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Updated Manager Services Functions

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ACA Data Generation

This function has been updated to print the 2021 1095-C forms.

Common Object Dictionary - Pay Codes

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 - 2- Representing compensation or indemnification received by an employee due to dismissal, without the need to determine their just cause, up to a maximum amount equivalent to the compensation that the employee could receive under Act No. 80 of May 30, 1976, or under a dismissal compensation agreement between the employer and employee.
 - 3- Representing any other service required by the Department through regulations, administrative determination or circular letter, in which case you must indicate the salary payment concept.
- Please note that for Pay Codes which need to be identified as a Puerto Rico W-2 Exempt Code, the descriptions of the codes in the list box are as follows for Tax Year 2021:
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 - o "E" represents salary not over \$40,000 per year under Section 1031.02(a)(36) of the Code.
 - "F" represents vacation and sick leave liquidation payment to public employees under Act 211-2015.
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SUI and W-2 Manager, Employee Withholding Reconciliation Return

This function has been updated so that when selecting the State of Delaware – the screen now has fields that are required by the state of Delaware on the WTH-REC file, which replaced the W-3. For Bulk filers, the WTH-REC file needs to be filed electronically – in XLS format - with the Delaware W-2 file. The W-2 Data Generation and W-2 File Creation functions will use this information to create 2 files for Delaware, the main W-2 File and the WTH-REC file.

Legal Entity:	Brite Star	State:	Delaware	Tax Year:	2019
Total Number of W-2 I	Forms:		421		
Total Withholding Tax Reported This Year:			107,529.33]	
Total Withholding Tax Paid This Year:			107,529.33]	
Amount of Withholding Tax Due:			0.00]	
Amount of Overpayment:			0.00]	

If Unicorn HRO handles your tax filing, you do not need to take any action regarding this updated function.

W-2 Data Generation, W-2 Data Generation for Administrator, and W-2 File Creation

• For the Delaware W-2 Magnetic Media file - these functions have been updated to create the WTH-REC (replacing the W-3) file in XLS format – along with the regular W-2 file, due to the requirement that Delaware Bulk filers need to file the WTH-REC file electronically. The WTH-REC file reports information on Number of W-2s filed, and amounts of Delaware State Taxable Wages, State Tax

Reported, State Tax Paid, and any Overpayment or Amount Due. It also details the withholding of Delaware State Tax by month for the year.

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- For the Puerto Rico W-2 Forms in the W-2 Data Generation for Administrators function when users select "Official Employee Copies Available on Employee Self Service" the W-2 that is produced in W-2 History in Manager Services and Employee Self Service will be updated to the Tax Year 2021 version of the form and will now include the employer E-mail address.
- For the W-2 Forms these functions have been updated to print the amounts of Qualified COVID Leave Pay that each employee received in 2021 in Box 14 on the W-2. This year, the requirements are not only to separate the amounts by COVID Leave Pay Type, but to also separate by when the leave was paid out to the employee. The pay will be identified as follows:
 - SK511 3 Sick Leave Pay at max \$511.00 per day, paid 1/1/2021 to 3/31/2021
 - SK511 9 Sick Leave Pay at max \$511.00 per day, paid or taken 4/1/2021 to 9/30/2021
 - SK200 3 Sick Leave Pay at max \$200.00 per day, paid 1/1/2021 to 3/31/2021
 - SK200 9 Sick Leave Pay at max \$200.00 per day, paid or taken 4/1/2021 to 9/30/2021
 - FL 3 Family Leave Pay, paid 1/1/2021 to 3/31/2021
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- For W-2 Forms that include Oklahoma Taxable Wage Information the COPY 2 of these forms will have the employee's Social Security Number masked in the format ***-**-1234.

***Please Note:

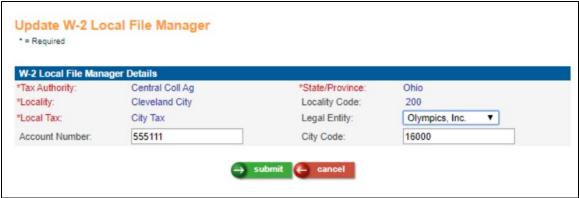
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W-2 Local Data Generation, W-2 Local File Creation for Central Collection Agency (CCA), Ohio

These functions have been updated make some changes in the Local W-2 files for the Central Collection Agency (CCA) for Ohio, based on the latest specifications document.

If you have to report W-2s to the CCA Local Tax Agency, you MUST ensure that the correct values are in the 3-digit Locality Code field and the 5-digit City Code field in the W-2 Local File Manager function.

Below is an example of the values to be used for the city of Cleveland.



