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# Kentucky Employee Benefits EERP Processing Guide

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#### Introduction

This document provides instructions for importing and processing benefit transaction records created by the Department of Employee Insurance (DEI). Other processes outlined include updating employee deductions and generating employee termination files. It is critical that each district import transaction files to prevent discrepancies between the district health insurance information and KHRIS.

#### \*\*NEW: KDE EERP Team/ Training Videos

Link (SharePoint) to the Training Videos folder. The training video for the Daily KHRIS File Import process is located within the folder:

**Training Videos** 

## Navigate to the Program

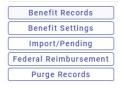
Human Capital Management > Payroll > State Specific > South > Kentucky > KY Employee Benefits Or:

#### Type "KY Employee Benefits" in the Tyler Hub search box

When you select the KY Employee Benefits program, a message will appear if there are import files to process. Select **OK** then the main screen will load.



# **KY Employee Benefits Main Screen**



- o Benefit Records Contains all active benefit information.
- Benefit Settings Holds the information necessary for the benefit costs to post properly to deductions and for federal reimbursement files.
- Import/Pending Used to import the files prepared by the Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) and also serves as a "holding" place for records until the user is ready to make the records active.

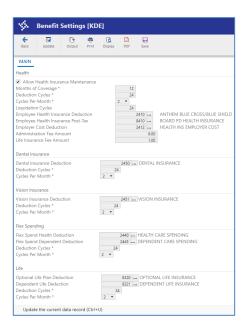
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- Federal Reimbursement Used to generate and create the file for reimbursement of federal benefit costs.
- Purge Records Used to purge active enrollment records. Records are to be kept for the current and prior fiscal years as well as the current and prior calendar years.

## **Benefit Settings**

This screen is maintained manually by the user and contains information necessary for the benefits program to properly post costs to deduction codes as well as the federal reimbursement file. Enter the deduction codes appropriate to you district.

*Note:* Deduction codes shown in the screenshot are for demonstration purposes only. Your deduction codes may differ from what is shown.



The Benefit Settings screen will need to be updated any time the Administrative Fee or Life Insurance Fee amounts are changed. When the state paid amount changes, KDE will distribute an email to all Finance Officers. Select Update from the ribbon and make the necessary changes when needed.

#### **Notes:**

Make sure appropriate deduction codes, cycles and cycles per month have been entered into the Benefits Settings screen.

The Employee Health Insurance Post-Tax deduction code field was added to the Benefit Settings screen with the December 2016 update of the program. Make sure the Post-Tax deduction code has been added to the screen prior to updating an employee's benefit record to "post-tax".

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## **Import/Pending**

This area is used to import files and manage the files after they have been imported. Each benefit imports as a separate record and can be viewed before moving to active. From the Import & Pending screen, a user can choose to import additional records, view records that have been imported and move the imported records to active in order to complete the update deductions step. There is also an option to purge imported records that do not need to be moved to active. An example of this would be a district that receives a record on an employee who resigned from the district long ago. In this case, in addition to purging the record, it is suggested to also notify DEI so appropriate measures can be taken to correct the former employee's records on their end.

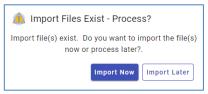
Importing records properly into the health insurance module requires the system to find an "Active" status employee for the social security number listed on the import file. The import process will import every record that's contained on the file. However, manual intervention will be required if employee records exist without the employee being active in Employee Master.

## **Importing Files**

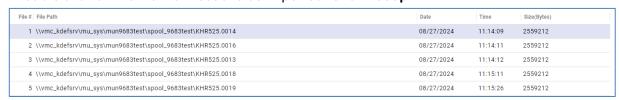
Perform the following steps in EERP to import transaction files.

1. Select *Import/Pending* from the KY Employee Benefits main screen and the following message will appear if there are files ready to be imported:

Choose Import Now if you are ready to process a file. If not, select Import Later.



Double click on the file that needs to be imported. Click Accept.



Select **Load File** and choose **Yes** to the Verify Import File message.

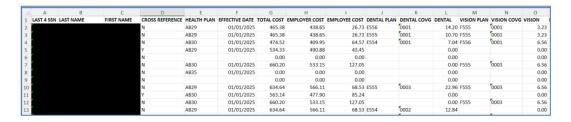


2. Select Accept on the Export Filter Screen.

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3. Select **Open** to view the report in Excel. Review the report that is generated during the output to determine if the file contains information for your employees.

