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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Staff
Integrated Service Area Managers



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Subject: **Child Care Services for National Emergency Grant Participants in
Job Search**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with guidance on the provision of child care services to National Emergency Grant (NEG) participants in:

- any Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Core services; or
- job search as a WIA Intensive service.

REFERENCE:

Texas Workforce Commission Child Care and Development Rules: 40 TAC §809.124

WD Letter 73-05, issued September 29, 2005, and entitled “Requirements for Disaster National Emergency Grant Participants”

WD Letter 73-05, Change 1, issued November 8, 2005, and entitled “Requirements for Disaster National Emergency Grant Participants: *Update*”

WD Letter 66-05, Change 1, issued March 10, 2006, and entitled “National Emergency Grant Funding for Local Workforce Development Areas for Services to Eligible Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Evacuees”

FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. Federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures with a “No Local Flexibility” rating are indicated by the acronym, **NLF**, in the margin to the right of the applicable paragraph. Additionally, all information with a “No Local Flexibility” rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Failure to comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures with a “No Local Flexibility” rating may result in corrective action, up to and including sanction and penalty.

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Boards are not subject to corrective action for failure to comply with guidance or recommended practices with a “Local Flexibility” rating.

BACKGROUND:

Section 809.124(d) of the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) Child Care and Development rules allows the Commission to set time limits for the provision of child care services for children served by special projects, such as NEG. As authorized under §809.124(b) and as provided in WD Letters 73-05 and WD Letter 73-05, Change 1, the Commission has established criteria for the provision of NEG-funded child care services. WD Letter 73-05 specifies that NEG funds may be used to provide child care services to individuals participating in NEG services.

On March 30, 2006, the Commission modified the eligibility for NEG-funded child care services by establishing a four-week time limit for NEG-funded child care services for individuals participating only in WIA Core services or WIA Intensive job search services.

PROCEDURES:

Effective immediately, Boards must ensure that NEG-funded child care services are limited to four weeks for NEG participants who are only in WIA Core services or WIA Intensive job search services.

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Boards may continue to provide NEG-funded child care services to participants enrolled in NEG-funded WIA Intensive or WIA Training services.

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ACTIONS REQUIRED:

Boards must ensure that appropriate staff is apprised of and complies with the requirements in this WD Letter.

INQUIRIES:

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to the assigned contract manager for your local workforce development area.

Rescissions: None	Expiration: Continuing
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