



Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program

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A Permanently Authorized RESEA Program

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA) enacted new Section 306 of the Social Security Act (SSA)
 - Establishes a permanent authorization for the RESEA program.
 - Maintains RESEA as a voluntary program.
 - Provides authorized funding levels and “funding cap” adjustments through FY 2027
 - Introduces several new requirements
 - Phased implementation starting at enactment.
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018
 - Postponed immediate implementation of BBA/SSA requirements.
 - Phased implementation of new program requirements now start in FY 2019.

Program Purposes

1. “To **improve employment outcomes** of individuals that receive unemployment compensation and to reduce average duration of receipt of such compensation through employment.”
2. To **strengthen program integrity** and reduce improper payments of unemployment compensation
3. To promote **alignment with the vision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** of increased program integration and service delivery.
4. Establishes RESEA as an entry point to other workforce system partners.

New Requirements

- Use of evidence-based strategies and evaluations.
- Increased state discretion in participant selection.
- Submission and approval of annual RESEA state plan.
- Formula allocation of funding and incentive funding for high performing states


Evidence-based Strategies & Evaluations

- Funds must be used for interventions or strategies demonstrated to reduce claim duration by improving employment outcomes.
- FY 2019 operating guidance will provide instructions and resources to help states satisfy this requirement.
- Interventions and strategies not backed by evidence must be under evaluation.
- Up to 10 percent of a State's funds may be used for evaluations.

Evidence-based Strategies: DOL Support

- Defining “highly/moderately” causal
- Synthesis of reemployment evaluations in CLEAR
- Capturing/Adding non-DOL sources (states/other Federal agencies)
- Technical assistance to states on conducting evaluations
- RESEA implementation study

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Targeting Participants

- States will have significant discretion in how RESEA is targeted.
- State may opt to continue targeting current populations:
 - UI claimants determined to be most likely to exhaust benefits under the methods established for the state's Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS) program; and
 - transitioning veterans receiving Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX)
- WPRS remains a separate statutorily required program
- RESEA programs that do not include WPRS profiling models will not satisfy WPRS requirements

Annual State Plan

- Annual RESEA State Plan that must include:
 - Assurance/description of proper notification and scheduling accommodations;
 - Assurance/description of how the program design meets the 4 goals of RESEA, including evidence-based requirements; and
 - Description of any evaluations conducted during previous year.
- Standardized fillable template is in development.

Formula Allocation / Funding Requirements

- Beginning in FY 2021 ETA must allot funding to states under two categories:
 - Base funding: Distributed via formula
 - Outcome Payments: Distributed to states that meet or exceed outcome goals
 - Technical Assistance: 1% reserved by USDOL
 - DOL will be requesting input on the formula

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	84%
Outcome	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	15%
TA	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Formula Allocation / Funding Requirements

- Beginning in FY 2023 states will be required to use a percentage of their grant funds on evidence-based strategies with high or moderate causal evidence rating.
- This rate will increase over time from 25% to 50%
- The Department will define “high” and “moderate” causal evidence ratings.

Fiscal Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Evidenced-Based	25%	25%	40%	40%	50%

When do new requirements take effect?

FY 2019

- Evidence-based requirement
- Flexibility in targeting
- ETA will seek input on base funding formula allocation
- Formula published by September 30, 2019

FY 2020

- RESEA State Plan will be implemented

FY 2021

- Formula allocation begins
- DOL reports to Congress on promising reemployment practices

FY 2023

- Evidence-based funding restriction
 - 25% FYs 2023 and 2024
 - 40% FYs 2025 and 2025
 - 50% FY 2027 and later

Funding Outlook

- FY 2019 funding increased to \$150 million
- FY 2019 RESEA guidance is being expedited
 - Will also include further technical assistance

FY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Base	\$117	\$117	\$117	\$117	\$117	\$117	\$117	\$117
Cap	\$58	\$83	\$133	\$258	\$433	\$533	\$608	\$633
Total	\$175	\$200	\$250	\$375	\$550	\$650	\$725	\$750

Next Steps

- FY 2019 Guidance Coming Soon
- Technical Assistance for Evidence Based Requirements Under Development
- Federal Register Notice Seeking Public Comment on Funding Allocation Methodologies
- Federal Register Notice with State Plan Requirements Coming Soon

Any Questions?

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