<u>Note:</u> The following screenshot is an example. Your report will contain the last four digits of the employee's SSN as well as the full last and first name of each employee.



4. There are two choices on the KY Benefits Import Option screen. Select the *1-Proceed to Proof* **Stage** option.



Note: Option 2 – Import File is Invalid is to be used only if you receive an import file that does not contain any of your employees. This is not to be used to just remove a file from the import directory.

Select *Option 1* if you are ready to proceed then select an Output method. The report generated during this step, *KY Employee Benefits Import Proof*, will include every employee the system is able to match from the import file to an active employee. The report will export in alphabetical order and looks similar to the *KY Benefits Import File* report but will include information regarding records that cannot be imported due to not having a record in the Employee Master.

Note: The report will list the EERP Employee ID in the first column if an Employee Master record exists. If a master record does not exist, the last four of the SSN is listed in the first column. Employees without a master record will import into the pending area. However, they will import with an employee number of 0 (zero). If the person is an employee of the district, an Employee Master record will need to be added and then a Benefit Record containing the information found on the employee #0 record will need to be added manually. The employee #0 record can then be removed from the pending area.

If errors are encountered during the proof stage, you will be prompted to choose an output method. It is important to select an output type and <u>review the KY Benefit Import Proof Error</u>

<u>Report prior to proceeding with the import process</u>. Errors can result from an employee not having

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a master record, the master record is marked Inactive or discrepancies exist such as a different SSN on the file for an employee than what is recorded in EERP.

5. There are two options if errors are received:



a. Select **Yes** to the message, *Would you like to apply the import?*, if you choose to disregard the errors and not activate or add the employee(s) that are listed on the error report. This method *is not recommended*.

<u>Files for inactive employees</u> will be imported and need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If the employee is on leave and will return, the record will be moved to active. If the employee no longer works in the district and the record is not needed, the import record can be purged prior to processing the <u>Move to Active</u> step.

Files when an Employee Master record does not exist will be imported and show up with a "zero" employee number. If these records were valid and an employee master record should have been set up prior to importing the file, the information will have to be manually added to the Benefit Records screen. These records are imported to serve as another reminder that files existed without an employee master record. If they are not needed, process Purge to remove the files before the Move to Active step. If they are needed, review the information on each screen carefully so the information can be manually added as an active benefit record then purge the "zero" employee number record from the pending area.

- b. Select **No** to the message, Would you like to apply the import?. This will stop the process so the employee(s) can be activated and/or added to Employee Master. Go to Employee Master, update the employee's status (or add the new employee's record) then start the import process again.
- 6. When selecting **Yes**, the files will be imported.

If there were import records for employees who do not exist in Employee Master or whose master record was set to inactive, the message shown below will appear. This message will be received if you selected Yes to the message, *Would you like to apply the import?*, but had employees not added to the master, employees that had an inactive status, employees whose SSNs on the import file did not match records in EERP or the employees on the error report are no longer employed in the district.

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Select **OK** to the message below, choose an output method and review the information on the error report.



7. After the file has been imported, the message below will appear. Click OK.



The next message gives the name of the file that was imported and shows what the file will be renamed to since the import process has been completed. The only change in the naming scheme is that KHR becomes KHD. These files remain in your spool directory.



8. When the import process is finished, click on **Back** to go back to the Pending Area.

#### **Viewing the Import Records**

The screenshot below is an example only. The full employee name will be displayed on the screen.



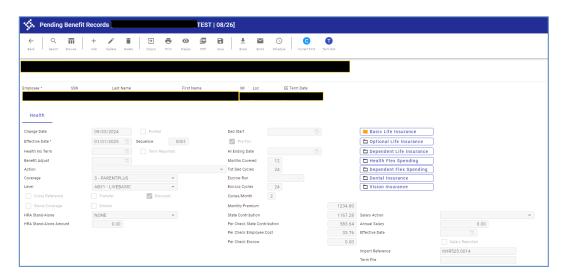
The screenshot below is an example of the Import & Pending screen when employees were imported without having an Employee Master record:

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The "zero employee number" records should be reviewed prior to purging the records. If these records were valid and an employee master record should have been set up prior to importing the file, the information will have to be manually added to the *Benefit Records* screen. These records are imported to serve as a third reminder that files existed without an employee master record. If they are needed, review the information on each screen carefully so the information can be manually added as an active benefit record. Process *Purge* to remove the files before completing the *Move to Active* step and remember to add the records manually in the *Benefit Records* screen. You will add all records associated with the employee: health, basic life, optional life, dependent life, health FSA and dependent care FSA.

