



**WIAP # 6-99**

**SUBJECT: Requirement to give priority to public assistance recipients and other low-income individuals in providing intensive and training services**

**Statutory Reference: WIA§134(d)(4)(E)**

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**Effective Date: 7/1/00**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Workforce Investment Act stipulates that in the event that funds allocated to a local area for adult activities are “limited”, priority shall be given to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals for intensive and training services.

Interim Final Regulations state that since adult funds are generally limited, states and local areas must establish criteria by which local areas can determine the availability of funds and the process by which any priority will be applied. If, using the criteria established, a local area is able to demonstrate that funds are available to meet the needs of all adults eligible and appropriate for intensive and training services, this priority requirement will not apply.

## **POLICY**

Local boards will be given the opportunity to analyze the customer need in relation to resource availability, in order to determine whether there are sufficient funds available in the local area to serve all adults appropriate for intensive and training services. If the analysis demonstrates that sufficient funds are available, no priority of service will be required.

Because sufficient TAFI funds exist statewide to serve public assistance recipients, local areas are relieved of the requirement of providing priority to this population.

Unless adequate demonstration is provided by local boards that sufficient funds are available in the local area to serve all appropriate adults, local boards will be required to describe in their plans the procedures that will be used to ensure that priority for intensive and training services is given to low income groups other than public assistance recipients.

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