

Hot Off The Press

Benefit History Enhancements

Effective Monday, Oct 26, 2009, several changes to Benefit History and related screen 106 – Benefit Maintenance will be implemented.

- 1) Screen 116 has been removed from the BPP System.
- 2) Benefit History transactions were previously written using only the System Date as a key. If more than one update occurred during one processing day, any previous information for the date was over-written. This was true regardless if the update was from the same processor, different processor, iBenefits, or batch process. Changes were also made to the Benefit History Screens thereby allowing the users a better idea of what is being presented when looking at the detail screens. While the detail screens resemble screens 106 and 115, the data shown may be from a different DATE/TIME for each insurance type and each dependent. Now, Benefit history uses UIN/Processor/DATE/TIME as the key. The new process will never overwrite an existing benefit history transaction. If multiple updates are done on the same day for an insurance type or dependent then in most instances a new Benefit History record will be written. If an update comes from iBenefits or batch process, a new benefit history will always be written. Anytime an update occurs to Screen 106 or Screen 115, a transaction will be written to Benefit History and the Comment Utility detailing the update.
- 3) Screen 106 has been modified to use the Comment Utility. The comment line at the bottom of the screen is now display only. The Comment Utility is accessed by pressing the F2 key. Existing comments on Screen 106 have been moved to the new Comment Utility file. See the Comment Utility Instructions in Section 5 – Personnel File of the BPP System Manual and HOP 552 for more detailed instructions on using the Comment Utility screen. Comments can only be added or modified if the processor has update capability to the screen with the Comment Utility feature.

Comments and BH relationship: The summary comment line from the Comment Utility screen will also be recorded in Benefit History. If the processor adds or modifies a comment today on Screen 106, the Comment Utility program will search the Benefit History file to see if the user has a Benefit History transaction for today. If one is found, the same summary comment from the Comments file is written to the Benefit History file. Likewise, when a Benefit History record is created, the system will determine if a comment exists for this specific date and associate it with the Benefit History record being written. These strong interactions only occur when it's the same processor/UIN and day. This interaction does not occur on historical comments. All updates to Screen 106 and 115 will generate a Benefit History

transaction. In addition, updates to benefit or dependent information from iBenefits or batch processes also generates a Benefit History Transaction. Updates from iBenefits and batch processes will generate a summary comment to both the Comments file and Benefit History file. Comments are never over-written and can be easily viewed using the Comment Utility screen.

Enhanced BH scrolling feature: Modifications have been made to both the 757 (106 Benefits View) and 758 (115 Dependents View) Screens. Once on either Screen 757 or 758, you can easily navigate to the next older Benefit History record by pressing ENTER. On the top right the 'As Of' date will be shown. Once a date is entered in this field the program will search the Benefit History file for the next matching date in descending order. The time is expressed in military time format (13:35:46 is 1:35:46 PM). If there are two Benefit History records for the same date, press the ENTER key to advance to the next time.

Enhanced BH function key use: A new function key has been added to the 757 screen. Press the F11 key to show the DATE/TIME Benefit History records were created for each insurance type. This enhancement ties back to the 'Benefits Changed' section of Screen 751. Under this section are listed the insurance types that were changed for the respective date/time shown. This same date/time can be shown next to the insurance type by pressing the F11 Key on Screen 757. The date/time on Screen 751 is carried to the 'As Of' and 'LCD' (Last Change Date) fields on Screen 757. The date/times for other insurance types that were not listed under the 'Benefits Changed' column will also be listed. The date/times for these other insurance types will correspond to the next older Benefit History record found for that insurance type in the Benefit History file. A change was made for dependents on Screen 758. A new 'Updated:' field was added that shows the DATE/TIME of the Benefit History record. If the label 'DEP' is under the 'Benefit Changed' column on Screen 751 the respective date/time will also be listed next to the label 'Updated:' on the Screen 758. Pressing ENTER on Screen 758 will take you to the next Benefit History record in descending order.

Reinstate considerations: The reinstate function has been converted to use the DATE/TIME key. If there are more than one Benefit History transactions for a particular day, the reinstate function will allow you to select the record based on the time. The record to reinstate can be selected on Screen 751. Once this is done, you must go to screen 115 and 106 in update mode to reinstate the record. For more details on the reinstate function see HOP 547.

More detailed information on the [functionality and use of the BPP screens](http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/index.html) can be found on the B/P/P website. <http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/index.html>

Information on the changes to the [757 and 758 screens](http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect08(SpecPur).pdf) can be found in 'Section 8 - Special Purpose Screens' Benefit History. [http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect08\(SpecPur\).pdf](http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect08(SpecPur).pdf)

Information on the [Reinstate](#) Process can also be found in Section 8 under the Benefit History Section.

[http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect08\(SpecPur\).pdf](http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect08(SpecPur).pdf)

Changes to **Screen 106** can be found in 'Section 5 – Personnel File'.

[http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect05\(PersFile\).pdf](http://www.tamus.edu/offices/bpp/RefManSect05(PersFile).pdf). This is also where you can find detailed instructions on using the comment utility screen.

For help with this or other B/P/P subjects, contact BPP-help@tamu.edu.

