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**PRIORITY OF SERVICE POLICY
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In compliance with federal regulations and statutes, the Ulster County Workforce Investment Board hereby adopts the following Priority of Service Policy:

When collectively comparing individuals who otherwise meet the eligibility and suitability requirements for participation in Recovery Act funded - and non-Recovery Act WIA-funded employment and training activities, the priority of service to receive intensive and training services is for:

1. public assistance and low-income veterans (or eligible spouses of veterans);
2. non- veteran public assistance and low-income adults;
3. veterans (or eligible spouses of veterans) who are not low-income or receiving public assistance;
4. adults who are non-veterans who are not low-income or receiving public assistance.

The parameters used to determine "low income status" will comply with WIA Section 101(25)*

The definitions of veterans and eligible spouses of veterans will comply with those given in WDS TA #09-14, Attachment A.

The definition of non-veterans who are not low-income or receiving public assistance is defined as follows: An income eligibility guideline is applied to adults who are non-veteran who are not low-income or receiving public assistance. For individuals who fall into that category, income eligibility 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 Investment 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.

* WIA Section 101(25) Low-income individual.--The term "low-income individual" means an individual who--

(A) receives, or is a member of a family that receives, cash payments under a Federal, State, or local income-based public assistance program;

(B) received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in

subparagraph (A), and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)) that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of--

(i) the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or

(ii) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level, for an equivalent period;

(C) is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

(D) qualifies as a homeless individual, as defined in subsections (a) and (c) of section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302);

(E) is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; or

(F) in cases permitted by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the requirements of a program described in subparagraph (A) or of subparagraph (B), but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet such requirements.