Wisconsin Work Programs (WWP), ACCESS and CARES Worker Web (CWW) will be updated on October 18, 2025. These changes will be available for ACCESS users, CWW and WWP users on October 19, 2025. Here is what you need to know.

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ACCESS and CWW System Updates

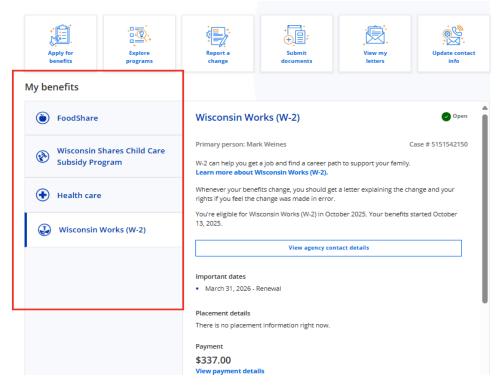
Check My Benefits (CMB) in ACCESS

As part of the ACCESS Modernization project, Check My Benefits landing page has been updated to allow participants an updated look and feel to better help manage their benefits. Participants will still be able to do all actions as they did before, apply for benefits, update address/contact information and view notices. From participant's CMB landing page, they will now also have the ability to start the renewal of their W-2 benefits and report a change.

How it Works:

Once the participant has authenticated their ACCESS account, by putting in their personal information and their PIN or case number, ACCESS will display the CMB landing page that provides a snapshot to the participant of the programs they receive and important information such as, renewal due, check their "My to-do list", other attention their case needs or any messages that need to be communicated to the participant from DHS or DCF.

Different program tile cards:



When the participant selects the program tile, the information about that program will display.





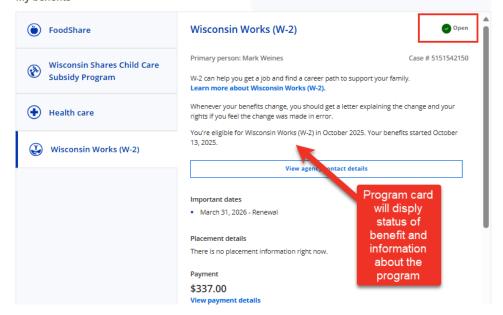








My benefits



View agency contact details

Important dates

March 31, 2026 - Renewal

Placement details

There is no placement information right now.

Payment

\$337.00

View payment details

View appointments

View monthly activity

View history of important changes

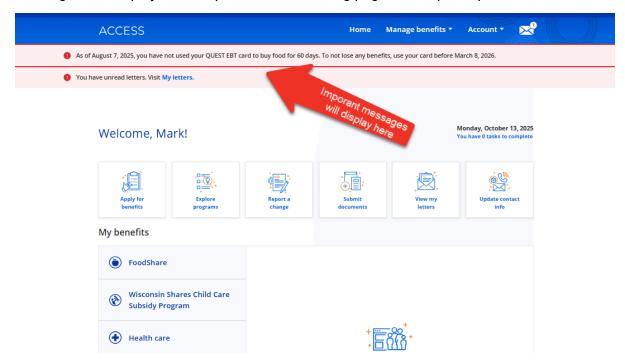
View my letters

View my work program info 🔀

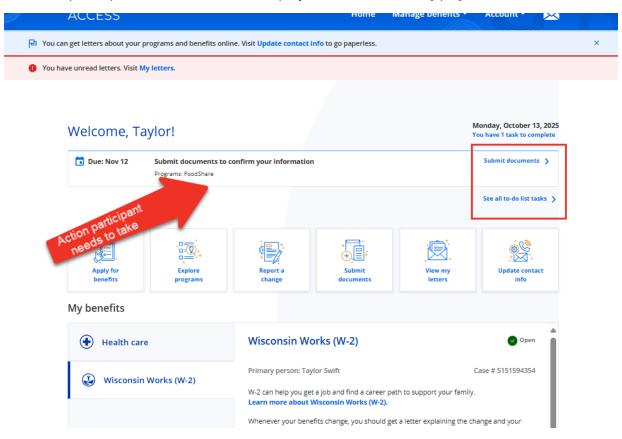
Who is covered

- Gaberial Baby
- Mark Weines

Messages will display at the top of the CMB landing page for the participant to see.



Actions a participant needs to take will display on the CMB landing page.



