

Dear Valued Client,

On behalf of the entire Payentry team, thank you for choosing us to support your business and employees this year. As we continue to transition Southland Data Processing into Payentry, please know that we are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve you and are committed to providing personal, responsive service that strengthens our partnership.

To help you finish 2024 successfully, we've prepared this year-end guide, complete with key information and proactive steps to prevent potential errors.

Wishing you a new year filled with prosperity, joy, and success.

Warmest regards,
Cherrise Newman, VP of Operations





Review the **2025 Legislative Highlights** that may affect your company (page 4).

If you have year-end adjustments to report to

Payentry, please e-mail the completed **Year-End Hold Checklist** (page 5) to your dedicated Client Advocate

by December 16, 2024.

Please refer to the **Important Payroll Dates** on page 4 of this document for dates impacting accurate reporting and timely delivery of your 2024 W-2s.

We've Enhanced Our Support Model to Serve You Better

We're pleased to announce that on Monday December 2nd you will have access to a dedicated service team who will be here to support all of your payroll needs.

We're excited to introduce a new enhancement to our service model. Now, you'll have direct access to your dedicated team of client advocates, who know your account inside and out.

By contacting your team directly, you'll experience faster, more personalized, and proactive support—no need to go through general channels.

Stay tuned! In the coming weeks, look for a notice in your Connect account with your team's direct phone number and email address. If you do not do payroll online, check your payroll report package in December for updated contact information.



2025 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

SECURE ACT 2.0

The <u>SECURE Act 2.0</u>, formally known as the "Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2022," aims to increase retirement security by expanding retirement savings options and making it easier for Americans to save for retirement. The Act includes approximately 90 provisions affecting retirement savings plans.

Below are highlights of several key provisions that will take effect in 2025. Employers should consult with appropriate legal counsel and other professionals to assess relevant changes.

- Section 101: Expanding Automatic Enrollment Effective January 1, 2025, this section requires 401(k) and 403(b) plans to automatically enroll participants.
- Section 109: Higher Catch-Up Limits for Ages 60-63 Effective January 1, 2025, this provision raises the catch-up contribution limits for employees aged 60-63.
- Section 603: Roth Treatment for Catch-Up Contributions Requires all catch-up contributions to qualified plans to be Roth contributions for employees earning \$145,000 or more.
- Section 604: Optional Roth Treatment of Employer Matching Contributions Allows employees the option to receive employer matching contributions on a Roth basis.
- Section 110: Student Loan Payments Considered for Employer Match Allows student loan payments to be considered for employer matching contributions.

MINIMUM WAGE UPDATES

Many states and localities have upcoming minimum wage increases. You can view a list of minimum wage increases scheduled for 2025 here. We will not automatically update employee records to reflect these changes, but we are happy to assist you with updating records upon request. Please contact your Client Advocate if you would like support with this process.

YEAR-END HOLD CHECKLIST

Company Code:		Name:		Signature:	
YES	NO	Other (excluding ACA Reporting)?			
YES	NO	Did you issue over 250 W-2s in 2024 and need to report employer/employee health insurance contributions on the W-2 (Box 12DD)?			
YES	NO	Do you have additional 1099M information (contracted labor) over \$600 to report?			
YES	NO	Did you reimburse any employees in 2024 for moving expenses that have not been reported?			
YES	NO	Do you have any employer-paid health savings account (HSA) contributions that have not yet been reported to Payentry?			
YES	NO	Do you pay group term life insurance premiums on behalf of your employees for coverage over \$50,000 that have not yet been reported to Payentry?			
YES	NO	Will you be paying any year-end bonuses/commissions that will exceed your typical payroll liability by more than 25%?			
YES	NO	Have any of your employees been issued third-party sick pay (3PSP) in 2024 that have not yet been reported to Payentry?			
YES	NO	Are you an S-Corporation and provide health insurance on behalf of your 2% shareholders that have not yet been reported to Payentry?			
YES	NO	Do you provide any of your employees with a company car that also can be used for non-work related purposes (PUCC) that have not yet been reported to Payentry?			





Please complete and return no later than **December 16, 2024,** if any of the following apply.

AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED
HERE

There is no need to return if you have no year-end adjustments.

If this form is not returned by Monday, December 16, 2024, your quarter/year-end returns and W-2s/1099s will be considered final.

