

# CDCR implements automated meal allowance

*Effective July 1, 2021*



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The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has begun automating BU 18's meal allowance, which, under Article 7.10 of our MOU, requires our employer to reimburse staff an \$8.00 meal allowance whenever an employee works two or more hours beyond their regular shift. In our last contract negotiations, CAPT added language at 7.10 (D) that required CDCR, DSH, and DDS to implement an automated payment procedure that would do away with the processing of meal ticket reimbursements, an arduous task that to some employees was more trouble than it was worth.

Beginning with your August 1 paycheck, BU 18 employees will automatically get paid the \$8.00 for any two or more hours of overtime work for their bargained meal allowance. Effective July 1, staff will no longer have to obtain meal authorization or submit receipts within 60 days for reimbursement. The meal allowance will automatically be keyed for reimbursement in your paycheck.

Because CDCR had automated meal allowances for the correctional officers, it already had the systems in place to extend automated payments to BU 18. The other departments will have to begin implementation at the start of next year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your local chapter for assistance.