Renew my Benefits (RMB) in ACCESS

Wisconsin Works (W-2) reviews are being added to ACCESS. CWW is being updated to support W-2 reviews initiated by participants in ACCESS.

How it Works:

Participants will be able to complete their W-2 reviews in ACCESS. The W-2 participant can opt to complete the W-2 review early if any other program is due for review. If the case is no longer in Intake mode, the W-2 review can be completed as early as the month of application.

If a participant tries to initiate a W-2 review on the last working day of the review month, a message will display telling the participant to contact their worker.

During the ACCESS W-2 review, the participant will be asked to review and update if needed:

- basic information (for example marital status and address)
- household composition
- income and benefits
- assets

All W-2 required financial and non-financial eligibility criterion will be reviewed.

If another program is also being renewed, questions relevant to the other program will be reviewed. For example, a W-2 and FoodShare (FS) renewal will ask the participant about bills.

When a W-2 review is done in ACCESS, the participant will have the option to schedule the phone interview appointment. Agencies should use the new "AT – W-2 Elig Rev/Phone" appointment type to add phone interviews calendar slots. These appointments will be scheduled with participant's assigned FEP case worker. FEP case workers will see W-2 renewal phone appointments ("AT") automatically booked when participants submit W-2 reviews from ACCESS with an appointment. If the participant schedules the W-2 review appointment during the online review submission, the FEP will receive an alert as they do today for W-2 appointment scheduling. If the participant submits a W-2 review without an appointment, CWW will create a new Action Item "W-2 Review Received - Appointment Not Scheduled" and assign it to the FEP. This Action Item will display on the Case Summary page and must be manually removed by the FEP once the review appointment is scheduled.



When CWW users check their dashboards, they'll see an enhancement for ACCESS W-2 review work items. These work items will display under the Renewals/Reviews category with Received status upon ACCESS W-2 RMB submission and will be systematically updated as workers process the review.

For W-2 only reviews, the Work Item status is updated based on the FEP worker's processing of the review. For combined program reviews (W-2 and FS, for example), the status is updated based on the first worker processing the review.

This how the FEPs Work Items will display initially display:

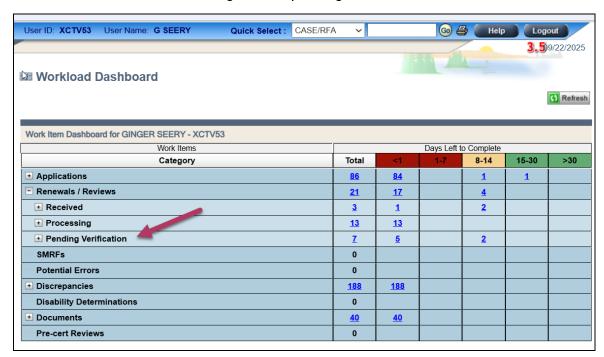


When the FEP links the review to the case and starts processing the review, the hyperlinked case number will display instead of the ACCESS tracking number and will bring the worker to the Case Summary page.



For combined program reviews, once the first worker processes their review and confirms eligibility, the status of the renewal Work Item will be updated to Pending Verification on the other worker's dashboard who has yet to process their program review. For example, if the Income Maintenance (IM) worker processes the combined FS/W-2 review before the FEP, the status will update to Pending Verification on the W-2 FEP worker's dashboard, and the Work Item will drop off the IM worker's dashboard if completed or will update to Pending Verification if appropriate.

This the FEPs dashboard showing reviews pending verification:

