

441—93.110(239B) Arranging for services. Staff is responsible for providing or helping the participant to arrange for employment-oriented services, as required, to facilitate the registrants' successful participation, including client assessment or case management, employment education, transportation, child care, referral for medical examination, and supportive services under the family development and self-sufficiency program described in 441—Chapter 165 or other family development programs, described in rule 441—93.119(239B). PROMISE JOBS funds shall be used to pay costs of obtaining a birth certificate when the birth certificate is needed in order for the registrant to complete the employment service registration process described in rule 441—93.106(239B). PROMISE JOBS funds may also be used to pay expenses for clients enrolled in Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-funded components when those expenses are allowable under these rules. Clients shall submit Form 470-0510, Estimate of Cost, to initiate allowances or change the amount of payment for expenses other than child care.

Payment for child care, if required for participation in any PROMISE JOBS component other than orientation, not specifically prohibited elsewhere in these rules, and not available from any other source, shall be provided for participants after service has been received as described at 441—Chapter 170.

93.110(1) to 93.110(5) Rescinded IAB 6/30/99, effective 7/1/99.

93.110(6) Transportation allowances. Participants may receive a transportation allowance for each day of participation if transportation is required for participation in a PROMISE JOBS activity, but shall not receive a transportation allowance for orientation or for assessment activities that occur on the same day as orientation or for employment. The transportation allowance shall be paid monthly at the start of each month of participation or when participation begins, whichever is earlier. Persons employed shall be entitled to the work expense deduction described at 441—paragraph 41.27(2) "a."

Transportation allowances shall be developed individually according to the circumstances of each participant. Allowances shall cover transportation for the participant and child, if necessary, from the participant's home to the child care provider, if necessary, and to the PROMISE JOBS site or activity.

a. For those who use public transportation, the allowance shall be based on the normally scheduled days of participation in the PROMISE JOBS activity for the period covered by the payment, using the rate schedules of the local transit authority to the greatest advantage, including use of weekly and monthly passes or other rate reduction opportunities.

b. Effective November 1, 2005, for participants who use a motor vehicle they operate themselves or who hire private transportation, the transportation allowance shall be based on a formula which uses the normally scheduled days of participation in the PROMISE JOBS activity for the period covered by the allowance times the participant's anticipated daily round-trip miles times the mileage rate of 30 cents per mile.

c. Transportation allowances for the assessment component shall be issued in advance in weekly increments as described in 93.110(6) "a" or 93.110(6) "b," with payments for the second or third week of assessment being issued as soon as it is determined that the participant will be required to participate in the second or third week of the component.

d. Monthly transportation allowances for each full calendar month of participation shall be issued in advance in the amount determined by the formula described in 93.110(6) "a" or 93.110(6) "b."

(1) Allowances for the third and subsequent months of an ongoing activity shall not be authorized prior to receipt of time and attendance verification, as described at subrule 93.135(2), for the month previous to the issuance month. (For example, a transportation allowance for December, normally issued after November 15 to be available to the participant by December 1, will not be authorized until time and attendance verification for the month of October has been received in the PROMISE JOBS office.)

(2) The amounts of allowances for the third and subsequent months of an ongoing activity shall be adjusted by subtracting from normally scheduled days any number of days which represent a difference between the number of normally scheduled days in the month previous to the issuance month and the number of actual days attended in the month previous to the issuance month. (For example, a transportation allowance based on 16 normally scheduled days of participation is authorized for October, issued in September. If ten days of participation are normally scheduled in December, and the participant did not attend two days of the PROMISE JOBS activity in October, the December

transportation allowance, issued in November for December, shall be calculated using eight days.) Because this adjustment is not possible in the last two months of an ongoing activity, transportation allowances for the last two months of an ongoing activity shall be subject to transportation overpayment provisions of 93.110(8)“b.”

e. Persons who require, due to a mental or physical disability, a mode of transportation other than a vehicle they operate themselves shall be eligible for payment of a supplemental transportation allowance when documented actual transportation costs are greater than transportation allowances provided under these rules and transportation is not available from a nonreimbursable source. Costs of transportation by a public or private agency shall be allowed for the actual costs. Costs of transportation provided by private automobile shall be allowed for the actual charge up to a maximum of the rate per mile as described in 93.110(6)“b.”

(1) Medical evidence of disability or incapacity shall be obtained from either an independent physician or psychologist or the state rehabilitation agency.

(2) The client’s need for a mode of transportation other than a vehicle operated by the client due to disability or incapacity shall be verified by either an independent physician or psychologist or the state rehabilitation agency.

(3) The evidence may be submitted either by letter from the physician or on Form 470-0447, Report on Incapacity. When an examination is required and other resources are not available to meet the expense of the examination, the physician shall be authorized to make the examination and submit claim for payment on Form 470-0502, Authorization for Examination and Claim for Payment. A finding of eligibility for social security benefits or supplemental security income benefits based on disability or blindness is acceptable proof of disability.

f. In those instances where a PROMISE JOBS participant is enrolled in high school, a transportation allowance shall not be allowed if transportation is available from a nonreimbursable source such as when transportation is provided by the school district, or the school district has deemed it unnecessary due to the proximity of the participant’s home to the school. If child care needs make it impossible for the participant to use transportation provided by the school district, a transportation allowance shall be authorized.

93.110(7) Expense allowances during a month of FIP suspension. Payment for expenses shall be made for a month of FIP suspension if the client chooses to participate during that month in a PROMISE JOBS component or other FIA activity for which expense allowance payment is allowable under these rules and to which the client has been previously assigned.

93.110(8) Transportation overpayment. Payment for transportation shall be considered an overpayment subject to recovery in accordance with rule 441—93.151(239B) in the following instances:

a. When the participant attends none of the scheduled days of participation in a PROMISE JOBS activity, the entire transportation allowance shall be considered an overpayment. Recovery of the overpayment shall be initiated when it becomes clear that subsequent participation in the activity is not possible for reasons such as, but not limited to, family investment program ineligibility, establishment of a limited benefit plan or exemption from PROMISE JOBS participation requirements.

b. When the participant fails to attend 75 percent of the normally scheduled days of participation in either of the last two months of an ongoing PROMISE JOBS activity or in any transportation allowance period of an activity which has not been used for allowance adjustment as described at 93.110(6)“d,” an overpayment is considered to have occurred. The amount to recover shall be the difference between the amount for the actual number of days attended and the amount for 75 percent of normally scheduled days. However, a transportation allowance overpayment does not occur for any month in which the participant leaves the PROMISE JOBS activity in order to enter employment.