Records can be viewed by double-clicking on a record from the Import & Pending screen. The example below is a health record after double-clicking on the record from the Import & Pending screen:

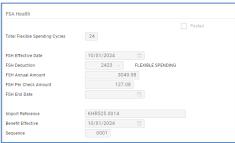


The pending record screen looks the same as the active record screen with the exception of it being labeled, *Pending Benefit Records*. A record is not active at this point and further steps have to be taken to move the record to the active set in order to process other functions such as updating deductions.

User can also choose to view other types of records by double-clicking a record. A Find and Current Find can be performed in any of the benefit screens.

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#### Example- Health Flex:



<u>Note:</u> If there are less than a full calendar year's pay cycles remaining, you will need to update the *Total Flexible Spending* Cycles field to reflect the number of deductions left for the calendar year.

The FSH Per Check Amount field will automatically calculate using the updated number in the Total Flexible Spending Cycles field. This can be done on the pending record prior to moving the benefit records to active.

## **Exporting Records to Excel**

Records in the Import & Pending area can be exported to Excel by selecting the Excel icon at the top of the screen. User will then complete the Export Filter by choosing which fields are needed in the spreadsheet.

## **Purge Pending Records**

Records can be purged from the *Pending* area prior to processing the *Move to Active* step. Valid reasons for purging records include the following:

- 1. Record exists for a former employee and record is not needed.
- 2. Records were imported without having an Employee Master record. These files imported with an employee number of zero and need to be reviewed for manual entry into the Benefit Records and purged from the pending area.

Records can be purged by following the steps below:

- 1. Select **Update**.
- 2. Check the box(es) of the record(s) that need to be purged.
- 3. Press enter or click Accept.
- 4. Select Purge.
- 5. Select Yes to the message below if you are ready to purge the records:



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*Note:* You can also Find a particular employee whose records need to be purged from the pending area. After finding the employee, select the Update icon then click on *Select All* before selecting *Purge*.

## **Moving Records to Active**

Records can remain in the Pending area until the user is ready to move the records to active. When records need to be moved, there are several ways to accomplish this task.

#### Moving all pending records to active

- 1. From the Import & Pending screen, select **Update** and choose **Select All** from the ribbon then click **Accept**:
- 2. The next step is to choose **Set Start Date**. You will enter the deduction start date for each deduction type into the screen:

Example screen shot only-These dates are determined by each district but should be a date within the payroll date range of the payroll when deduction of benefits will begin.



#### Select Move to Active:



3. Select Yes if you are ready to move the selected records to active:



#### Moving a select amount of records

1. From the Import & Pending screen, select **Update** then choose the records you want to move to active by checking the box.

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Click **Accept** after you've checked the boxes of each employee's record you want to move to active.

2. Choose **Set Start Date** and enter the deduction start date for each of the benefit types:

Example screen shot only-These dates are determined by each district but should be a date within the payroll date range of the payroll when deduction of benefits will begin.



3. Select Move to Active:



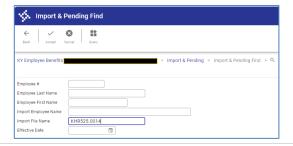
4. Select **Yes** if you are ready to move the selected records to active:

#### Find a Set of Records to Move to Active

If you have a large number of import records and need to find a particular Import File number or an effective date, a Search can be performed from the Import & Pending screen. Any combination of criteria can be entered into the Search screen.

Examples of Search Criteria:

Based on the criteria entered into this screenshot, only the pending records that are associated with import file number KHR525.0014 will be found:



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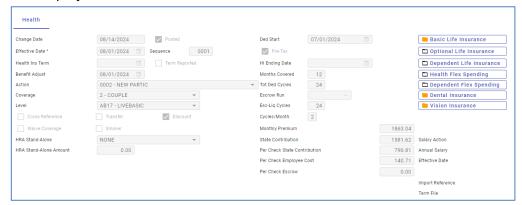
After records have been selected, you will then select *Set Start Date* to enter the deduction start date for each benefit type and then choose *Move to Active*.

#### **Benefit Records**

Select **Benefit Records** from the KY Employee Benefits main screen.