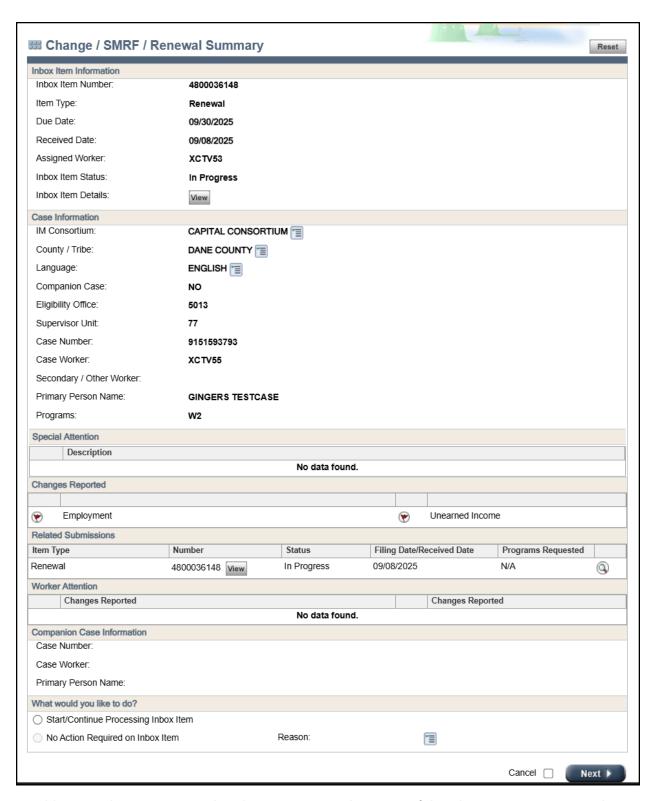


And the Work Item in Pending Verification Status:



IM and W-2 Work Items will drop off the dashboard once the respective workers complete the review processing and confirm eligibility, i.e. the review is complete for a given worker.

From the Work Item within a worker Dashboard, the CWW Change/SMRF/Renewal Summary page can be accessed by clicking on the online review's ACCESS number. The Change/SMRF/Renewal Summary page will be enhanced to include W-2 program review details submitted through the online ACCESS RMB module. Details will include the Item Type, Inbox Item Status, a link to the RMB Summary PDF, programs included in review, and categories for any changes reported through ACCESS during review submission.



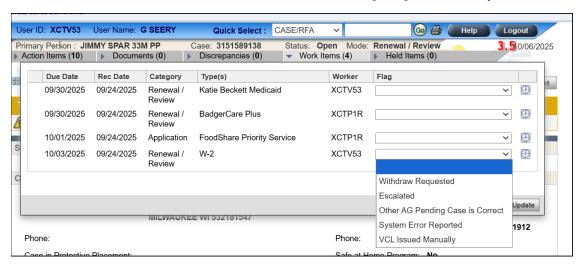
In addition to the review PDF, the Changes Reported section of the Change/SMRF/Renewal Summary page is where FEPs can look to see what the participant updated during the online review.

To link the online review to the case or to continue processing a linked review, select the Start/Continue processing Inbox Item button.

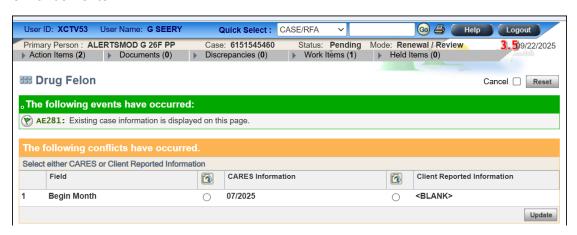
Once a worker links the review to the case, a banner message displays on the Case Summary page until the first worker processes the renewal and initiates eligibility.



The Case Summary page will also be enhanced to display the new W-2 renewal Work Items. FEPs will be able to flag Work Items with specific statuses (e.g., Withdraw Requested, Escalated, VCL Issued Manually, etc.). This Flag functionality will be available for the new online W-2 review Work Items and will mirror the existing Flag functionality for Work Items.

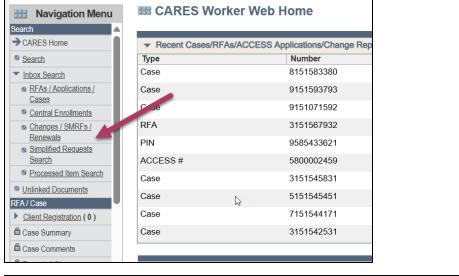


If the information reported by the participant during the online review is different from what exists in CWW, the worker will be responsible for resolving the conflict pages that display. If the review is for multiple programs, conflict panels will only display for the first worker processing the review Conflict panel logic and functionality remains unchanged with these enhancements.



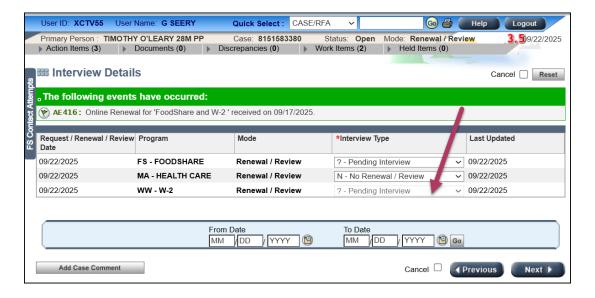
For workers processing combined program renewals (IM + W-2) after the initial worker, review processing is initiated using the Case Summary "Process Renewal/Review" radio button. The subsequent worker(s) will not be able to initiate the review processing until the first worker has completed their program review and confirms eligibility, however they will still be able to access other case pages. The logic for restricting workers from interrupting another worker's renewal driver flow will follow existing logic.

