This release addresses the following Service Request.

**Service Request 81224 - Modification to Salary Step Edit (R1636)**
The service request reads as follows:

The modified Salary Step Edit (R1636) should be changed to allow blank Salary Step (EDB2049) values for all Personnel Program Codes. The one time program associated with this release should also be modified to recognize blank Steps as valid values.

In addition to the requested change, we are modifying the step edit programs and the Title Code Table access program to perform a different type of request for TCT data. This is being done in order to avoid potential problems that might arise when a title does not have both current covered and uncovered rates.

**Programs**

**PPEC051**
This program performs the minimum distribution consistency edits for the online EAPP function (Appointment and Distribution Update), the EAPC function (Appts./Distributions-Condense) and the corresponding batch file maintenance function.

The program was modified to use the TCT for salary step value validation in R1636. For this release, it was modified to always allow a blank Salary Step. It was also modified to use a different call to PPTCTUTL requesting only one rate set for the desired Title Code, Sub-Location, Date and Representative Code. This avoids any problems that might occur when using the “Long” call that causes PPTCTUTL to process both covered and uncovered rates regardless of what is specified in the call.
PPEI053
This program performs miscellaneous distribution edits during the update function, online and batch.

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PPTCTUTL
This is the common program used to access all the data from the TCT (Title Code) tables. Various types of requests are made to the program one of which is “Frame Regular Rate”. This requests returns rate information for one specific combination of Title Code, Sub-Location, Pay Rep Code and Date. This function reads the TSL and TSB tables but does not load the data from these tables to the copy member. It was modified to do the loads so that the calling programs, PPEC051, PPEI053 and PPOT1641, can use the “Frame Regular Rate” call and still obtain the needed Lookup Code and Number of Steps data elements.

PPOT1641
This one-time program is the same as the one-time for R1636, a report produced to identify any current salary steps that are invalid. For this release, it was modified to always consider a blank Salary Step as valid. It was also modified to use a different call to PPTCTUTL requesting only one rate set for the desired Title Code, Sub-Location, Date and Representative Code. This avoids any problems that might occur when using the “Long” call that causes PPTCTUTL to process both covered and uncovered rates regardless of what is specified in the call.

Test Plan
An installation Test Plan is provided with this release. This test plan is the same as the test plan from R1636 with additional test cases for allowing a blank salary step. These are noted in the document.

Installation Instructions
An Installation Instructions Document is provided with this release.

Timing of Installation
The installation of this release is Urgent if R1636 has already been installed. This release should be installed as soon as possible in order to avoid the problems with the blank salary step. This release includes all the modules in release 1636. Therefore, it can be installed in lieu of R1636.

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