

6.1 Employability Plan Overview

No change to prior to the last paragraph in 6.1

Learnfare Case Management plans, which are similar to EPs, are developed for children age 6 to 17 whose parent is placed in a W-2 employment position and who is required or volunteer to participate in case management for Learnfare. (Children not enrolled in school, minor parents, dropouts, returning dropouts, habitual truants, and a child whose W-2 group includes a participant who has been unable to participate in required assigned activities due to the child's school-related problems are required to participate in case management.) (See 16.3.4)

16.2.3 Enrollment Verification

The FEP must verify enrollment for each child subject to Learnfare and determine if the child is mandatory for Learnfare case management:

- At the initial W-2 eligibility determination;
- At each review; and
- When the FEP receives information or has reason to believe that a child in a W-2 Group whose parent is placed in a CSJ, TMP, or W-2 T has become a dropout, habitual truant, minor parent, or a child whose W-2 group includes a participant who has been unable to participate in required assigned activities due to the child's school-related problems.

No change to remainder of 16.2.3

16.3.1 Groups Mandatory for Case Management

Five target groups are mandatory for case management:

1. Children between the ages of 6 and 17 not enrolled in school;
2. A dropout or a returning dropout;
3. A habitual truant;
4. A minor parent; and
5. A child whose W-2 group includes a participant who has been unable to participate in required assigned activities due to the child's school-related problems.

A child identified as mandatory for case management will remain mandatory until the next review date, unless any of the following occurs:

- The parent of the Learnfare child is no longer placed in a CSJ, TMP, or W-2 T position;
- The child has reached age 18;
- For minor parents, the minor parent has lost his/her child through death or adoption;
- For returning dropouts, the child has completed two consecutive semesters, including the semester during which the child returns to school; or

- The child's school-related problems are remedied and the participant resumes participation in required assigned activities.

Any child enrolled in case management can volunteer to receive Learnfare case management services through the end of the school semester even when s/he is no longer mandatory.

A financial penalty must not be imposed on W-2 Groups whose child\children voluntarily continues\continue to participate in Learnfare case management. (See 16.4.1)

16.4.1 Determining a Financial Penalty

W-2 Groups may have a financial penalty imposed if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The child continues to fail to meet the school attendance requirement;
2. Individuals assigned activities on the Learnfare Case Management Plan have failed to cooperate;
3. Good cause for failing to cooperate with case management has not been presented; and
4. A Fact Finding Review was not requested within 10 days from the Learnfare Penalty Notification date.

The following groups are required to participate in case management, but are not subject to a financial penalty for failure to cooperate:

- Minor parents enrolled in school;
- Habitual truants;
- Returning dropouts; and
- A child whose W-2 group includes a participant who has been unable to participate in required assigned activities due to the child's school-related problems.

The financial penalty is \$50 per month per child, not to exceed \$150 per W-2 Group per month. If a financial penalty is entered into CARES for a CSJ, TMP, or W-2 T position, a notice will be sent indicating that the W-2 payment may be reduced for a Learnfare financial penalty.

No change to remainder of 16.4.1