#### Important to Note:

- 1. This portion of the KY Employee Benefits program contains records that have been moved from the pending area and are either ready for the update deductions step or have already had that step processed.
- 2. All pieces of the health insurance record are available on one screen.
- 3. Other benefit information such as life and flexible spending accounts are available by selecting the folder on the employee's health insurance record.
- 4. If a folder is yellow, that indicates the employee has that type of benefit.
- 5. If the employee does not have the benefit, the folder will be clear. In the example shown below, this employee has Vision and Dental in addition to health and basic life.



#### **Current Find**

Selecting **Current Find** will produce the most recent record for each employee in the benefit records program based on effective date and sequence number.

## **Global Copy**

This option creates a new set of records based on a found set. This option would be used in a situation such as the new-year import files were processed and deductions updated prior to all December payrolls being completed. **Global Copy** would take a pre-defined set of enrollment records and copy them so a user could process update deductions to correct the error of processing the open enrollment file too early.

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#### **Term Gen**

This option generates the terminated employee file. Instructions for the termination file are provided in the <u>Creating the Term File</u> section of this document.

#### **Update Deds**

This option creates and updates employee deductions from the active set. The process for updating deductions is found in the *Updating Deductions* section of this document.

#### **Advice**

Prints employee coverage advices. Find the employee(s) whose advice needs to be printed or displayed and select Advice from the Benefit Records screen.

#### **Additional Benefits**

#### **Life & FSA Benefit Records**

Additional benefits information is contained on separate screens on the benefit record. A yellow folder on the benefit record indicates the employee has that benefit. When a folder is selected, the information for that particular benefit will be displayed.

Examples of benefit records are shown in this section.

## Flexible Spending Account - Health

This screen contains the information related to an employee's Health FSA which is pulled from the import file. If there are less than a full calendar year's pay cycles remaining, the *Total Flexible Spending Cycles* field will need to be updated to reflect the number of deductions left for the calendar year.

The FSH Per Check Amount field will automatically calculate using the updated number in the Total Flexible Spending Cycles field. The update can be performed on the pending record prior to moving the benefit records to active. However, if the information was not updated prior to moving the record to active, the update must take place prior to updating deductions.



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## Flexible Spending Account - Dependent Care

This screen contains the information related to an employee's Dependent Care FSA which is pulled from the import file. If there are less than a full calendar year's pay cycles remaining, the *Total Flexible Spending Cycles* field will need to be updated to reflect the number of deductions left for the calendar year. The *FSH Per Check Amount* field will automatically calculate using the updated number in the *Total Flexible Spending Cycles* field. The update can be performed on the pending record prior to moving the benefit records to active. However, if the information was not updated prior to moving the record to active, the update must take place prior to updating deductions.



#### **Post Tax Deductions**

Health insurance records are posted to employee deductions as pre-tax deductions unless the Pre-Tax box on the employee's Benefit Record is "unchecked". Follow the steps below for each employee who should have a Post-Tax health insurance deduction:

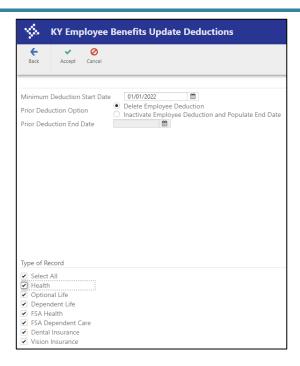
- 1. Make sure the Post-Tax deduction code has been entered into the <u>Benefit Settings</u> screen of the KY Employee Benefits program prior to updating the "Pre-Tax" box on the benefit record.
- 2. Find the employee's health insurance Benefit Record.
- 3. Click Update and "uncheck" the Pre-Tax box.
- 4. Click Accept.

**Note:** After Update Deds is processed, go to Employee Deductions to verify that the Post-Tax deduction posted. If the employee had a previous pre-tax health deduction, manually delete the pre-tax health deduction leaving only the post-tax deduction in the employee's deduction records.

# **Updating Deductions**

- 1. Perform a Current Find or find the record(s) that need to be processed.
- 2. Click *Update Deductions* from the Benefit Records ribbon.
- 3. Select Define.
  - a. Enter a **Minimum Deduction Start Date**. Only benefit records with a Deduction Start Date as of that date or later will be processed during the Update Deduction process. Any unposted records with a Deduction Start Date that falls before this date will be ignored.

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There are two options to choose from when updating deductions.

