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Data Element	Record Position	field size
Type report	1 (enter zero "0" for all records)	1
Year	2-5	4
Processing code	6	1
ER NO	7-10	4
Payroll ID No	11-20	10
SSN	21-29	9
Surname	30-49	20
First Initial/Name	50-64	15
Middle Initial	65	1
Filler	N/A	
RUIA I Compensation (to qualify for benefits)	66-72	7
Filler	73-74	2
RUIA II Compensation (to determine maximum benefits)	75-81	7
Filler	82-83	2
SM Detail	84-95	12
SM Total	96-97	2
Tier I Compensation	98-105	8
Filler	106-107	2
Tier II Compensation	108-115	8
Filler	116-117	2
Daily Pay Rate	118-122	5
Filler	123-124	2
Miscellaneous Compensation	125-132	8
Filler	133-134	2
Sick Pay Compensation	135-142	8
Filler	143-145	3
Street address line 1	146-175	30
Street address line 2	176-205	30
City	206-225	20
State	226-227	2
Zip code	228-232	5
Effective Date	233-240	8
Filler	241-300	60
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