In addition to the Dashboard, the CWW Inbox will also allow workers to search for ACCESS reviews, as will the CWW Quick Select option. A W-2 Geographical Area filter will be added to the CWW Inbox.

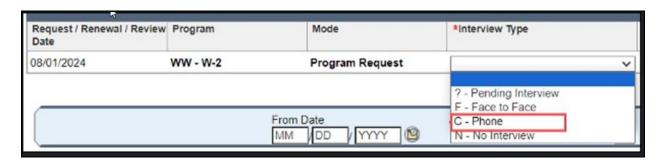




If the IM worker starts the review before the FEP, the CWW Interview Details page will update with a ? - Pending Interview.



The interview Details page will also display a banner message AE416 for the first worker processing a multi-program online review. This banner message is systematically removed after the first worker processes the review and initiates eligibility. The interview Details page will also be enhanced to update the existing "C – CMF/CMU Phone Interview" option to "C – Phone".



Impact:

Participants will be able to initiate their W-2 reviews.

See Training and Demos:

CWW Process Help will be updated, and a demo video is available.

The Partner Training Team created a Training video on Demand: Processing Renew my Benefits in CWW which is currently available in the <u>PTT Learning Center</u>.

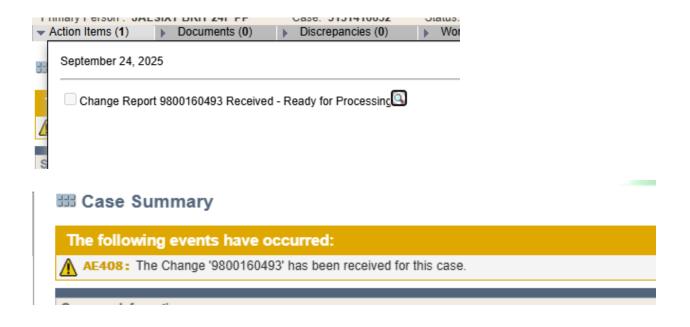
ACCESS Report My Change (RMC)

W-2 participants will be able to report changes through ACCESS. CWW is being enhanced to support W-2 changes reported by participants in ACCESS.

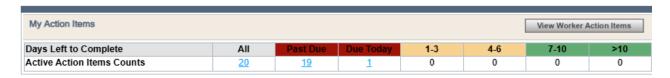
How it Works:

Participants will be able to report their W-2 changes in ACCESS, once they create an ACCESS account using their case or PIN and this would be known as their authenticated ACCESS account. Once they have successfully created their authenticated account, on the Check My Benefit (CMB) landing page, the participant will be able to select "Report My Change".

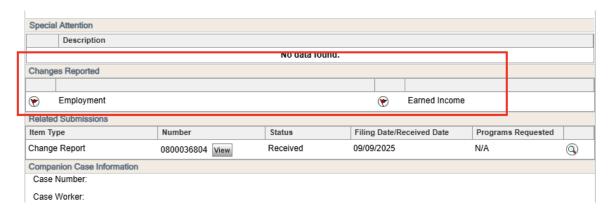
After submitting the reported change, an action item will be created for the assigned FEP worker to inform them the participant has reported a change, and a yellow banner will appear on the Case Summary page indicating a change report has been submitted as well.



The FEP worker will also see changes submitted on their My Action Item dashboard.



When the FEP worker selects the ACCESS change report, CWW will take the worker to the Change/SRMF/Renewal Summary Page. The FEP worker will see a section labeled "Change Reported", where the worker will know which CWW page to navigate to, to see the change.



See Training and Demos:

The Partner Training Team created a Training Video on Demand: Processing Report my Changes in CWW which is available in the <u>PTT Learning Center</u>.

Add a Program (AAP) in ACCESS

The ACCESS AAP module will be modernized.

How it Works:

The AAP ACCESS module will be modernized to improve the look and feel for the applicant. Several questions in the EA flow that are not relevant for EA eligibility determination will be removed. The application PDF has been improved with a table of contents added.

Impact:

Applicants eill experience a modernized AAP flow and application PDF.

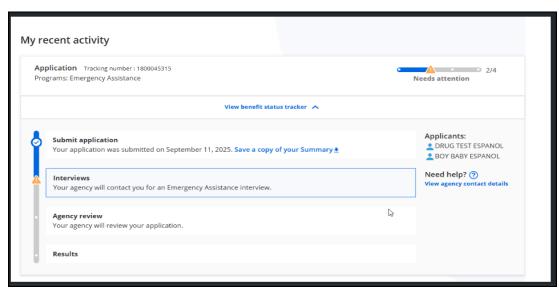
Benefit Status Tracker in ACCESS

A benefit status tracker will be added to ACCESS.

How it Works:

Individuals who apply for W-2, Job Access Loan (JAL), or Emergency Assistance (EA) in ACCESS will be able to track the status of their applications in ACCESS and MyACCESS. Application statuses from submitting to when the agency makes an eligibility determination will be indicated with a benefit status tracker.

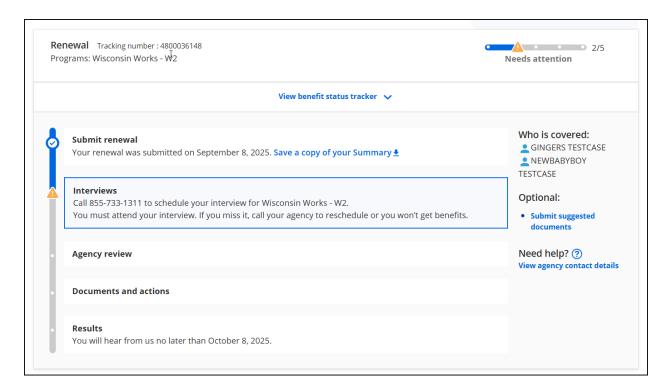
Example when EA applicant didn't schedule an appointment in ACCESS:



NOTE: The Documents and Actions step of the tracker does not support EA.

W-2 participants will also be able to track the status of their reviews and change reports submitted in ACCESS.

Example when a participant didn't schedule the review appointment during the online review:



Impact:

Applicants and participants will be able to see the status of their applications, reviews, and cange reports.

See Training and Demos:

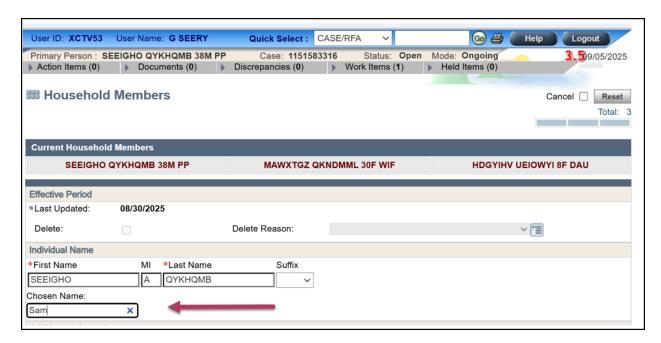
CWW Process Help will be updated,

Name Modernization Project

Individuals will be able to indicate their chosen names in ACCESS. A chosen name is the name that an individual prefers to be called. This project will enhance member experience through a user-friendly and inclusive integrated application by adding a member chosen name fields.

How it Works:

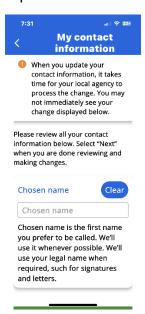
The Name Modernization project will allow applicants and participants to indicate their preferred 1st name in ACCESS, MyACCESS and CWW. CWW will be updated with a new chosen name field on the Household Members page, when submitted through ACCESS or MyACCESS. Workers will be able to enter chosen names in CWW if the field is blank and conduct searched with a chosen name.



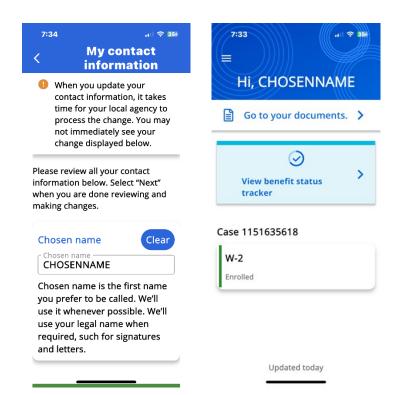
CWW will be updated if a chosen name is indicated in ACCESS. The individual's chosen name will display in place of the legal first name in the CWW header at the top of the pages where name is displayed.



