STATE CONTROLLER'S BULLETIN



Douglas E. Cotnoir, CPA, CIA State Controller Kirsten LC Figueroa, Commissioner Administrative & Financial Services

Bulletin #FY24-05

Phone: (207)626-8420

(207)626-8422

Fax:

SUBJECT: Mileage Allowance Increase

DATE: January 29, 2024

TO: All Departments and Agencies

FROM: Douglas E. Cotnoir, CPA, CIA State Controller

The mileage allowance for use of personal vehicles on State business have been changed in recently ratified collective bargaining agreements. The mileage allowance will now be calculated as 75% of the federal rate in effect as of October 1, 2023, rounded up to the nearest cent. Thereafter, effective November 1 of every calendar year, the mileage allowance will be calculated as 80% of the federal rate in effect as of October 1 of that same year, rounded up to the nearest cent. Following are the new mileage rates and their respective effective dates:

- Effective with dates of travel on or after January 1, 2024, the privately-owned vehicle (POV) mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.50 per mile.
- For members of the **MSLEA** bargaining unit, the effective date is for dates of travel on or after **November 1, 2023**.
- For dates of travel **prior to the new effective dates**, the POV mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.46 per mile.
- Employees who are disabled and use their own personal adapted vehicle on State business, shall receive the current mileage reimbursement plus an additional ten cents (\$0.10) per mile.
- The State retains the right to require employees to use State vehicles in lieu of mileage reimbursement.

Title 5 §8 also establishes a mileage reimbursement rate for employees and state officers and officials not subject to a collective bargaining agreement or for those agreements that do not specify a mileage reimbursement rate. Effective July 1, 2021, the statutory mileage rate is defined as the lower of the rate included in the bargaining agreement representing the most employees or the federal rate of reimbursement, for miles actually traveled on state business. **This rate is \$0.50 per mile**.

14 State House Station Burton M. Cross Building, 4th Floor Augusta, ME 04333-0014