

San Francisco HCSO Expenditures and Reporting Update for 2026

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The San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance (“HCSO”) minimum expenditure rates for 2026 have been released, and the HCSO Annual Reporting Form for calendar year 2025 is due on April 30, 2026.

■ 2026 Minimum Expenditure Rates

Under the HCSO, covered employers must make minimum health care expenditures at the following rates for each hour worked by covered employees in San Francisco:

Employer Size	Number of Employees	2025 Health Care Expenditure Rate	2026 Health Care Expenditure Rate
Large	All employers with 100 or more employees	\$3.85 per hour payable	\$4.11 per hour payable
Medium	Businesses with 20-99 employees	\$2.56 per hour payable	\$2.74 per hour payable
	Nonprofits with 50-99 employees		
Small	Businesses with 19 or fewer employees	Exempt	Exempt
	Nonprofits with 49 or fewer employees		

The hours payable under the HCSO for each employee are capped at 172 hours per month. Therefore, for 2026 the maximum required health care expenditure for a covered employee of a large employer is \$709.92 per month (\$4.11/hour x 172 hours). For a medium-sized employer, the maximum required expenditure for a covered employee is \$471.28 per month (\$2.74/hour x 172 hours).

Managerial, supervisory, or confidential employees who earn more than a specified amount are exempt from the minimum health care expenditures requirement under the HCSO. For 2025, the earnings threshold for these employees to be exempt from the HCSO is \$125,405 per year (or \$60.29 per hour). As of January 1, 2026, the new threshold will be \$128,861 per year (or \$61.95 per hour).

■ Annual Reporting Form

Covered employers must submit an online report each year that summarizes how they complied with the HCSO. The web-based HCSO Annual Reporting Form for the prior calendar year is typically available on the San Francisco Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (“OLSE”) HCSO website by April 1 and must be submitted by April 30. For example, the HCSO Annual Reporting Form for calendar year 2025 is expected to become available on the HCSO website by April 1, 2026, and is due by April 30, 2026.

■ Employer Action

Covered employers should ensure that they will be making the required minimum health care expenditures in 2026 at the new rates for employees in San Francisco and maintain records showing compliance with the HCSO requirements.

The 2026 version of the HCSO poster, which must be posted in all workplaces with covered employees, is expected to become available by December 2025. Covered employers should monitor the San Francisco HCSO website (linked below) to obtain and post the 2026 version of the poster by January 1, 2026.

www.sf.gov/information--health-care-security-ordinance

Covered employers should also be prepared to submit the HCSO Annual Reporting Form for calendar year 2025 no later than April 30, 2026.