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SUBJECT: New Wisconsin Works (W-2) Payment Issuance Screens in CARES Worker Web

CROSS REFERENCE: Benefit Issuance Guide

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 03, 2020

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memo is to:

- 1. Announce new W-2 Payment Issuance screens in CARES Worker Web (CWW); and
- 2. Describe minor language updates to the W-2 Benefit Issuance Guide.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Currently, W-2 Benefit Issuance screens are in CARES Mainframe. There are four view-only CARES screens in Mainframe that are used for viewing payment information: IQAF (Issuance History-Disbursement), IQAD (Issuance History-Details), IQWD (Payment Calculation) and IQAM (Issuance History-Payment Period). As part of the Bureau of Working Families' (BWF) continued efforts to modernize systems and improve efficiency in case management, payment issuance details will now also be viewable in CWW.

## **POLICY**

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There are no policy changes associated with this memo. Minor language changes were made to the Benefit Issuance Guide and W-2 Manual to reflect BWF's preferred language of "payment" over "benefit."

## CARES MAINFRAME AND CWW CHANGES

CARES screens IQAF, IQAD, and IQAM will remain in CARES Mainframe as view-only screens. Effective February 3, 2020, Financial and Employment Planners (FEPs) may also view the information found on these screens in CWW.

Information viewable on IQWD will not be in CWW at this time until further analysis can be performed on this screen.

## VIEWING PAYMENT ISSUANCE HISTORY IN CWW

To view a history of all payments made to a participant, FEPs can navigate to the **W-2 Payment Issuance** section in the Navigation Menu in CWW and select **Payment History**. (See Figure 1)



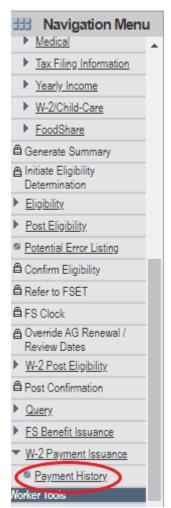


Figure 1 Location of the Payment History page on the Navigation Menu in CWW.

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On the **W-2 Payment History** page, each row represents one payment to a participant. For each payment, FEPs can view the Check/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Date, Payment Period, Payment Amount, Check Number, Disposition Date, Disposition Code, Disposition Reason, Return Indicator, and Issuance Number. Payments can be sorted by both Check/EFT Date or Payment Period in descending or ascending chronological order. Records that have multiple payments for the same payment period are marked with a green flag. FEPs can hover over the flag to display the total check amount for that payment period. (See Figure 2)

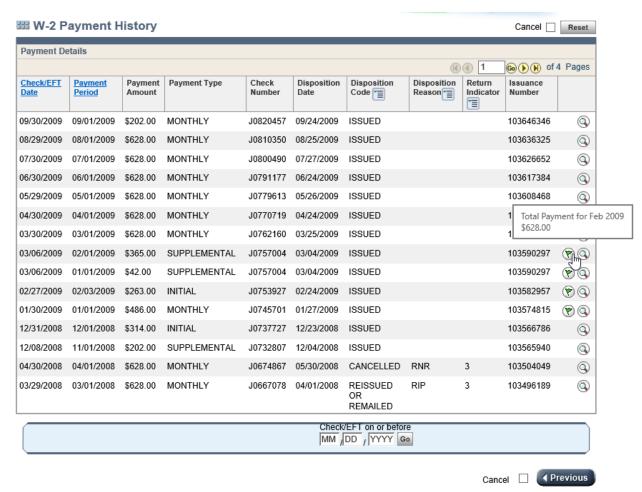


Figure 2 The W-2 Payment History page in CWW.

## VIEWING PAYMENT ISSUANCE DETAILS IN CWW

To view details of a payment, FEPs can click the magnifying glass on each row in the W-2 **Payment History** page. This action brings up the **W-2 Payment Details** page. On this page, FEPs can view details about the specific payment including the amount, the financial institution, the address, the issuance number, and the office. Additionally, if the individual has a payee the worker can view the payee type and name, and if there was a replacement check sent the worker can view the number and date of the replacement check, as well as the Affidavit Receive Date. More specific details about the payment itself are also available on this page, including the recoupment amount, the offset amount, and the returned amount, if these fields apply. (See Figure 3)

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Figure 3 The W-2 Payment Details page in CWW.

## **TRAINING**

The Partner Training Team will update any relevant trainings based on these system updates.

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## **AGENCY ACTION**

W-2 agencies must become familiar with the new functionality as described in this memo and update any relevant local agency procedures.

## **CONTACTS**

For W-2 Policy Questions in the Balance of State: Bureau of Regional Operations, W-2 Regional Coordinators

For W-2 Policy Questions in Milwaukee: Milwaukee Operations Section, Regional Administrators

For W-2 CARES or WWP Functionality Questions: BWF Work Programs Help Desk

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