

R25. Administrative Services, Finance.

R25-7. Travel-Related Reimbursements for State Employees.

R25-7-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures to be followed by departments to pay travel-related reimbursements to state employees.

R25-7-2. Authority and Exemptions.

This rule is established pursuant to:

(1) Section 63A-3-107, which authorizes the Division of Finance to make rules governing in-state and out-of-state travel expenses; and

(2) Section 63A-3-106, which authorizes the Division of Finance to make rules establishing per diem rates.

R25-7-3. Definitions.

(1) "Agency" means any department, division, commission, council, board, bureau, committee, office, or other administrative subunit of state government.

(2) "Board" means a board, commission, council, committee, task force, or similar body established to perform a governmental function.

(3) "Department" means all executive departments of state government.

(4) "Finance" means the Division of Finance.

(5) "Per diem" means an allowance paid daily.

(6) "Policy" means the policies and procedures of the Division of Finance, as published in the "Accounting Policies and Procedures."

(7) "Rate" means an amount of money.

(8) "Reimbursement" means money paid to compensate an employee for money spent.

(9) "State employee" means any person who is paid on the state payroll system.

R25-7-4. Eligible Expenses.

(1) Reimbursements are intended to cover all normal areas of expense.

(2) Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by original receipts for all expenses except those for which flat allowance amounts are established.

R25-7-5. Approvals.

(1) For insurance purposes, all state business travel, whether reimbursed by the state or not, must have prior approval by an appropriate authority. This also includes non-state employees where the state is paying for the travel expenses.

(2) Both in-state and out-of-state travel must be approved by the Executive Director or designee. The approval of in-state travel reimbursement forms may be considered as documentation of prior approval for in-state travel. Prior approval for out-of-state travel should be documented on form FI5 - "Request for Out-of-State Travel Authorization".

(3) Exceptions to the prior approval for out-of-state travel must be justified in the comments section of the Request for Out-of-State Travel Authorization, form FI 5, or on an attachment, and must be approved by the Department Director or the designee.

(4) The Department Director, the Executive Director, or the designee must approve all travel to out-of-state functions where more than two employees from the same department are attending the same function at the same time.

R25-7-6. Reimbursement for Meals.

(1) State employees who travel on state business may be eligible for a meal reimbursement.

(2) The reimbursement will include tax, tips, and other expenses associated with the meal.

(3) Allowances for in-state travel differ from those for out-of-state travel.

(a) The daily travel meal allowance for in-state travel is \$36.00 and is computed according to the rates listed in the following table.

TABLE 1

In-State Travel Meal Allowances

Meals	Rate
Breakfast	\$9.00
Lunch	\$11.00
Dinner	\$16.00
Total	\$36.00

(b) The daily travel meal allowance for out-of-state travel is \$45.00 and is computed according to the rates listed in the following table.

TABLE 2

Out-of-State Travel Meal Allowances

Meals	Rate
Breakfast	\$10.00
Lunch	\$14.00
Dinner	\$21.00
Total	\$45.00

(4) When traveling to premium cities (New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington DC, Boston, San Diego, Orlando, Atlanta, Baltimore, and Arlington), the traveler may choose to accept the per diem rate for out-of-state travel or to be reimbursed at the actual meal cost, with original receipts, up to \$59 per day.

(a) The traveler will qualify for premium rates on the day the travel begins and/or the day the travel ends only if the trip is of sufficient duration to qualify for all meals on that day.

(b) Complimentary meals of a hotel, motel and/or association and meals included in registration costs are deducted from the \$59 premium allowance as follows:

(i) If breakfast is provided deduct \$14, leaving a premium allowance for lunch and dinner of actual up to \$45.

(ii) If lunch is provided deduct \$18, leaving a premium allowance for breakfast and dinner of actual up to \$41.

(iii) If dinner is provided deduct \$27, leaving a premium allowance for breakfast and lunch of actual up to \$32.

(c) The traveler must use the same method of reimbursement for an entire day.

(d) Actual meal cost includes tips.

(e) Alcoholic beverages are not reimbursable.

(5) When traveling in foreign countries, the traveler may choose to accept the per diem rate for out-of-state travel or to be reimbursed at the reasonable, actual meal cost, with original receipts.

