Time worked is defined as all of the following:
 - (A)** All hours actually spent in pay status.
 - (B)** Travel time required by and at the discretion of the employer before, during, or after the regularly scheduled workday.

- (4) All paid leave (annual leave, sick leave, military leave, administrative leave) is counted as work time for computing daily and weekly overtime. Holiday credit is counted as work time in computing weekly overtime only. If an employee works on a holiday, premium payment for the first 8 hours worked on the holiday is due and payable only when 40 hours in a week are exceeded. (In the case of law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and employees working in Department of Community Health facilities, premium payment is due when 80 hours in a biweekly work period are exceeded.) The employee has the option, at the convenience of the employer, to take another day in the same period as the holiday.
- (5) Part-time employees are eligible for premium overtime after completion of 8 hours in a day, not after completing their regular shift, if less than 8 hours.
- (6) A day is defined as a 24-hour period beginning at 12:01 a.m., unless otherwise authorized by the state personnel director.
- (7) A week is defined as a 7-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, unless otherwise authorized by the state personnel director.
- (8) A biweekly work period consists of 80 hours of work, normally performed on 10 work days within the 14 consecutive calendar days that coincide with the current pay periods. A biweekly pay period is considered complete if the actual time worked, plus any paid administrative, annual, sick, military, or holiday leave, equals or exceeds 80 hours. The premium for overtime hours worked is not counted as work time.

c. Control

- (1) The appointing authority has the right to require an employee to work overtime, and to see that the employee does not work unauthorized overtime.

- (2) The appointing authority is responsible for scheduling and authorizing overtime.
- (3) The appointing authority must establish policies and procedures for scheduling and authorizing overtime.
- (4) The appointing authority is responsible for pay for all overtime worked, even if overtime worked is not authorized, and the benefits of the overtime work are accepted by the appointing authority.

d. Scheduling

- (1) The daily or biweekly work schedule of an employee must not be altered on a temporary basis to avoid premium overtime. The employee's work schedule must be posted or the employee must be notified of the next biweekly work schedule not less than 48 hours before the beginning of the biweekly work period.
 - (A) If the employee's work schedule is changed during a biweekly work period or within 48 hours prior to the beginning of a pay period for the following pay period, the employee is eligible for overtime payment for all hours worked outside of the employee's original work schedule for the balance of the affected pay period.
- (2) To the extent that sufficient notice is available and the best interests of the state allow, and giving consideration to work assignments and organizational units in the department, the employer must schedule overtime work as equally as practicable among employees who normally perform the assigned duties.
 - (A) An employee who declines to work overtime is counted as having worked in determining this "equal share".
 - (B) If an insufficient number of employees normally performing the duties volunteer to work

overtime, the overtime may be offered to other employees qualified to do the work.

- (C)** The appointing authority may mandate overtime when an insufficient number of employees volunteer for scheduled overtime or there is an emergency.
- e.** Timekeeping — Positive timekeeping records must be maintained at the agency level for all eligible employees. Positive timekeeping is defined as recording the total number of hours worked and the total number of leave hours used on a daily and weekly basis with weekly totals.
- f.** Timeliness of Payment — The employer must make a good faith effort to make payment for overtime worked on the pay day of the first pay period following the biweekly work period in which the overtime is worked.
- g.** Compensatory Time
- (1)** With the approval of the employer, the employee may, upon request, accrue compensatory time at the premium rate (time-and-one-half) in lieu of payment, for overtime, if agreement to accrue compensatory time is reached before the work is performed.
- (2)** The employee may accrue up to 240 hours of compensatory time at the premium rate. In the case of an employee engaged in public safety, emergency response or seasonal activity, the maximum accrual is 480 hours.
- (A)** Public safety activity refers to employees employed to enforce laws and maintain peace and order, who have the power to arrest and have undergone, or are undergoing, specialized training. Corrections officers, by specific mention, are likewise covered.
- (B)** Emergency response activity refers to rescue work and ambulance services.

- (C) Seasonal activity refers to work during lengthy, regular recurring periods of significantly increased demand.

Note: When compensatory time is approved, the employee must be paid, by gross pay adjustment, for all premiums (e.g., shift, hazard except T-rate and G-rate) due for the overtime hours worked at a time-and-one-half rate.

- (3) With the approval of the employer, the employee may, upon request, have the 8 hour daily overtime provision waived and have a work schedule adjustment within the week in lieu of an accumulation of overtime. For employees of Department of Community Health facilities, such adjustments are not allowed.

h. Scheduling of Compensatory Time

- (1) Compensatory time is used at the convenience of the employee subject to supervisory approval based on criteria applicable to the use of annual leave.

Note: The employer is required to honor all requests for compensatory time off, unless to do so would be "unduly disruptive."

- (2) Compensatory time must be used before annual leave except when an employee at the maximum annual leave cap would thereby lose annual leave.
- (3) If the employee has not used accrued compensatory time before the end of the fiscal year in which the time has been accrued, the employee may be paid at the base rate for the compensatory time unused at the end of the fiscal year, or at the average base rate received during the last 3 years, whichever is higher. If the employee is not paid for the accrued compensatory time, it is carried forward into the next fiscal year.

(4) Unused compensatory time accruals of an employee who resigns, retires, is dismissed, or moves to a different appointing authority are paid at the employee's current base hourly rate, or at the average base rate received during the last 3 years, whichever is higher.

(5) Unused compensatory time accruals of an employee who is laid off are paid at the base rate, or at the average base rate received during the last 3 years, whichever is higher. This does not apply to temporary layoffs.

Note: Freezing of compensatory time accruals is not allowed.

