Once again this year, transactions to perform the various year-end control table updates are being made available by ftp.

There are normally three sets of updates at this time of year:
- Advance Benefits Plan Updates
- Arrears Benefits Plan Updates
- Tax-year Table Changes

This note is to announce the availability of the Advance Benefits Plan updates. The Arrears Benefits Plan Updates and the Tax-year Table Changes will be available in December.

This control table update package consists of one dataset which must be processed at the proper point in time during the month of December. Please note that processing the table updates either too late or too early may result in improper employee deductions and/or improper departmental charges.

Advance Benefits Rates Updates and Related Table Changes

Benefits Rates Table updates and related changes for advance programs must be applied to your control tables after completion of all payroll processing for the month of November but prior to the first compute for December earnings. If you are following the '2005 Year-End Processing Sequence' document, available on the web, these updates are step 9 on that schedule.

This year, we again have some campus differences so there are actually two advance datasets. The Definity Health Plan is available at two campuses only: UCSF and UCSB. Those two campuses should pick up and process the dataset MRADV05B, which contains 644 transactions. All other campuses should pick up and process the dataset MRADV05A, which contains 600 transactions:

The MRADV datasets contain the following:
1) A transaction to update System Parameter 249, HI MAX MEDICARE REFUND, to $88.50.
2) Transactions to update the BRT:
   a) AD&D Rates for 2006
b) Supplemental Life Rates for 2006  
c) Medical Plan Rates for 2006 (Note 1)  
d) Dental Plan Rates for 2006  
e) Vision Plan rates for 2006  
f) Legal Plan Rates for 2006  

3) A transaction to update the CTT table with a changehe description of the Definity Health plan (Note 1)

Process dataset MRADV05A or MRADV05B as appropriate for your location through the CTL update stream. As always, we suggest unloading the updated DB2 control tables as a backup or making an imagecopy.

NOTE 1: Only UCSF and UCSB should have the rates and the CTT record for the Definity medical plan (DH).

The Technical Details

The datasets identified above are members of the cardlib PAYDIST.CTL2005.CARDLIB on the Payroll ftp site. The year-end tax table members and arrears rates will be added to this library as they are available and will be announced.

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