(a) The traveler may combine the reimbursement methods during a trip; however, they must use the same method of reimbursement for an entire day.

(b) Actual meal cost includes tips.

(c) Alcoholic beverages are not reimbursable.

(6) The meal reimbursement calculation is comprised of three parts:

(a) The day the travel begins. The traveler's entitlement is determined by the time of day the traveler leaves their home base (the location the employee leaves from and/or returns to), as illustrated in the following table.

TABLE 3

The Day Travel Begins

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
12:01-6:00	6:01-noon	12:01-6:00	6:01-midnight

*B, L, D	*L, D	*D	*no meals
In-State			
\$36.00	\$27.00	\$16.00	\$0
Out-of-State			
\$45.00	\$35.00	\$21.00	\$0

*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

(b) The days at the location.

(i) Complimentary meals of a hotel, motel, and/or association and meals included in the registration cost are deducted from the total daily meal allowance.

(ii) Meals provided on airlines will not reduce the meal allowance.

(c) The day the travel ends. The meal reimbursement the traveler is entitled to is determined by the time of day the traveler returns to their home base, as illustrated in the following table.

TABLE 4

The Day Travel Ends

1st Quarter a.m.	2nd Quarter a.m.	3rd Quarter p.m.	4th Quarter p.m.
12:01-6:00	6:01-noon	12:01-7:00	7:01-midnight
*no meals	*B	*B, L	*B, L, D
In-State			
\$0	\$9.00	\$20.00	\$36.00
Out-of-State			
\$0	\$10.00	\$24.00	\$45.00

*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

(7) An employee may be authorized by the Department Director or designee to receive a taxable meal allowance when the employee's destination is at least 100 miles from their home base and the employee does not stay overnight.

(a) Breakfast is paid when the employee leaves their home base before 6:01 a.m.

(b) Lunch is paid when the trip meets one of the following requirements:

(i) The employee is on an officially approved trip that warrants entitlement to breakfast and dinner.

(ii) The employee leaves their home base before 10 a.m. and returns after 2 p.m.

(iii) The Department Director provides prior written approval based on circumstances.

(c) Dinner is paid when the employee leaves their home base and returns after 7 p.m.

(d) The allowance is not considered an absolute right of the employee and is authorized at the discretion of the Department Director or designee.

R25-7-7. Meal Per Diem for Statutory Non-Salaried State Boards.

(1) When a board meets and conducts business activities during mealtime, the cost of meals may be charged as public expense.

(2) Where salaried employees of the State of Utah or other advisors or consultants must, of necessity, attend such a meeting in order to permit the board to carry on its business, the meals of such employees, advisors, or consultants may also be paid. In determining whether or not the presence of such employees, advisors, or consultants is necessary, the boards are requested to restrict the attendance of such employees, advisors, or consultants to those absolutely necessary at such mealtime meetings.

R25-7-8. Reimbursement for Lodging.

State employees who travel on state business may be eligible for a lodging reimbursement.

(1) For stays at a conference hotel, the state will reimburse the actual cost plus tax for both in-state and out-of-state travel. The traveler must include the conference registration brochure with the Travel Reimbursement Request, form FI 51A or FI

51B.

(2) For in-state lodging at a non-conference hotel, the state will reimburse the actual cost up to \$65 per night for single occupancy plus tax except as noted in the table below:

TABLE 5

Cities with Differing Rates

American Fork	\$75.00 plus tax
Beaver	\$70.00 plus tax
Blanding	\$70.00 plus tax
Cedar City	\$70.00 plus tax
Delta	\$70.00 plus tax
Ephraim	\$70.00 plus tax
Fillmore	\$70.00 plus tax
Green River	\$70.00 plus tax
Heber City/Midway	\$90.00 plus tax
Kanab	\$75.00 plus tax
Layton	\$70.00 plus tax
Logan	\$75.00 plus tax
Moab	\$90.00 plus tax
Nephi	\$70.00 plus tax
Ogden	\$70.00 plus tax
Panguitch	\$70.00 plus tax
Park City	\$90.00 plus tax
Price	\$75.00 plus tax
Provo/Orem/Lehi	\$75.00 plus tax
Roosevelt	\$90.00 plus tax
Salina	\$70.00 plus tax
Salt Lake City Metropolitan Area (Draper to Centerville), Tooele	\$90.00 plus tax
St George/Washington/Springdale	\$75.00 plus tax
Tremonton	\$70.00 plus tax
Torrey	\$70.00 plus tax
Vernal	\$90.00 plus tax

(3) State employees traveling less than 50 miles in excess of their normal office commute are not entitled to lodging reimbursement.

