

Effortless Facts April 2018 Edition

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*In response to a number of inquiries regarding the **update of the salary cap increase in SPAR** prior to the NIH notice of acceptance, please [click here](#) for an explanation. Please note that the NIH issued such notice for 2018 on March 7th.*



*As a reminder, any January-April 2018 SPAR with lines reflecting **MCS** that were created or modified prior to February 15 will show MSC calculated at the \$187,000 Cap level. The Cap Level effective for pay periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 is \$189,600. You can quickly recalculate these amounts to current statutory levels by following these [directions](#).*



*We are working to confirm venues for our upcoming **summer workshops**. We anticipate the dates will be available in mid-April and will be posted on the Workshop Registration page of our [website](#).*

FCR Website: <http://www.cfo.pitt.edu/fcr/index.php>

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Write-Off of Uncertified Effort at 7:00 am | 3 | 4 | 5 Introduction to SPAR Workshop 9:00 am – 11:00 am | 6 | 7 |
| | | SPAR in query-only mode at 5:00 p.m. for month-end closing | SPAR in query-only mode for month-end closing | SPAR in query-only mode for month-end closing | SPAR becomes available for update at 6:00 am | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Advanced SPAR – Cost Sharing Workshop 9:00 am – 11:00 am | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 SPAR in query-only mode from Midnight - 11:00 am for payroll processing | 21 |
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