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To: DEW Area Directors
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Subject: UI-Approved GED Wagner-Peyser Activity Code

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Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose: This guidance updates the list of activity codes for the Wagner-Peyser (WP) program, to include the addition of "UI Claimant in GED Program."

Background: Since 1942, the General Educational Development (GED) test has offered adults an alternative path to earn a high school diploma. Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experiences encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED test makes it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals
- Enlist in military service

Policy: Claimants receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits who are in an UI-approved training or program are not required to be available for work and are not required to make an active search for work. Additionally, those claimants will not be disqualified for refusal to accept work or failure to apply for work so long as training is satisfactorily progressing toward completion in accordance with the program provider. Claimants' participation in a GED program will be considered approved training by UI.

The following WP activity code must be recorded when a reportable individual or WP participant is participating in a GED program while receiving UI benefits:

| ACTIVITY CODE | ACTIVITY NAME | DEFINITION | NOTES | TRIGGERS PARTICIPATION | Requires Case Note |
|---------------|----------------------------|---|-------|------------------------|--------------------|
| U04 | UI Claimant in GED Program | This code should be entered on a Registered Individual or a Wagner-Peyser participant (including JVSG and MSFW). This code will allow UI claimants who are in a GED program to be exempt from the UI work search requirement. This code is used for internal tracking purposes only and is not included in performance. | | No | Yes |

Note: For the most up-to-date WP Activity Codes, see the Staff Online Resources in SCWOS.

Although this activity code is not included in performance, staff should follow-up with the individual and close the activity code upon completion of the GED program, successful or otherwise, to prevent the individual from being included indefinitely on internal tracking reports.

Action: Ensure that WP, Vet, RESEA, and MSFW staff receive and understand this policy and review the revised WP activity codes.

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