IMPORTANT PAYROLL DATES

11/28/2024 Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day – Banking Holiday. 11/29/2024 Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. 12/16/2024 Deadline to Return Year-End Hold Checklist, 1099 filing enrollment, and ACA enrollment. 12/25/2024 Office Closed in observance of Christmas Day-Banking Holiday. 12/30/2024 Last day to request account be placed on hold for W-2 calculation and filings. For accounts that were NOT requested to be placed on hold: Last day to inform Client 12/30/2024 Advocate of any adjustments or account changes for 2024 to ensure accurate W-2s and filings. 01/01/2024 Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day – Banking Holiday. For accounts that were requested to be placed on hold: Last day to submit 2024 01/02/2025 adjustments to ensure accurate W-2s and filings. 01/09/2025 Year-end holds removed. Copies of employee and quarterly tax forms will be available for release to be published 01/13/2025 electronically as well as copies available online. 01/20/2025 Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday – Banking Holiday. 02/07/2025 Begin form W-2C production for requested amendments.



To reduce the possibility of printing W-2s/1099s with incorrect information, and to avoid penalties for missing or invalid data, please take the time to verify your employees' critical information.

W-2s & 1099s

- Ensure employee name and employee and social security number (SSN) match their social security card.
- Ensure employee mailing addresses are up to date.
- Ensure employee is coded to the correct state and local taxing jurisdictions.
- Ensure contractor/entity name matches the proper tax identification number.

Please run the **W-2 Edit Report** to obtain your employee demographic information, review and make corrections no later than your final scheduled payroll of 2024.

We cannot begin processing W-2 corrections and reprints until February 10, 2025, when all original filing copies have been distributed. Reviewing W-2 information beforehand can help save time and money.

2025 STATE RATE FREQUENCY CHANGES

You may receive state unemployment rate and withholding deposit frequency changes by mail around the end of 2024 or beginning 2025. Please email your Dedicated Client Advocate, connect.support@payentry.com or fax (704) 464-0815 a copy as soon as you receive it.

PRICING FOR YEAR-END FORM AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, & REPRINTS

TAX FILING AMENDMENT

\$150 Per Quarter Per Form

BACKDATED PAYROLL PROCESS

\$50 + Normal Processing Fees

TAX FORM RECALCULATION

\$50 Per Year (W-2/1099)

CORRECTED W-2s, 1099s, 1095s

\$50 Per Year Recalculation Fee

+ \$10 Per Form Per Year

** For adjustments involving more than two quarters, please contact your Dedicated Client Advocate or your service team for a quote. **



1099 FILING SERVICE

We are pleased to offer 1099 filing services for the 2024 year-end to all clients, whether or not 1099 wages were recorded in our system throughout the year.

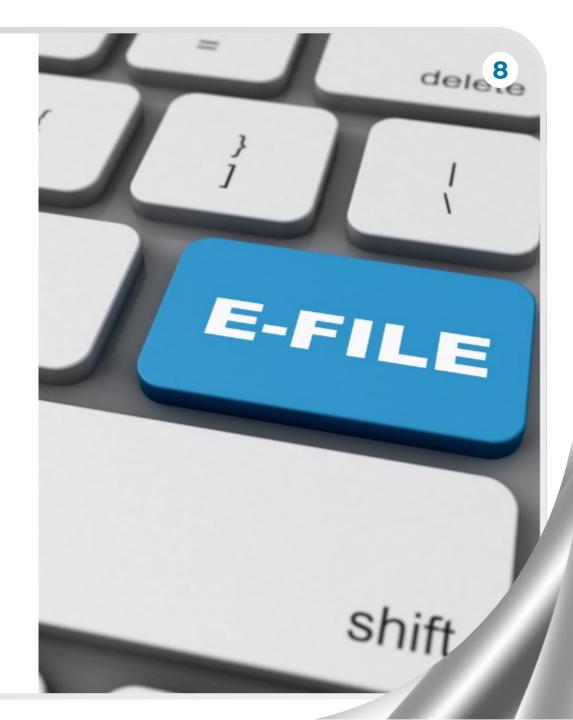
The IRS requires that ten or more consolidated filings be submitted electronically. Clients interested in using our filing service must enroll by December 16th 2024, using this <u>link</u>.

BONUS & LARGE PAYROLLS

During the end of the year, if you foresee processing a payroll over 25% larger than your typical liability, the payroll may need to be processed at least 5 business days prior to the check date.

To reduce errors and delays, communication **MUST** be initiated with the service team before payroll is processed. This will help us ensure that your payroll is processed timely without delays.

Each client has a predetermined ACH limit based on their average payroll cycle; therefore, some requests may require further review.



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Who must file ACA returns (1094/1095-Cs)?

