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Community Work Placements providers memo LR15

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Subject: Extended Period of Sickness and Childcare during Placements

Action: Immediate

Background

During 2015 the Department introduced a policy of Extended Period of Sickness (EPS). This was introduced to try and reduce the number of claimants moving to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) for short periods of time.

EPS allows a participant, who is in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), to remain on the benefit for a period of up to 13 weeks while being unable to work or with restrictions to their hours of participation or their duties due to sickness.

It also was identified that more participants with children of school age were participating on CWP. In some cases these participants were unable to source childcare during a school holiday.

Both the above scenarios have led DWP to review and introduce new guidance on how to proceed with these participants going forward and how providers can claim historical placement outcomes

Action

The outcome from the review means that we need to perform a historic claim exercise for both scenarios between 9 May 2016 and 3 June 2016 inclusive. This exercise will allow providers to claim for historic outcomes in line with new more robust guidance. Please note for the historic claim exercise we require the completed return by no later than Friday 6 May 2016.

LR15 Annex A contains changes to existing provider guidance on how to record any placement outcome claims in Provider Record and Payment (PRaP) system. Please note this takes effect from 9 May 2016. These changes will be published in a new version of provider guidance by the end of May 2016.

LR15 Annex B provides detailed instructions for detailed instructions for these types of claims.

LR15 Annex C sets out how DWP will validate these claims.

Further Information Contact Details

In the first instance please raise any queries through your Performance Manager.