MyACCESS will allow the participant to provide a chosen name when they navigate to "Update Contact Information".



Once they enter a chosen name, it will appear on the home screen of MyACCESS.



Additionally, DHS managed correspondence will be updated to gender neutral language and chosen name except when not legally allowed. This includes the VCL. Correspondence DCF manages, such as the W-2 eligibility notice, won't be updated.

Impact:

Workers will be able to easily identify and use individuals' chosen names, promoting customer service and a user-friendly participant experience.

See Training and Demos:

CWW Process Help will be updated, and a demo video is available.

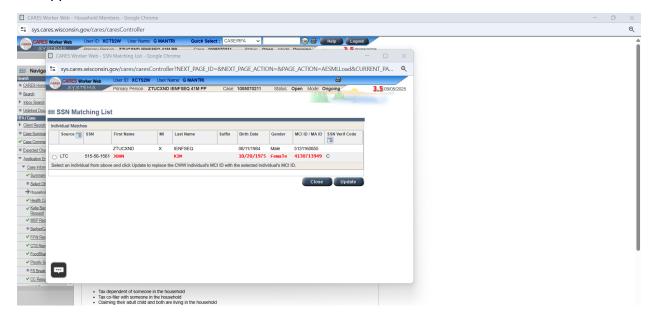
Existing training materials will be updated to incorporate the Chosen Name changes.

AE201 Errors: Duplicate PIN

When an applicant applies for benefits, but does not provide their SSN, and they are known to CWW with a SSN, AE201 appears in CWW for the worker. AE201: An individual with the same SSN already exists. Check the "SSN Matches" magnifying glass to review an update the MCI ID/MA ID to resolve this error. CWW will now locate the applicant, and the worker will be able to link the applicant to the known individual. This will help eliminate CWW creating duplicate PINs for the individual.

How it Works:

When an application comes in without an SSN, but is known to CWW, a search match page will appear and allow the worker to select the known individual in CWW.



Impact:

This will allow a chance for the worker to find the applicant and link the PIN to the correct individual. This will decrease the amount of duplicate PIN's that are created for applicants/participants.

See Training and Demos:

CWW Process Help will be updated.

Case Policy Assistant (CPA) Enhancements

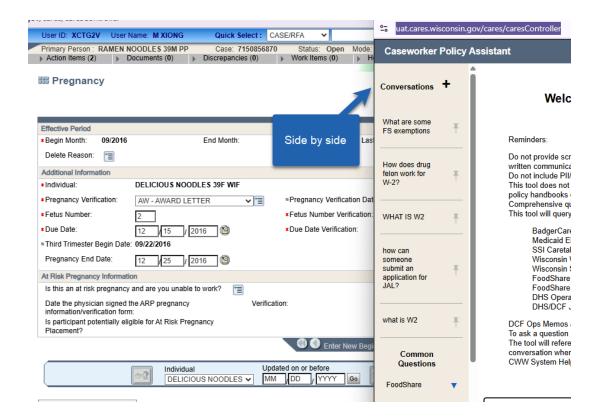
The Case Policy Assistant tool in CWW is enhancing four features to allow workers to have a better user experience with the tool.

- 1) CPA will now pop up and have its own window
- 2) Pinning comments
- 3) Loading Messaging enhancement

How it Works:

Enhancement 1: CPA pop up window

When workers select the CPA, it will now open in its own pop-up window, so workers can have it next to CWW (side by side).



Enhancement 2: Pinning Comments

Workers will have the ability to pin up to 4 questions/conversations.



Enhancement 3: Loading Messaging

When a question is asked to the CPA, there will be a loading message to allow worker to see updates while the CPA is loading a response.



Impact:

This will allow a better user experience for the workers.

See Training and Demos:

CWW Process Help will be updated.

The Partner Training Team will update training documents in the PTT Learning Center.

