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To Whom It May Concern:

Vocational Rehabilitation utilizes Title 1 Basic Support funds from the Department of Education to allow our consumers to participate in short term work adjustment training. This is an incentive for the consumer and part of the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). Participants typically earn less than \$600.00 per calendar year; therefore the funds are not 1099 reportable.

After discussions with the Social Security Administration, it was found that training reimbursement funds paid to SSI/SSDI recipients are not counted as income but as a "social service" (SI 00815.050 in the Program Operations Manual System (POMS)) and time spent in a PACE slot does not count as part of the Social Security Trial Work Period.

Training reimbursement funds are not considered wages for Unemployment Insurance purposes and do not need to be reported as income. These funds will not directly affect UI benefits. Confirmation of this decision from Unemployment Insurance is available upon request. Consumers will be available to participate in seeking employment as a part of their receiving of UI benefits.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Family Support confirmed that the agency has a policy to specifically exclude money from PACE for the following programs

Food Stamp

K-TAP, and/or

Medicaid programs

Documentation of this decision is available upon request.

Please, be advised that \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ is receiving these training stipends and your agency has made a determination that these funds do not count against their benefits.

We appreciate the partnerships that assist our consumers in becoming viable members of their communities.

Sincerely,

Job Placement Specialist

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation