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SUBJECT DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

### PURPOSE

This policy establishes acceptable documentation for determining the eligibility of displaced homemakers for the dislocated worker program.

### BACKGROUND

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) allows displaced homemakers to be registered for services as dislocated workers provided they meet the WIOA definition of a displaced homemaker.

### DEFINITIONS

**Displaced homemaker**—an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and a) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, and b) is unemployed or underemployed and is determined to be in need of additional service to obtain or upgrade employment. The loss of the income of another family member must have occurred no more than twenty-four months prior to the date of program application. The spouse of a person who has been dislocated from employment in the last twenty-four months and remains unemployed can be considered a displaced homemaker if he/she meets the criteria in a) and b) above. Supporting documentation may include any of the following: separation or divorce decree, divorce papers, UI screen, tax returns, documents affirming spouse's notification of layoff or UI claim, or self-certification in the absence of other documents.

### POLICY

Displaced homemakers may be served with WIOA I dislocated worker funds provided they meet the definition of displaced homemaker as described above. Individuals who have been dependent on public assistance may not be served by the dislocated worker program but may be served in the WIOA I adult program.

## PROCEDURE

When registering a displaced homemaker as a dislocated worker for WIOA services, service providers must ensure that the individuals are eligible in accordance with the basic eligibility requirements for WIOA (age, selective service registration, and citizenship, or eligible non-citizen) as well as the basic eligibility criteria for dislocated workers as described in the definition section of this policy.

## REFERENCE

- 20 CFR 680.320(b)