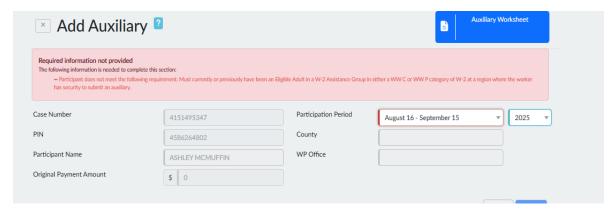
WWP System Updates

Regional Security Enhancement for Manual Auxiliary

A W-2 worker will now be able to submit a manual auxiliary if the PIN is associated with the agency that the worker has security for. If a worker tries to manually add an auxiliary, the warning message has been updated to reflect they are not in the correct agency.

How it Works:

If a worker is employed by an agency with three regions, but the worker only has security in Region 1 and 2, then that worker will only be able to submit an auxiliary if the PIN is enrolled (or previously enrolled) in Region 1 or 2.



Impact:

Updating the error message will properly inform the FEP worker why they cannot issue an aux if they are not in the correct agency.

See Training and Demos:

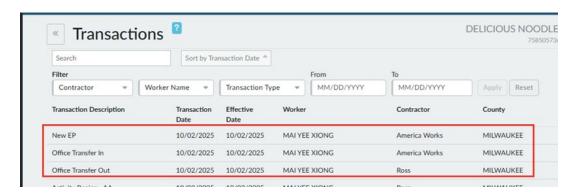
Not applicable

WWP Transaction When WWP Submits Employment Plan (EP) After Regional Transfer

If there is an EP in submitted status on the day that a PIN is transferred to a different region, then WWP auto-ends that EP and submits a new EP with a begin date that matches the date of transfer. There will be a transaction being logged for the new EP.

How it Works:

On the Transaction page, there will be a record when the participant is transferred out from one agency and transfers into another agency.



See Training and Demos:

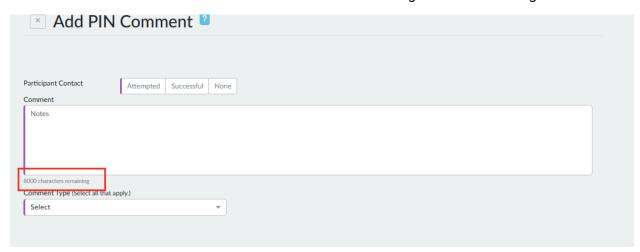
Not applicable

PIN Comment Character Limit Increase

In Feb. 2025, there was a new functionality released into WWP, PIN Comments. After the Feb. release, it was revealed that workers were using the PIN Comments to enter information about the participant for the monitoring team and the characters were exceeding what was allowed.

How it Works:

Starting October 20, 2025, the character limit will be increased to 8,000 characters, to accommodate the amount of information workers are entering for the monitoring team.



Impact:

Workers will be able to provide adequate summary of the case for the monitoring team to review.

See Training and Demos:

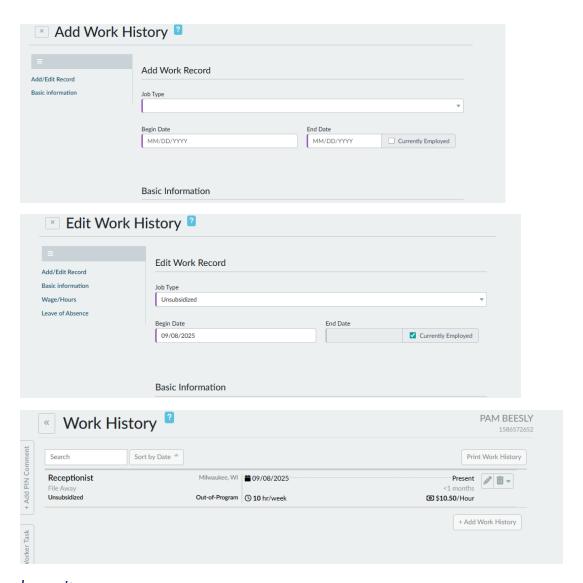
Not applicable.

Adding "Edit" and "Add" to Work History Page

In WWP, there is a Work History page that the worker can add details about the work history for the participant and a summary of the Work History will display. However, both are called Work History Page.

How it Works:

WWP is being enhanced to add "Add Work History" when the worker is adding work history for the participant and adding "Edit Work History" when the worker is editing a work history already created. When the worker is reviewing the list of work history, the page title will remain, "Work History".



Impact:

This will help minimize confusion, when a FEP worker is adding work history, editing work history or just reviewing work history.

