Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board

SNAP work requirements

Coordination update on implementation for workforce development

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Board focus

Does the work and progress meet your expectations? Adjustments?

For SNAP and Medicaid work requirements, Board suggestions and resources to:

- Navigate barriers
- Identify alternatives for workers, students and job seekers

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Status

SNAP

Policy documentation in progress

- DSHS is vetting, expected mid-April
- Policy questions and answers
- Crosswalk of workforce development & SNAP activities (includes hours)

Up next: Operational considerations

- Tracking, verifying and documentation
- Staff guidance

Medicaid

Connected with HCA staff

- If people meet SNAP work requirements, they'll also have met Medicaid work requirements
- Target population for coordination: People who have Medicaid but don't get SNAP

Next: Share SNAP policy documentation

- Work requirements for Medicaid may be more flexible
- Invite HCA staff to coordination meeting in May / June

Structure

1-2 monthly meetings

Required coordination meeting

Optional office hours

Coordination agreement (document)

Purpose, approach, roles and responsibilities, meeting cadence, standing agenda, norms

Organizing information: Questions, levers and requirements

Policy – foundation

Operations – documentation, procedures and staff guidance

Tech and data – out of scope, refer to those forums

Discussion

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Continue the conversation

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