

CATAWBA WIA INSTRUCTION PY00-19

TO: WIA Service Providers and One-Stop Operators

SUBJECT: Priority of Service Policy

ISSUANCE DATE: July 3, 2001

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

Purpose: The purpose of the Instruction is to transmit the Catawba LWIA Priority of Service Policy.

Background: Section 134 (d)(4)(E) of the Workforce Investment Act stipulates that in the event that funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities become limited, priority shall be given to recipients of public assistance and other low income individuals for intensive and training services.

Policy: It is the policy of the Catawba WIB that low-income individuals and individuals on public assistance will qualify for other financial assistance. The WIB requires customers to seek other financial aid, including Pell Grants, before WIA funding can be approved. Therefore, WIA funding can focus on entry-level workers who have been forced to stay in low-paying jobs because they do not have the necessary skills to advance to better paying jobs. The local WIB will utilize the local definition of self-sufficiency to determine whether an individual is earning wages that allow for self-sufficiency. In the event that low-income individuals and individuals on public assistance are unable to obtain other financial assistance, and the WIA funding is limited, those individuals will be given priority for services.

Inquires: If you have any questions pertaining to this instruction, please contact me at (803) 327-9041.

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Enclosure