106 TAMUS B/P/P - Benefit Maintenance - Inquiry 09/23/09 09:53
 Screen: _____ D BPP0017 R009
 UIN: 111002222 Name: SOMBODY TESTNG I Name: WS: S Status: A

SGIP-Rate	F	SGIP-Dt	08011979	GS-Sup	PreTaxWaive	Tob	N	Ben-Salary	60569
D P P	C F	Certified-other-med	PreTaxQual	Y	OL-Salary	60569			
Ins e t l	a a	Cover	Deduct	Payment	Start	Due	Change	Stop	
d y n r m	Amount	Amount	Amount	Date	Date	Date	Date		
BL	2 1	7500		3.97	07201982	09012009	07201982	99999999	
MED	2 2 1 61 F	3	142.61	670.10	09022009	09012009	09022009	99999999	
DEN	2 N 1 03 F	3	92.06		09012009	09012009	09012009	99999999	
VIS	2 N F	3	18.70		09012009	09012009	10012009	99999999	
OL	2 5	402000	76.38		07011998	09012009	10012001	99999999	
DL	N A				07011998	09012009	09012009	08312009	
Spouse					Children				
ADD	2 N 2 F	400000	9.60		05011984	09012009	09012006	99999999	
LTD	2 N		22.83		11011985	09012009	11011985	99999999	
LTCE	2	250	50.26		01012007	09012009	02012007	99999999	
LTCS	2	80	14.12		01012007	09012009	02012007	99999999	
SAHC	2 9	2700.00	300.00	Deb Crd	09012009	09012009	10012009	08312010	
SADC	N 0				09012003	06012004	09012003	08312004	
Direct-Dep	Y	MedCr	ABO	LWOP-Start-Date	FMLA-Start-Date				
Comments	THIS IS A NEW COMMENT								
PF1=Help, PF2=Comm, PF3=Exit, PF4=Main, PF5=Prev, PF6=Next									

757 TAMUS B/P/P - Benefit History - Status As Of Date Listed 09/23/09 09:54
 Screen: _____ UIN: 111002222 As Of: 09 22 2009 14:14:44 D BPP0017 R009
 Name: SOMBODY TESTNG I LCD: 09 22 2009 14:14:44 WS: S Status: A

SGIP-Rate	F	SGIP-Dt	08011979	GS-Sup	PreTaxWaive	Tob	N	Ben-Sal	80569
D P P	C F	SGIP-Elig	2	Cert-othr	PreTaxQual	Y	OL-Sal	80569	
Ins e t l	a a	Cover	Deduct	Payment	Start	Due	Change	Stop	
d y n r m	Amount	Amount	Amount	Date	Date	Date	Date		
BL	2 1	7500		3.97	07201982	09012009	07201982	99999999	
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VIS	2 N F	3	18.70		09012009	09012009	10012009	99999999	
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DL	N A				07011998	09012009	09012009	08312009	
Spouse					Children				
ADD	2 N 2 F	400000	9.60		05011984	09012009	09012006	99999999	
LTD	2 N		22.83		11011985	09012009	11011985	99999999	
LTCE	2	250	50.26		01012007	09012009	02012007	99999999	
LTCS	2	80	14.12		01012007	09012009	02012007	99999999	
SAHC	2 9	2700.00	300.00	Debit Crd	09012009	09012009	10012009	08312010	
SADC	N 0				09012003	06012004	09012003	08312004	
Direct-Dep	Y	MedCr	ABO	LWOP-Start-Date	FMLA-Start-Date				
**** Press ENTER to View More Benefit History Records ****									
PF1=Help, PF3=Exit, PF4=Main, PF11=Right									

757 TAMUS B/P/P - Benefit History - Status As Of Date Listed 09/23/09 14:51
 Screen: ____ UIN: 111002222 As Of: 09 22 2009 14:14:44 D BPP0017 R009
 Name: SOMBODY TESTNG I LCD: 09 22 2009 14:14:44 WS: S Status: A

CHG	DATE	TIME
HDR Y	09222009	14:14:44
BL	09012009	11:59:59
MED	09222009	14:08:08
DEN	09112009	14:49:07
VIS	09112009	14:49:07
OL	09012009	11:59:59
DL	09082009	18:22:41
ADD	09012009	11:59:59
LTD	09012009	11:59:59
LTCE	09012009	11:59:59
LTCS	09012009	11:59:59
SAHC	09112009	14:49:07
SADC	09012009	11:59:59
SAAF	09012009	11:59:59

PF1=Help, PF3=Exit, PF4=Main, PF10=Left

751 TAMUS BPP System - Benefit History - Changes by Date 09/23/09 09:55
 Personnel/Budget D BPP0017 R009

Screen: ____

UIN: 111002222 Name: SOMBODY TESTNG I Start From: 09 08 2009

Sel	Date/Time	Userid	Hdr	Chg	Benefits Changed
	09 22 2009	BPP0007	*		
	14:14:44	THIS IS A NEW COMMENT			
	09 22 2009	BPP0007	*	MED	DEP
	14:08:08				
	09 16 2009	BPP0012	*	MED	
	14:53:49	Posted from AC web document number 25824			