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PRIORITY OF SERVICE POLICY

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In compliance with federal regulations and statutes, the Ulster County Workforce Development Board hereby adopts the following Priority of Service Policy:

When collectively comparing individuals who otherwise meet the eligibility and suitability requirements for participation in WIOA-funded employment and training activities, the following priority of service shall apply:

1. Veterans and eligible spouses who are:
 - low income, or
 - receiving public assistance, or
 - basic skills deficient.
2. Adults who are:
 - low income, or
 - receiving public assistance, or
 - basic skills deficient.
3. Veterans and eligible spouses who are:
 - not low income
 - not receiving public assistance, or
 - not basic skills deficient.

The parameters used to determine "low income individual" will comply with WIOA Section 3(36)*

The definitions of veterans and eligible spouses of veterans will comply with those given in WDS TA #12-12.4.

The definition of Adults who are not low-income or receiving public assistance is defined as follows: An income eligibility guideline is applied to adults (non-veteran) who are not low-income or receiving public assistance, and will be based on family size and gross family income for the six months prior to application. Six month gross family income must be less than or equal to 200% of the Poverty Level Guidelines relative to family size.

Additionally, it is the policy of the Ulster County Workforce Development Board to ensure veterans and eligible spouses of veterans are made aware of their entitlement to priority of service; the full array of employment, training, and placement services available under priority of service; and all applicable eligibility requirements for those programs and/or services.

* WIOA Section 3(36) Low-income individual.

(A) In general -- The term "low-income individual" means an individual who -

- (i) receives, or in the past 6 months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), or State or local income-based public assistance;
- (ii) is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of –
 - (I) the poverty line; or
 - (II) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level;
- (iii) is a homeless individual (as defined in section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)));
- (iv) received or is eligible to receive a free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);
- (v) is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; or
- (vi) is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the income requirement of clause (ii), but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet this requirement.