

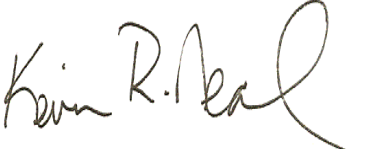


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2008

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: Kevin R. Neal, Director of Workforce Services 

SUBJECT: Work Registration of Temporary Cash Assistance Applicants (TCA) in Inpatient Substance Abuse Mental Health (SAMH) Facilities

The Department of Children and Families (DCF), Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI) and the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) are collaboratively working together to encourage the development of modified work registration requirements for patients residing in a treatment center. The DCF has already provided the attached Transmittal No 108-06 to DCF program staff. The Agency for Workforce Innovation is providing this notice to the Regional Workforce Boards as a means to alert you to this situation and to encourage you to contact your local DCF District Office and local treatment facilities to begin the process of developing alternative work registration requirements for patients who are unable to leave a treatment facility to participate in the regular work registration process. This approach will help ensure that applicants of TCA participating in an in-patient treatment program learn about and participate in the WT program without a delay in their benefit approval by DCF.

Based on information received from the DCF, it was determined that some individuals are being denied TCA because they could not complete the up-front work registration requirements established by the workforce system. Many applicants/recipients of TCA who are residing in a treatment facility may not be able to leave the facility to cooperate with the normal work registration or work activity requirements. Regional Workforce Boards should work with their DCF counterparts and local SAMH providers and treatment facilities to develop alternative work registration procedures for these TCA applicants. Closer collaboration with the SAMH providers would also benefit all parties by enabling:

- Access to additional resources, including assessments paid for by the SAMH provider;
- More comprehensive and unduplicated services for your WT participants;
- A more seamless re-entry into the community for inpatient treatment participants; and,
- Better access to employment services for inpatient treatment participants.

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Attachment: Transmittal NO: 108-06

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