- Delete Employee Deduction <u>This is the most common option used by districts.</u> This
  option will delete the existing employee deductions for health, life and FSA and replace
  with the new amounts. When selecting Delete Employee Deduction, no Prior Deduction
  End Date is entered.
- Inactivate Employee Deduction and Populate End Date This option will keep the existing employee deduction records and establish an end date based on the date that is entered into the Prior Deduction End Date field.

Choose an option to proceed then click **Accept**. Again, the most commonly used option is **Delete Employee Deduction**.

NOTE: Districts have the option to choose which type of deductions are being updated. You may also choose "Select All."

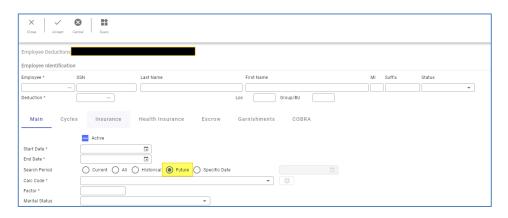
NOTE\*\* When choosing "Select All" be sure all boxes show check marks.

- 5. Select *Output-Post* and choose an output method. Review the report to make sure the information was correct. There should be both an employee and employer deduction code listed for each employee with health insurance.
- 6. Select Yes to the Update Employee Deductions Records? message if you are ready to post.

*Note:* Review employee deduction records to make sure information posted correctly. Each employee should have employee and employer paid health premiums including employees who waive coverage.

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*Note:* If searching for "Future" deductions in the Employee Deductions program, which are deductions that will begin at a future date, be sure to choose "Future." The program defaults to "Current" deductions, so you will need to choose "Search" and mark "Future" when searching for an employee's deductions beginning at a later date.



## **Creating the Term File**

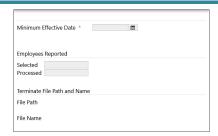
Prior to processing the steps on the Benefit Records screen, ensure a termination date has been entered on the Employee Master record. This process can be done at any time. There is no certain day of the week or month to process term files. They should be processed as soon as possible following the employee's termination. Note: There are a few exceptions to using EERP for term files. Some of these include LWOP and death of an employee. Follow the steps below to create the file:

- 1. Find the employee's record in Benefit Records screen.
- 2. Enter the Health Ins Term Date-Informational only for EERP processing and not used by DEI.
- 3. Select the appropriate action code.
  - a. 0008 TERM EE
  - b. 0051 All plans end 07/31
  - c. 0053 All plans end 08/31

Also as a reminder the EERP 0008 code should NOT be used for beginning Leave Without Pay. In order to end benefits in KHRIS for LWOP, please follow the instructions in the Benefits Administration User Guide, page 102.

- 4. Select **Term Gen** from the Benefit Records ribbon.
- 5. Select **Define** and enter an effective date. This date is the effective date that is found on the benefit enrollment record. For example, 01/01/2024. Typically, this would be January 1 of the current calendar year.

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- 6. Choose Select. This process pulls the records that need to be reported on the Term file to DEI.
- 7. An error message may display. If an error is received, select OK to the message then choose a report output method and review the report to view the employees in error. You can still generate a termination file for the employees who do not have an error.
- 8. Review the termination file report by selecting a report output method (example: Display). Select whether or not to include SSN then review the report for accuracy.
- 9. Select Create File from the ribbon.
- 10. Select **Yes** to **Flag the employees as term reported** then **OK** to the next message, **Update Term Reported Flag.**
- 11. The term file name will be displayed at the bottom of the screen:



12. The Term Reported box will now be checked on the employee's benefit record:



#### **Federal Reimbursement File**

The Kentucky Department of Education pays the employer portion of health insurance, life insurance, HRA costs and an administrative fee on behalf of school district employees. Districts are required to reimburse KDE for classified employees whose base pay is fully or partially paid from a federal grant and for certified employees whose base and extended day pay are fully or partially paid from a federal grant. After the final payroll for the month has been completed the federal reimbursement file must be generated and submitted to KDE along with payment.

*Note:* Extra earnings are not considered when calculating the federal portion of health insurance, administrative fee and life insurance. However, payroll must be processed using the appropriate object codes for the process to work properly. Supplemental earnings for classified employees should be paid using object code 0131 (Other Classified Pay) or 0132 (Classified Salaries Extra Pay). Supplemental

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earnings for certified employees should be paid using object code 0112 (Extra Duty-Contract); 0113 (Other Certified-Not part of contract); or 0114 (National Board Teacher Certification).

