

**INTERPRETIVE MEMO**

**Reach Up Rule Interpretation**

**Procedural Instruction**

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Act 172 of 2016 amended 33 V.S.A. § 1108(d) to expand the types of work activities a participant who has reached the 60-month time limit may engage in order to continue receiving assistance.

Effective July 1, 2016, a family with a participating adult who has received 60 or more countable, cumulative months of Reach Up financial assistance or cash assistance funded by a TANF block grant in another state may continue to receive assistance if each participating adult is fully complying with Reach Up services component requirements and:

1. The participant is deferred from his or her work requirement for one of the reasons listed in rules 2363, 2363.1, or 2363.2; or
2. The participant is engaged in any of the countable work activities listed in rules 2350.1-2350.11, rule 2351, or any other work activity recognized in accordance with Title IV-A of the Social Security Act for the number of hours equal to the participant’s work requirement.