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To: FY2021 Eligible Training Providers

Subject: New ETPL Federal Requirements for Training Providers

Massachusetts is required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to report on all students who participate in a program of study approved by the MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS) and listed on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). This requirement falls on states receiving WIOA program funds. In addition, MDCS is required to collect employment wage information for each student and report earnings data on the federal performance report that MDCS submits annually. This data will be used for approval of training courses in the future. In addition, the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is developing a website to provide training program outcomes data nationwide for consumers.

MDCS was granted a waiver from the requirement to collect data on all students. Currently, MDCS reports only on students receiving funded workforce program services who participate in training from approved training providers. However, MDCS has been notified by the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration that this waiver ends on June 30, 2021 and additional waiver requests will not be accepted by ETA. Therefore, MDCS will need to make changes to the TrainingPro application to collect the additional data on enrolled students that providers must submit for each of their approved courses.

MDCS will need to obtain quarterly employment wage data for each student for you to determine course performance outcomes for future course approvals. Therefore, we will need, at minimum, to be provided with the social security number (SSN) for each student to obtain the wage data from state sources. (MDCS currently obtains wage data for the WIOA program students from the Department of Unemployment Assistance). You should plan to report on all students and to provide a SSN, dates of course entry and completion, the type of credential (e.g., HiSET, AS degree, etc.), and the date of credential attainment for each person enrolled in the course.

We are notifying current eligible training providers of this requirement as we work on the TrainingPro changes. MDCS recognizes that providers may need to obtain releases from students who will be completing programs of study on or after July 1, 2021, in order to meet the federal reporting requirements due in October 2022.

MDCS will be providing more detail and will be reaching out to ETPL providers with updates as we move forward with changes. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.