



# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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## POLICY BULLETIN #07-94-SYS

### NYCWAY UPDATES – TAG, BEGIN AND WAGE SUBSIDY AND WECARE CHANGES

<p><b>Date:</b> July 27, 2007</p>	<p><b>Subtopic(s):</b> NYCWAY</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>NYCWAY is updated on a regular basis to make the system more helpful to users and to update current policy. The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff of the following updates made to NYCWAY:</p>
<p>BEGIN and Wage Subsidy Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin Employment Gain Independence Now (BEGIN) and Wage Subsidy Changes</li> <li>• Training Assessment Group (TAG) Assignment Changes</li> <li>• Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment (WeCARE) Update</li> </ul>
<p>TAG Assignment Changes</p> <p>If the training program has these components, each will be listed separately.</p>	<p>Previously NYCWAY did not allow participants with Employability Status (ES) codes <b>29</b> (True Single Parent or Caretaker of Child Under 6 Years of Age/Non-Exempt) and <b>17</b> (Teen Head of Household or Married Teen Enrolled in Secondary School, Equivalent or other Education Directly Related to Employment/Non-Exempt) to be assigned to BEGIN and Wage Subsidy programs. Now participants with Employability Status (ES) code <b>29</b> can be assigned to BEGIN and Wage Subsidy programs. Participants with ES code <b>17</b> can be assigned BEGIN.</p>
<p>TAG Assignment Changes</p> <p>If the training program has these components, each will be listed separately.</p>	<p>Previously, when a participant's training assignment was composed of multiple elements, each component was listed separately and could not exceed three components totaling 70 hours biweekly. The components included a primary assignment, an internship and a federal college work study. If a participant was enrolled in ESL (English as a Second Language), GED (General Education Diploma) or ABE (Adult Basic Education) those programs were included in the primary assignment.</p>

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The primary assignment will not include ESL, GED or ABE; these components will be listed separately.

Participants at TAG will now be allowed a maximum of four components totaling 70 hours biweekly which can include the following:

- primary assignment (maximum of 40 hours biweekly) (e.g., computer training)
- ESL, GED or ABE (only one allowed for a maximum of 30 hours biweekly)
- internship
- federal college work-study

WeCARE Update

Previously when posting a WeCARE referral code when a participant refused to sign the consent form, Action Code **16WD** (WeCARE Consent for Disclosure Declined) automatically posted and the **Comments** field was optional.

Now when the **16WD** posts, an entry in the **Comments** field is required and the field will appear as a separate screen. If the applicant/participant refuses to sign the consent form, the Worker must enter this refusal in the **Comments** field.

**Note:** There is no adverse action for refusing to sign the consent form.

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