The Employer Mandate is the Health Care Reform provision that requires all employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees (Applicable Large Employers) to offer a certain level of health insurance coverage at an affordable rate to all full-time employees or face a penalty. This mandate is sometimes referred to as the "pay or play" provision.

- Offer medical coverage to full-time and full-time-equivalent employees.
- Medical coverage must be affordable and provide minimum value.
- Penalties assessed if at least one employee receives government subsidized coverage through an exchange or forms are not filed.

How do I access my Dashboard if I did not file my ACA returns with SDP in 2023?

ACA reporting utilizes payroll and benefits information. These returns are not automatically processed by for all applicable large employers. Clients who have not utilized our ACA reporting dashboard in previous years must enroll in this service.

- To enroll: Complete SDP <u>Enrollment Agreement online</u> by
 December 16th 2024 Additional costs apply to use this service.
- Login instructions and a training appointment request will be emailed to users within five business days after your Enrollment Agreement is signed.

WHAT'S NEW NEXT YEAR

SOCIAL SECURITY WAGE BASE

	2024	2025	Change
Social Security	\$168,600	\$176,100	+\$7,500

Tax rates for Social Security and Medicare remain the same at 7.65% for employees at 15.3% for those who are self-employed.

As of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9% in Medicare taxes. For more detailed information about Social Security changes for 2025, click here.

RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

401(k) and 403(b) Plan contribution limits have moved from \$23,000 to \$23,500 for 2025. Catch-up contributions for those age 50+ will remain at \$7,500.

The total of all employee and employer contributions per employee will increase \$2,000 to \$70,000 in 2025 for those under 50.

FUTA CREDIT REDUCTION STATES

CLICK HERE for state information.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

HSA Contribution Limit (Employee + Employer)

2024	2025	Change
Self: \$4,150	\$4,300	+\$150
Family: \$8,300	\$8,550	+\$250

HDHP Minimum Deductibles

2024	2025	Change
Self: \$1,600	\$1,650	+\$50
Family: \$3,200	\$3,300	+\$100

HDHP Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amounts

2024	2025	Change
Self: \$8,050	\$8,300	+\$250
Family: \$16,100	\$16,600	+\$500

ENHANCED HR SUPPORT SERVICES

HR Compliance

HR Compliance provides unlimited phone and online access to a team of certified HR Pros. A one-stop platform to address all your HR inquiries, create forms and letters, and develop an employee handbook with policies tailored to your business needs.

HR Prime

HR Prime provides a team of dedicated HR professionals to get to know your business, build a custom HR action plan, and work with you step-by-step throughout the implementation. Your HR professionals will develop a custom handbook, assist you with onboarding and off-boarding processes, and be accessible whenever an HR issue arises.

HR Prime

In addition to our full HR support, HR Premier allows you to focus on growing your business while our team manages the daily HR tasks, onboarding, terminations, employee time tracking, payroll processing, benefits, retirement plans, open enrollment, accruals and preventative training.

Pricing for organizations up to 150 employees. One year minimum agreement. \$2,500 minimum set-up fee for audits. *Hourly rates may apply. Customized pricing and quotes available.

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WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN - CALIFORNIA

Employers are required to provide training when their workplace violence prevention plans are first established and annually thereafter. Employers are expected to ensure that employees are trained by July 1, 2024

WVPP À LA CARTE - \$500

Self-guided, user-friendly template to customize your location's details.

CUSTOMIZED WVPP- \$1,500 (Per Location)

Our HR professionals will work directly with you to create and customize your WVPP.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Click <u>here</u> to schedule a complimentary consultation with one of our HR Pros

EMPLOYEE NAVIGATOR

Finally, a fully **integrated** employee benefits management system.

No complications. No separate providers to manage.

Just one easy, efficient solution that saves time and works effortlessly.

Administration

- Workflow Triggers
- Real Time Data
- Streamlines Info to Employees
- System Generated Reminders
- Customized Layout
- Benefits System of Record
- Change & Audit Reporting
- Customizable Access Levels

Your Employees

- 24/7 View
- Change Enrollment Data
- Online New Hire
- Qualifying Event
- Open Enrollment
- View Company Benefits & Policy Documents
- Centralized Benefits Communications & Reminders

EDI Transmission Option

- Automatic EDI Option
- Virtually Eliminates Data Errors
- Reduces Overall Benefits Administration Steps



WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



Reach out to your dedicated Client Advocate

If you are unsure of who to contact, use the information below.



Call our Service Center

(909) 946-2032



Email our Service Center

Connect.support@payentry.com













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