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VOLUNTARY CONTINUATION IN WECARE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS PREGNANT WITH HIGH RISK PREGNANCIES

<p>Date: March 26, 2010</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): WeCARE</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>New Action Code</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center staff about a new Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employability (WeCARE) process that will allow women who are eight to nine months pregnant with high risk pregnancies to voluntarily continue participating in WeCARE. The new process will only be available to identified women who are already in a Wellness Plan or on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) track.</p> <p>Currently, Action Code 184P (8-9 months pregnant) is posted in NYCWAY to indicate women who are eight to nine months pregnant. Posting 184P changes the Employment Status (ES) Code to 24 (Within 30 days of Medically Verified Date of Delivery), which exempts the individual from mandatory participation in work activities and closes out the WeCARE assignment. In order to allow women eight to nine months pregnant with high risk pregnancies to voluntarily continue to participate in their Wellness Plan or on the SSI track, a new NYCWAY code (184M-High Risk Pregnancy) has been developed.</p> <p>WeCARE staff will post Action Code 184M in NYCWAY for appropriately identified participants to allow them to remain in WeCARE. If a JOS/Worker attempts to enter Action Code 184P for this population, NYCWAY will systemically replace the code with 184M.</p> <p>Because continuing to participate in a WeCARE Wellness Plan or on the SSI track is voluntary for this population, there is <u>no adverse action</u> taken if the individual fails to report or comply with the program once the 184M is posted.</p>

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Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or
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NYCWAY will publish an on-line bulletin to alert staff to the new action code.

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