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**MMARS Policy: Payroll**

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## **Central Payroll Systems: Human Resources Compensation Management System (HR/CMS)**

### **Executive Summary**

The Human Resources Compensation Management System (HR/CMS) is a biweekly payroll system that supports all employees in all branches of government (with the exception of the University of Massachusetts). HR/CMS provides flexible functionality for state human resources and payroll administrators and assures conformity to state and federal financial and legal requirements. HR/CMS allows for standardized data for new hires across the Commonwealth including the reporting of EEO/AA goals, enhanced services to employees such as multiple direct deposit opportunities, and greater flexibility to administer payroll.

### **Considerations**

This policy applies to all Commonwealth Branches and Departments.

### **Policy**

HR/CMS is comprised of four major subsystems:

- Human Resources
- Payroll
- Time and Labor Reporting
- Base Benefits Administration

HR/CMS is a unified, enterprise-wide, application that is run on a web platform and provides an adaptable set of functions and capabilities to meet the human resource and compensation needs of the Commonwealth.

The HR/CMS payroll interfaces biweekly with the Commonwealth's Labor Cost Management (LCM) for funds availability editing and labor distribution. LCM then updates the state accounting system, the Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System (MMARS).

### **Authority**

- Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7A, Sections 3, 7 and 8
- Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 29, Section 31

### **Internal Controls**

### **Information Sources**

- Related Procedure – None
- Legal Authority -
- Attachments - None
- Links - None
- [Contacts – CTR Help Desk](#)
  
- **November 1, 2006** – Removed language referencing Knowledge Center and updated relevant links to Mass.gov/osc portal site.