

**Date:** December 29, 2016

To: All Agency Heads and Chief Fiscal Officers

From: Alan Skelton, State Accounting Officer

Re: Mileage Rate Decrease for Calendar Year 2017

This memo is to communicate changes to State mileage reimbursement rates for calendar year 2017. These changes apply to the use of privately owned automobiles (POA), authorized State Government-owned automobiles, and motorcycles used for official State purposes.

## Please make sure the information in this memo is conveyed to appropriate staff in your agency/department.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-19-7 requires use of the United States General Services Administration (GSA) rates for mileage when State employees are reimbursed for use of a privately owned vehicle on official State travel.

<u>The GSA</u> recently announced revised rates for calendar year 2017. The following rates are applicable to travel that occurs on or after January 1, 2017:

**Tier 1 Rates:** Automobile \$ 0.535 per mile

Motorcycle \$ 0.505 per mile Airplane \$ 1.15 per mile

Tier 2 Rate: \$0.17 per mile

The mileage reimbursement rate policy has been updated on <u>SAO's website</u> to reflect the 2017 rates. Any agency not using the TeamWorks Travel & Expense System will be responsible for updating the manual travel expense form. The manual travel expense form template is provided on <u>SAO's website</u>

Any reimbursement of mileage claims paid to an employee in excess of rates published in the mileage reimbursement policy must be refunded to the State or characterized as taxable compensation to the employee.

Any questions concerning the contents of this memorandum or questions related to the statewide travel regulations should be directed to the following email address: <u>SAO travel@sao.ga.gov</u>.

cc Governor's Office of Planning & Budget DOAS State Purchasing Division