Reporting UC Eligible Status under PIRL FAQ

Q1: *What is Unemployment Compensation (UC) Eligible Status?*
ANSWER: UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) tracks whether a participant is eligible for benefit payments under one or more State or Federal UC program(s), as well as whether the individual has exhausted all UC benefit rights for which they were determined eligible. This element further differentiates into categories based on whether the individual, as a UC claimant, was referred to the Reemployment Services Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) or Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS) program.

Q2: *How do we report if the participant is not a UC Claimant nor Exhaustee?*
ANSWER: UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) should be reported with Neither Claimant nor Exhaustee (0) unless the element does not apply to the individual, in which case it should be reported as blank.

Q3: *Is UC eligible status updated after program entry?*
ANSWER: Yes. The UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) status must be reported at program entry and should be updated if there is a post-program entry referral to the RESEA or WPRS program *during the reported period of participation*. The value should be reported in all quarters throughout the lifecycle of the PIRL record. Note that the Exhaustee status (4) is based only on the status at program entry.

Q4: *What does it mean to be an exhaustee?*
ANSWER: UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) should be reported as Exhaustee (4) in circumstances where the participant benefit year has ended or where all benefit rights under any State or Federal UC program(s) have been exhausted at program entry.

Q5: *What is meant by "Claimant Referred By RESEA" in the element code value?*
ANSWER: Claimant Referred by RESEA (1) should be reported in UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) if the individual was not an exhaustee at program entry and was selected for RESEA program services and received a notification regarding their required participation in the RESEA program. This referral may occur prior to their participation in the workforce system or at any time during participation. The element must be updated if the status changes during the reported participation.

Q6: *What is meant by "Claimant Referred By WPRS" in the element code value?*
ANSWER: Claimant Referred by WPRS (2) should be reported in UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) if the individual was not an exhaustee at program entry and was selected for WPRS program services. This referral may occur prior to their participation in the workforce system or at any time during participation. The element must be updated if the status changes during the reported participation.

Q7: *What is meant by "Claimant Not Referred by RESEA or WPRS" in the element code value?*
   ANSWER: Claimant Not Referred by RESEA or WPRS (3) should be reported in UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) if the individual was not an exhaustee at program entry and did not meet the referral definition for RESEA nor WPRS.

Q8: *What is meant by "Claimant is Exempt" in the element code value?*
   ANSWER: Claimant is Exempt (5) should be reported in UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) if the individual was not an exhaustee at program entry and is exempt from work search requirements under state law or policy as determined by the state workforce agency. For example, this may occur where the state workforce agency determined a participant has a valid offer to return to work or start new employment in the immediate future. UI program staff make this determination on exemption based on state law and policy according to standard adjudication requirements. This category does not differentiate between referred by RESEA and WPRS.

Q9: *If a participant received notification of RESEA services after receiving services from another workforce program, what should be reported in UC eligible status?*
   ANSWER: UC Eligible Status (PIRL 401) should be reported as Claimant Referred by RESEA (1). While the initial PIRL record may not have reflected this status, the status should be updated throughout participation as discussed in Q3.

Q10: *Where can I find more information on reporting for the RESEA program?*
   ANSWER: The RESEA reporting guide is posted on WorkforceGPS at:
   https://performancereporting.workforcegps.org/resources/2021/05/10/14/55/RESEA-Reporting-Guide