## **Generating the Federal Reimbursement File**

- 1. Select *Federal Reimbursements* from the KY Employee Benefits main screen.
- 2. Select Define.
- 3. Enter report criteria as follows:

Define	Field Description
Fields	
Billing Year	This is the calendar year for the file.
Billing	Select the month for the file.
Month	
Payroll	This range is based on a calendar month. If generating a file for October 2024, the date
Date Range	range would be 10/01/2024-10/31/2024.
Excluded	This section is used to exclude payrolls that aren't needed to do the calculation for the
Payrolls	month's federal reimbursement file. It is generally used to exclude payrolls for
	reimbursements processed during the summer.
	<b>Example:</b> If six payrolls are done in June that cover June, July and August for summer payrolls health insurance, you would exclude the payrolls not needed for each month's calculation. For instance, July's federal reimbursement file wouldn't use June and August payrolls so the warrants for June and August would be entered into the Excluded Payrolls section.

Select Accept after criteria has been entered.

4. Select **Execute** then select **Yes** to the following message if you are ready to generate the reimbursement records:



*Note:* Just as the warning states, proceeding with the execute step will delete previously generated records for the defined Billing Year/Month.

5. Select OK to the next message that appears.

Updating/Deleting/Adding Federal Reimbursement Records:

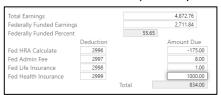
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#### **Updating a Record**

Manual changes can be made by selecting *Maintain* from the *Federal Reimbursement* screen ribbon. Scroll through the records until you get to the one that needs to be modified (or view in Browse format and select the record you want to update). Update the field(s) on the record(s).

Listed below are some examples of records that would need to be modified after they are generated:

- Employee should have been listed on the prior month's file but employee wasn't processed as a federal employee until the current month. Update all fields by adding the prior month's premium to the current month's record.
- o Employee was reported in the previous month as having waived coverage with HRA but should have been reported as having health insurance coverage. Update the Fed HRA Calculate field by inserting the amount with a negative sign in front of the number. Then update the Fed Health Insurance field to reflect the total of the previous month and current month's federal health insurance cost (example below uses \$500 per month as employer health insurance cost). Example:



#### **Deleting a Record**

Listed below are a couple of examples for when an employee's record would need to be deleted before submitting the federal reimbursement file:

- Occasionally, an employee is inadvertently paid with federal funds and the federal reimbursement record needs to be deleted prior to creating the file.
- o If your district's first paycheck for teachers, for example, is August 31<sup>st</sup> but the August federal reimbursement for those staff members was already processed earlier in the summer, the teacher's federal reimbursement records would need to be deleted prior to creating the file. Failing to delete the records would result in double payment of the reimbursement.

To delete a federal reimbursement record, select *Maintain* from the *Federal Reimbursement* screen after the records have been generated. Scroll to the employee's record that needs to be removed and select the Delete icon on the ribbon. This will delete that employee's federal reimbursement record.

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Adding a Record – In order to add an employee to the file, federal earnings history must exist within the past 12 months. Select Add in the ribbon at the top of the screen and add the employee's information along with the reimbursement amounts.

- 6. After the records have been reviewed and no additional changes are needed, close the *Maintain* screen.
- 7. Make sure the screen reflects the correct Billing Year, Billing Month and Payroll Date Range. If the correct information is not displayed, select Define then enter the criteria. (Do not select Execute again as all manual changes will be lost.)
- 8. Select G/L Post on the ribbon.
- 9. Select **Define**, enter criteria into the screen then select *Output-Post*. This step creates a journal with a source code of PRK.



#### **Notes:**

Adding records when no current month federal earnings history exists: If an employee has been added but has no current month federal earnings history but does have federal earnings history within the past 12 months, a warning will appear on the G/L Proof report that will show the timeframe of earnings history that was used when posting the reimbursement amounts.

<u>Posting to Inactive or Closed G/L Accounts:</u> If an employee is added to the file but the account number is not active or does not exist, you will receive an error message during the G/L Post process.

Select Yes to the message and review the error listing.

Consult with someone in the finance department to see if the accounts need to be activated or if different accounts should be used, select *Fix* then update the account numbers on each record.