The values for the 3-digit Locality Code should come from Appendix A of the CCA DATA FORMAT SPECIFICATION document, which can be downloaded from here:

http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/?p=mmspec

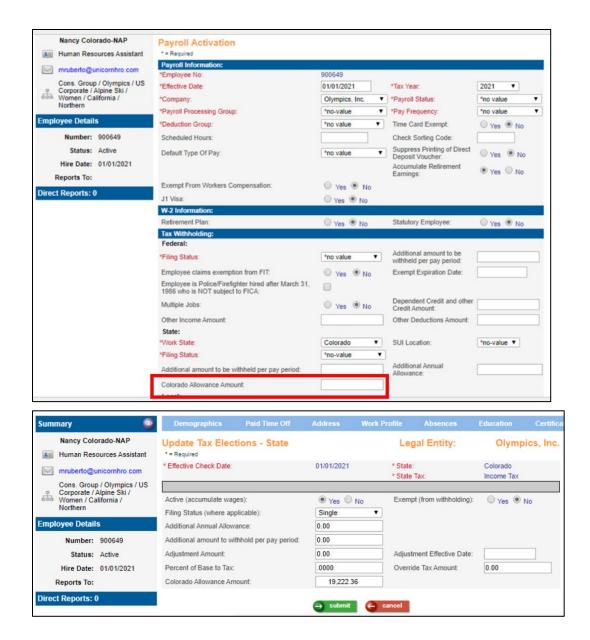
The values for the 5-digit City Code should come from Column C of the Ohio Municipal Income Tax Rate Database Table – which can be downloaded as a CSV file from here:

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New Hire, Payroll Activation, Paycheck Calculator, and Tax Elections

A new field has been added to the system in these functions. If an employee's worked state is Colorado, there is a new field labeled *Colorado Allowance Amount*, that will appear, which will allow the user to enter the amount from Line 2 of the new Colorado form DR 0004 – the 2022 Colorado Employee Withholding Certificate. This amount will be used in the calculation of Colorado State Income Tax on the employee's periodic payroll payment, starting for payment dates of January 1, 2022 and later. It will reduce the employee's calculated annualized taxable wage from the payment before applying the Colorado tax rate of 4.55% for 2022.



Payroll Funding Statement - for COVID Leave taken in September 2021 but Paid in October 2021

The Payroll Funding Statement function will be updated to now include the proper calculation for Qualified Taxable COVID Leave Wages taken up to September 30, 2021 but paid in 4th Quarter 2021. Hosted customers will be able to use these statements to determine amounts to claim for COVID credits on their 4th Quarter 941 filings.

Payroll Funding Statement - Issue with Refund of HSA

If a payroll included a refund, as a negative deduction, to an employee for an HSA contribution, the Payroll Funding Statement was lowering the funding amount by the amount of the negative deduction. This has been corrected.

State Income Tax Withholding Changes for 2022

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- Georgia there are Standard Deduction changes for each filing status for 2022 payroll payments. There are no Tax Table changes.
- Maine there are Standard Deduction changes for 2022 as well as Tax Table changes. The Annual Withholding Allowance Amount changes from \$4,300.00 to \$4,450.00 for 2022.
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W-2 History

The Puerto Rico W-2 Forms in this function will be updated to the Tax Year 2021 version of the form and instructions, and the form will now include the employer Email address.

Updated Employee Self Service Functions

This section describes updated functions in Employee Self Service.

Multi-Factor Authentication

There was an issue regarding the system asking for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) credentials when a customer had MFA disabled in Employee Self Service, and an employee attempted to use the *Recover My Password* feature. This has been corrected.

My Account

There was an issue regarding the system asking for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) credentials when a customer had MFA disabled in Employee Self Service, and an employee attempted to update data in My Account. This has been corrected.

Paycheck Calculator

If an employee's worked state is Colorado, there is a new field labeled *Colorado Allowance Amount*, that will appear in this function, which will default to the amount in Manager Services Tax Elections function for this same field. This field can be updated in this function. This is part of the new Colorado form DR 0004 – the 2022 Colorado Employee Withholding Certificate. This amount will be used in the calculation of Colorado State Income Tax in this function, for payment dates of January 1, 2022 and later. It will reduce the employee's calculated annualized taxable wage from the payment before applying the Colorado tax rate of 4.55% for 2022.

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You should enter the number of W-2 forms, Total Withholding Tax Reported for the year, and Total Withholding Tax Paid for the year. The fields Amount of Withholding Tax Due and Amount of Overpayment will be automatically calculated from the amounts entered in the Reported and Paid fields.

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Payroll Activation Process, Employee Tax Options

Similar to functions updated in Manager Services, a new field has been added to the system in these functions in iCON Tools. If an employee's worked state is Colorado, there is a new field labeled *Colorado Allowance Amount* in the Payroll Activation Process function, and *State Free Form Allowance Amount* in the Employee Tax Options function, that will appear, which will allow the user to enter the amount from Line 2 of the new Colorado form DR 0004 – the 2022 Colorado Employee Withholding Certificate. This amount will be used in the calculation of Colorado State Income Tax on the employee's periodic payroll payment, starting for payment dates of January 1, 2022 and later. It will reduce the employee's calculated annualized taxable wage from the payment before applying the Colorado tax rate of 4.55% for 2022.

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Updated Customer Management Module Functions

This section describes updated functions in Customer Management Module.

Gross to Net Process (as part of Payroll Express) - Taxable Wage Calculation for Massachusetts FLI and MLI

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Reconciliation Tax Summary - for COVID Leave taken in September 2021 but Paid in October 2021

The RTS file created from Customer Management Module will be updated to now include the proper calculation for Qualified Taxable COVID Leave Wages taken up to September 30, 2021 but paid in 4th Quarter 2021.

SUI Rate Entry

This function has been updated to only show rates with effective dates greater than or equal to the Effective Date entered in the search screen, or the most recent effective date. It will also show Active legal entities only if the Display Active Clients Only checkbox is selected.

W-2 Local Data Generation, W-2 Local File Creation and Inquiry for Central Collection Agency (CCA), Ohio

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