See Training and Demos:

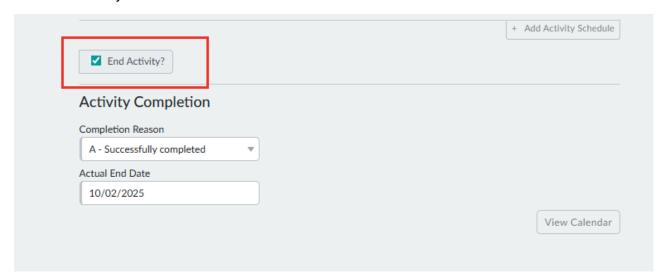
Not applicable.

Enable Lapsed Activity Schedules to be Ended on Open Activities

Currently, when there are two activities and one has lapsed, WWP does not allow the worker to end the lapsed activity. WWP will be enhanced to allow the worker to end lapsed activities for PINs that are transferred to a different region, that have future planned end dates. Example: On an EP, when you click on the MO activity with start date of 2/5/25 and planned end date of 8/29/25, worker will see two schedules. One has a planned end date of 8/29/25 and the other has a planned end date of 4/12/25. Worker will now be able to end the schedule with planned end date of 4/12/25.

How it Works:

For a lapsed activity, the FEP worker will have the ability to select "End Activity". This will allow the activity to end.



Impact:

When PINs are transferred but there is a lapsed date for the activity, workers will be able to end the activity.

See Training and Demos:

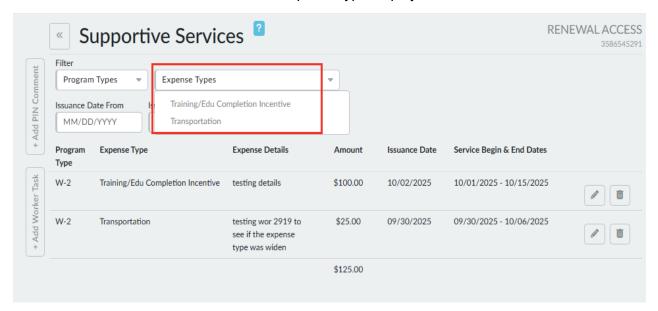
The Partner Training Team has created the Transfer Case Reference Guide that is available in the <u>PTT Learning Center</u>.

Supportive Services Expense Type Enhancement

When a FEP worker selects Expense Type from the dropdown selection on the Support Services page, the full name of the expense type will now be shown.

How it Works:

Expense Type field has been enhanced to display the full name and provide extra space, to ensure the FEP worker can see the entire expense type displayed.



See Training and Demos:

Not applicable.

EA Enhancement

WWP will be updated to add 2 new questions for EA with corresponding indicators on additional EA pages.

How it Works:

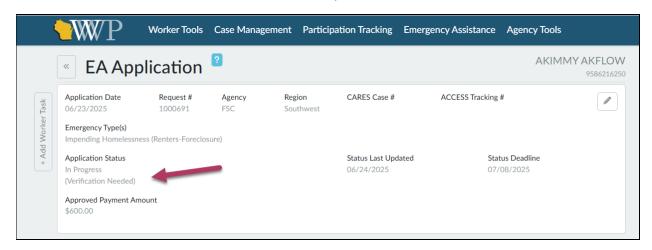
Two new questions will be added to the EA Agency Summary page: Interview Needed? and Verification Needed?.

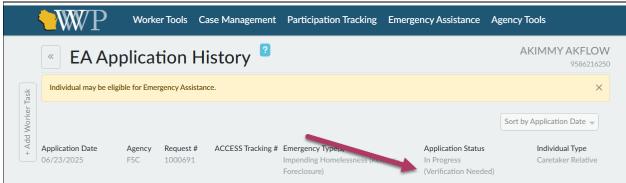


The application status can't be updated to Approved or Pending if either response is Yes. If the user tries to update the Application Status to Approved or Pending with either or both questions marked YES, an error message will display:



The EA Application and EA Application History pages will display new indicators if either Verification Needed? or Interview Needed? is Yes, or if both are Yes.





Impact:

Workers will more easily be able to determine if verification or an interview is needed for a given application.

See Training and Demos:

The EA Reference Guide will be updated to incorporate these changes.

For W-2, CARES, and WWP Functionality Questions: BWF Work Programs Help Desk bWFWORKPROGRAMSHD@wisconsin.gov