



# STATE CONTROLLER'S BULLETIN

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## Change in the Advantage Nightly Cycle for Disbursement Processing

Over the past several months, the Office of the State Controller has been working with our interface partners on a project to streamline disbursements made by EFT or paper check. The disbursement processing regimen that we are implementing allows the OSC to remain within its budgetary resources for operating Advantage, while providing an efficient and timely payment cycle which more than meets the 25 day requirement mandated in Title 5, Chapter 144, Sections 1551 – 1558. Beginning today, January 20, 2009, all requested payments, other than benefit payments that have a federally mandated schedule, will be accumulated in the AdvantageME System until the disbursements are made to vendors and other individuals under the new weekly disbursement processing cycle.

All agencies must take this revision in the timing of disbursements into consideration when processing invoices. It is the agency's responsibility to adhere to Title 5, Chapter 144, regarding the requirement for timely payment. As such, agencies should not promise any payments to vendors or other individuals that require an exception to the weekly disbursement processing cycle.