3. On-Call Compensation

a. Rate — Employees scheduled for on-call duty are compensated at the rate of 1 hour of straight time pay for each 5 hours of on-call duty.

b. Basis

(1) "On-Call" is defined as the scheduled state of availability to return to duty, work ready, within a specified time period. General availability of employees as "backup" to working personnel in the event of an extreme emergency is not considered as on-call.

(2) An employee actually required to return to duty is compensated in accordance with the regulations on callback compensation for those hours actually worked or for which payment under the callback procedure is made (See standard A.4.).

(3) An employee is not paid on-call compensation for regularly scheduled duty hours or while on paid authorized leave.

c. Control

- (1) Full-time employees called back to duty are paid at established overtime rates as outlined in standard A.2.
- (2) Less than full-time employees are compensated at straight time rates, unless by virtue of the callback the employee works in excess of 8 hours in a day or 40 hours in a week. For less than full-time employees working in Department of Community Health facilities, compensation is at straight time rates, unless by virtue of the callback the employee works in excess of 8 hours in a day or 80 hours in a biweekly pay period.

b. Basis

- (1) Employees called back to duty outside of their normal working hours are guaranteed a minimum of 3 hours pay, except that employees must be compensated for the actual amount of time worked if either of the following apply:
 - (A) They are called back to duty within 3 hours of their regular starting time; or,
 - (B) The period of callback duty exceeds 3 hours.
- (2) Employees on scheduled on-call status are not paid on-call compensation for callback duty hours.

c. Control

- (1) The employer has the right to call an employee back to duty and to schedule callback duty as necessary in the manner most advantageous to the employer and consistent with the requirements of state employment and the public interest.
- (2) Policies and procedures for authorization and payment of callback duty must be established by the appointing authority.

- d. Timekeeping — Positive timekeeping records must be maintained at the agency level for all eligible employees as defined in standard A.2.e.
- e. Method of Payment — The employer must compensate employees for callback time in accordance with standard A.2.f.
- f. Scheduling of Compensatory Time — The scheduling and use of compensatory time must be in accordance with standard A.2.h.
- g. Timeliness of Payment — The employer must make a good faith effort to pay for callback duty on the pay day of the first pay period following the biweekly work period in which the callback duty is worked.

B. Ineligible Employees

- 1. Employees in classifications that are assigned the eligibility code of “Y” are ineligible for overtime. Ineligible is represented as exempt in the Human Resources Management Network system (see the Compensation Plan for eligibility codes).
 - a. When processing a preauthorized reclassification, the appointing authority must enter the assigned eligibility code, as reported in section A of the Compensation Plan, for the new classification level.
- 2. Work Schedules
 - a. Scheduling and Control
 - (1) Work schedules for ineligible employees are established by the appointing authority. Employees are normally present during the regular course of the work day. However, it is recognized that demands on their time may vary from one pay period to another. Absences without charge to leave credits may be granted for any period of time, providing the appointing authority certifies the employee has completed the equivalent of a full pay period.

- (2) The appointing authority can adopt a formalized compensatory time plan for ineligible employees in lieu of the above. If a compensatory time plan is used, the following conditions must be met:
- (A) The employee must be paid by gross pay adjustment for all premiums (e.g., shift, hazard except "P" rate) due for the overtime worked.
 - (B) Positive timekeeping records must be maintained for all employees covered. Positive timekeeping is defined as recording the total number of hours worked and the total number of leave hours used on a daily and weekly basis.
 - (C) Compensatory time is used at the convenience of the employee subject to supervisory approval based on criteria applicable to the use of annual leave.
 - (D) Compensatory time must be used before annual leave, except where an employee at the maximum annual leave cap would thereby lose annual leave.
 - (E) Ineligible employees must not be paid for unused compensatory accruals at any time, except as provided in rule 5-4.6.
 - (F) Employees in the senior executive service and ECP Group 4 are not eligible to accrue compensatory time, except as provided in rule 5-4.6.
- b. Overtime — The appointing authority must obtain prior approval from the Department of Civil Service to compensate employees for overtime hours worked.
- (1) Appointing authority requests for approval to pay overtime to ineligible employees must be submitted to the Department of Civil Service.

- (2) Overtime approval requests must contain the employee's name, employee identification number, classification, position code, justification for request, beginning date, and expiration date.
- (3) If approval is granted to pay overtime, the employees must be compensated at a premium rate to be determined as follows:

(A) If the employee's hourly rate is less than the highest rate of eligible employees, the employee is paid time and one-half for overtime.

(B) If the employee's hourly rate is greater than the highest rate of eligible employees, the employee is paid time and one-half times the highest rate of eligible employees, or straight time, whichever is greater.

Example: Highest eligible employee rate is \$27.04. Time and one-half times \$27.04 is \$40.56.

1) Employees whose base hourly rate is equal to or less than \$27.04 receive time-and-one-half payment.

2) Employees earning \$40.56 or greater receive straight time payment.

3) Employees earning between \$27.04 and \$40.56 will receive \$40.56.

(C) Employees whose work assignments result in premiums being added to their base rates, (e.g., shift differential, "P" rate, etc.), must have their overtime rate adjusted by the amount of the premium in the same proportion.

3. On-Call — The appointing authority must obtain prior approval from the Department of Civil Service to compensate employees for on-call duty under special circumstances.

- C. Exceptions to the above standards for non-exclusively represented employees may be requested by the appointing authority. These requests should be submitted to the state personnel director.

CONTACT

Questions regarding this regulation should be directed to the Department of Civil Service, P.O. Box 30002, 400 South Pine Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517) 335-7862 or (517) 373-7618, or MDCS-BHRS@state.mi.us .

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