

TO: Program Planning & Development Committee

DATE: 08/25/2005

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Self-Sufficiency Wage Waiver

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the committee expand the self-sufficiency wage waiver to include applicants who are employed in the Healthcare Industry Cluster at time of application.

DISCUSSION: The WIB has chosen to support the Healthcare Industry Cluster. Part of that support involves upgrade training and upward employment of individuals presently employed in Healthcare. The Program Planning & Development Committee approved the limits for self-sufficiency at the last meeting. RN and LNV applicants were waived from the policy limits. Other individuals employed in Healthcare tend to fall outside of the policy limits and cannot receive our services. By adding the following wording to the policy, these individuals will be eligible for services:

“In accordance with action taken by the Workforce Investment Board on September 15, 2005, applicants who are employed within the Healthcare Industry Cluster and are seeking upgrade services or other Healthcare employment will be exempt from this policy.”

The Board, during its May 24, 2001 meeting, directed that the self-sufficiency wage be reassessed at least once per year.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
California Budget Project 2003 Calculations**

**Self-Sufficiency Wage -
2005
Basic Family Wage
Calculation for Merced
County Residents
Based On California
Budget Project 2003
Methodology**

Expense Categories	Single Adult	Single Parent	Two Parent Family	Two Working Parent Family
	A	B	C	D
Housing & Utilities	\$444.00	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$615.00
Food	\$280.00	\$504.00	\$782.00	\$782.00
Transportation	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$580.00
Child Care	\$-	\$668.00	\$-	\$688.00
Health Care	\$192.00	\$345.00	\$345.00	\$345.00
Miscellaneous	\$267.00	\$547.00	\$695.00	\$695.00
Taxes	\$244.00	\$264.00	\$255.00	\$403.00
Total (Monthly)	\$1,749.00	\$3,265.00	\$3,014.00	\$4,108.00
Total (26 weeks)	\$10,494.00	\$19,590.00	\$18,084.00	\$24,648.00
Total (52 weeks)	\$20,988.00	\$39,180.00	\$36,168.00	\$49,296.00
Basic Family Wage*	\$10.09	\$18.84	\$17.39 (each for 2 parents)	\$23.70 \$11.85
	10.09	18.84	17.39	23.7
Semi-Annual (26 weeks)	\$10,493.60	\$19,593.60	\$18,085.60	\$24,648.00
Annual (52 weeks)	\$20,987.20	\$39,187.20	\$36,171.20	\$49,296.00