

WIAB 09-13

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TO: All WIA Subrecipients
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SUBJECT: Use of Interstate Benefits Inquiry (IBIQ) and State Identification Inquiry (SIDI) as WIA Supplemental Reporting/Eligibility Sources

Missing Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS) Data

Earlier this month, case managers were asked to begin entering supplemental reporting data into the WIA Management Information System (MIS). Many participants with out of state wages appear on the report, even though out of state wages appear in the Interstate Benefits Inquiry (IBIQ) and State Identification Inquiry (SIDI) systems.

This is because at the time wages were gathered using the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS), several states had not submitted their wage data. We are hopeful that all states will resume timely submission of wage data next quarter.

Utilization of IBIQ and SIDI Wage Information

The IBIQ and SIDI systems are used to view UI wage and claim information from other states. The Interstate Information Exchange Agreement with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) specifies that the wage information obtained is to be used *solely for administration of state and federal unemployment compensation laws*. As a result of this agreement, case managers may **not** use IBIQ and SIDI as sources for gathering data for supplemental reporting or eligibility purposes for WIA.

Supplemental Reporting Source Documentation

Examples of Supplemental Reporting source documentation that may be used include:

- W-2s
- 1099 forms
- Pay stubs
- Telephone verification*

*Telephone or e-mail verification with employers and participants (or clients/contracting entities for self-employment) can be used if also documented in the case notes.

Case managers should know if employment cannot be verified this quarter, future employment information gathered through WRIS will override entry in the WIA Management Information System where it indicates exiters were not employed.

Reference Information

Please refer to the Eligibility and the Follow-Up and Performance Measures TAGs for additional documentation that may be used in lieu of IBIQ and SIDI information for supplemental reporting and eligibility purposes.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned grants manager.