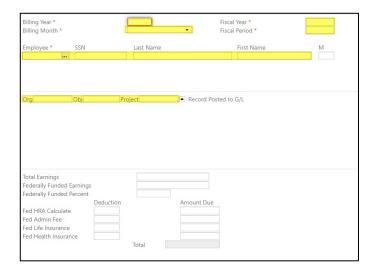
## **Federal Excel Reimbursement Report**

Districts are required to provide detailed information on each expenditure code that appears on various financial reports for certain grants. This includes salary and benefit information, federal health insurance, HRA, admin and life fees. Additional fields were added to the Federal Reimbursement Maintain screen and ribbon allowing districts to search for and export this information to Excel for reporting purposes.

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#### 1. Maintain Screen:

- a. Districts may search by any of the fields highlighted in yellow. This includes:
  - i. Billing Year/Month
  - ii. Fiscal Year/Period
  - iii. Employee Name
  - iv. SSN
  - v. Employee Number
  - vi. GL Account String



- b. Districts may also search for a series of years or months/periods using EERP search symbols.
- c. Once the search fields are chosen, click "Accept" and then choose "Federal Excel Report" on the *Maintain* Screen ribbon.



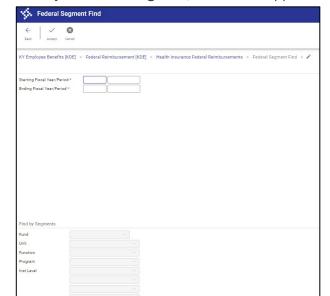
- d. You will choose either **Export Detail** or **Export Summary** for the report.
  - i. Export Detail will provide information for each GL account string on separate lines for each employee.
  - ii. Export Summary will combine all GL account strings into one summarized line for each employee.



#### 2. Segment Find:

a. Districts may also search using the **Seg Find** feature on the **Maintain** ribbon:

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b. When you choose **Seg Find**, this screen appears:

c. Districts may search GL segments based on Fiscal Year/Period beginning and end dates and choose **Federal Excel Report** on the **Maintain ribbon** to view the results.

**Note:** All districts are **required to have all 4 objects codes (0294-0297) set up in EERP.** If you are missing any of the object codes in EERP, this reporting process will not work correctly.

#### **Submitting the Federal Reimbursement File**

In January 2023, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Division of District Support created a **NEW** report submission process. With this process the districts will be exporting and uploading a specific report generated from EERP into a KDE SharePoint site. Below are the instructions that each district will follow to export this specific report and to upload that report to the SharePoint site each month.

Note: This process is separate from the payment process.

#### **Steps to Create the Federal Reimbursement File**

NOTE: The steps below detail generating a report that does not contain employee social security numbers. The report below is different from the report that was submitted in years past. Districts must submit this new report. **Any submissions of the old report/electronic fille will not be accepted.** 

1. Each month you will generate the <u>Federal Reimbursement File</u> according to the "<u>KY Employee</u> <u>Benefits EERP Processing Guide</u>".

**NOTE:** This process has not changed.

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2. Once you have generated the Federal Reimbursement File (step #1), follow the steps below to generate the **Federal Excel Report.** In EERP from the **KY Employee Benefits** main screen, select **Federal Reimbursement.** 



3. On the **Federal Reimbursement** screen ribbon <u>select</u> the "Maintain" button.



4. On the **Maintain** screen <u>select</u> the "**Search**" button.

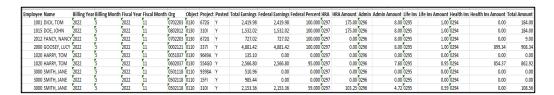


- 5. In **Search** enter the <u>details</u> to generate the report for a specific month and year. Choose <u>either</u>
  <u>Billing Year & Billing Month or Fiscal Year & Fiscal Period</u>. Once the search fields are chosen, click on "**Accept**".
- 6. Now click on the "Federal Excel Report" button.



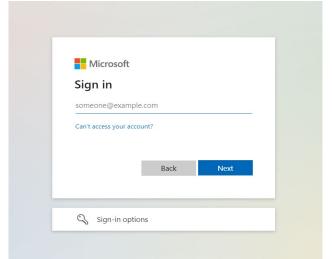
- 7. You will get a pop-up box with 2 options, choose the "**Export Detail**" option. Once the report has opened you will need to <u>save the report to your computer</u> for submission to KDE.
- 8. When saving the file and to help prevent files from being overwritten please save the file with the naming feature FR0124001org. If you are uploading a revised file, please indicate that in the file name by adding rev. Failure to follow these steps could cause the loss of critical data.
  - > FR Federal Reimbursement
  - > 01 Billing Month
  - ➤ 24 Billing Year
  - > 001 District number
  - Org or Rev Original or Revised
- 9. Below is an example of the "Federal Excel Report" (Export Details).

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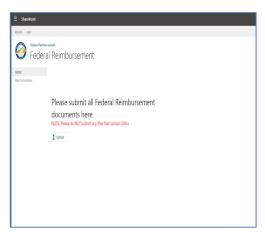


#### **Steps to Submit the Report**

- 1. To submit the **Federal Excel Report** to KDE, click on the following SharePoint link: https://staffkyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/dsapps/fedreimburse/SitePages/Home.aspx
- 2. If prompted, enter your appropriate Microsoft Credentials.

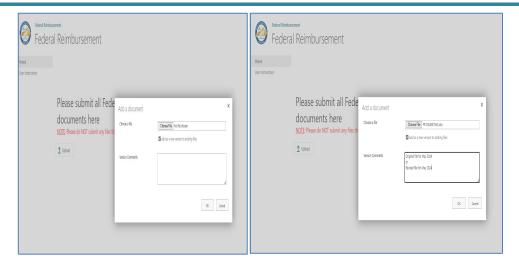


3. Once logged in, you will see the webpage screen below. To submit a report, click on the "**Upload**" button.

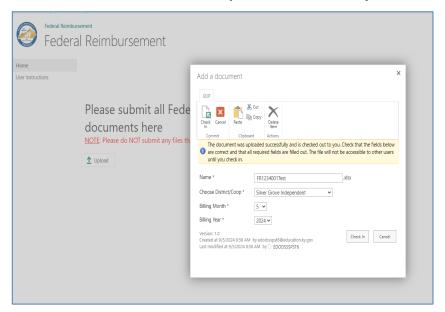


4. A dialog box will appear, beside **Choose a file**, click on the "**Choose File**" button to <u>upload</u> the specific report. The **checkbox** beside "Add as a new version to existing files" should <u>always</u> be <u>checked</u>. Besides **Version Comments**, please provide a **comment** that indicates if this file is the <u>original</u> file or a <u>revised</u> file. Also, provide the <u>billing month</u>, and <u>billing year</u> that the file corresponds too, then click the "**OK**" button.

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5. A second Add a document dialog box will open. The "Name" field will be <u>pre-populated</u>, which is the name of the file that you uploaded. On the next items click on the <u>dropdown box</u> beside each item and select the appropriate **district**, **fiscal year**, and **fiscal month**, then click <u>either</u> of the "Check In" boxes to finish. Please note at the top of the Add a document dialog box that it indicates that the document was **uploaded successfully**.



6. Once the file has been **Checked In,** you will receive a confirmation email that the file has been received.

If you have questions or a problem with the SharePoint submission process, please contact the Financial Management Branch Staff at 502-564-3846:

Jackie Chism extension #4445 or jackie.chism@education.ky.gov

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**NOTE:** To add or remove a <u>User</u> from the "**Federal Reimbursement of Health Benefits**" process please send an email to <u>finance.reports@education.ky.gov</u> with "Federal Reimbursement user change" in the <u>subject line</u>.

## **Journal Entry Required for Federal Reimbursement Payment**

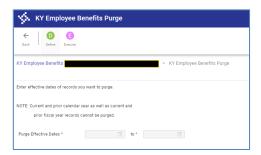
During the federal reimbursement posting process, the insurance amounts automatically post to a salary and benefits payable account. Since payment is made electronically, a journal must be entered to post the payment. In most districts, the balance sheet object code used for federal reimbursement posting is 7461. If another balance sheet account is set up, that account will be used when posting the payment. The example below uses 7461 as the liability account and 6101 as the cash account.

Debit 10-7461 \$5,000 Credit 10-6101 \$5,000

## **Purging Records**

There is a purge process available in the *KY Employee Benefits* program. However, benefit records are to be kept for the current and prior calendar years as well as the current and prior fiscal years.

Select **Purge Records** from the KY Employee Benefits main screen.



Select **Define** and enter the effective dates. Purge only one year of information at a time.

Example: 01/01/2021 to 01/01/2022 would be entered into the Purge Effective Dates fields then Accept.

Select *Execute* to complete the purge.

*Note:* If an effective date is entered that cannot be purged, the user will receive an error and will not be able to proceed. Example:

Ending purge Effective Date.
Ending purge Effective Date must be less than prior year.