(4) When the State of Utah pays for a person from out-of-state to travel to Utah, the in-state lodging per diem rates will apply.

(5) For out-of-state travel stays at a non-conference hotel, the state will reimburse the actual cost per night plus tax, not to exceed the federal lodging rate for the location.

(6) The state will reimburse the actual cost per night plus tax for in-state or out-of-state travel stays where the department/traveler makes reservations through the State Travel Office.

(7) Lodging is reimbursed at the rates listed in Table 5 for single occupancy only. For double state employee occupancy, add \$20, for triple state employee occupancy, add \$40, for quadruple state employee occupancy, add \$60.

(8) Exceptions will be allowed for unusual circumstances when approved in writing by the Department Director or designee prior to the trip.

(a) For out-of-state travel, the approval may be on the form FI 5.

(b) Attach the written approval to the Travel Reimbursement Request, form FI 51B or FI 51D.

(9) A proper receipt for lodging accommodations must accompany each request for reimbursement.

(a) The tissue copy of the charge receipt is not acceptable.

(b) A proper receipt is a copy of the registration form generally used by motels and hotels which includes the following information: name of motel/hotel, street address, town and state, telephone number, current date, name of person/persons staying at the motel/hotel, date(s) of occupancy, amount and date paid, signature of agent, number in the party, and (single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy).

(10) When lodging is required, travelers should stay at the lodging facility nearest to the meeting/training/work location where state lodging per diem rates are accepted in order to minimize transportation costs.

(11) Travelers may also elect to stay with friends or

relatives or use their personal campers or trailer homes instead of staying in a hotel.

(a) With proof of staying overnight away from home on approved state business, the traveler will be reimbursed the following:

(i) \$25 per night with no receipts required or

(ii) Actual cost up to \$40 per night with a signed receipt from a facility such as a campground or trailer park, not from a private residence.

(12) Travelers who are on assignment away from their home base for longer than 90 days will be reimbursed as follows:

(a) First 30 days - follow regular rules for lodging and meals. Lodging receipt is required.

(b) After 30 days - \$46 per day for lodging and meals. No receipt is required.

R25-7-9. Reimbursement for Incidentals.

State employees who travel on state business may be eligible for a reimbursement for incidental expenses.

(1) Travelers will be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket costs for incidental items such as baggage tips and transportation costs.

(a) Tips for maid service, doormen, and meals are not reimbursable.

(b) No other gratuities will be reimbursed.

(c) Include an original receipt for each individual incidental item above \$20.00 and for all airport parking.

(2) The state will reimburse incidental ground transportation and parking expenses.

(a) Travelers shall document all official business use of taxi, bus, parking, and other ground transportation including dates, destinations, parking locations, receipts, and amounts.

(b) Personal use of such transportation to restaurants is not reimbursable.

(c) Parking at the Salt Lake City airport will be reimbursed at a maximum of the airport long-term parking rate with a receipt for amounts of \$20 or more.

(3) Registration should be paid in advance on a state warrant.

(a) A copy of the approved FI 5 form must be included with the Payment Voucher for out-of-state registrations.

(b) If a traveler must pay the registration when they arrive, the agency is expected to process a Payment Voucher and have the traveler take the state warrant with them.

(4) Telephone calls related to state business are reimbursed at the actual cost.

(a) The traveler shall list the amount of these calls separately on the Travel Reimbursement Request, form FI 51A or FI 51B.

(b) The traveler must provide an original lodging receipt or original personal phone bill showing the phone number called and the dollar amount for business telephone calls and personal telephone calls made during stays of five nights or more.

(5) Allowances for personal telephone calls made while out of town on state business overnight will be based on the number of nights away from home.

(a) Four nights or less - actual amount up to \$2.50 per night (documentation is not required for personal phone calls made during stays of four nights or less)

(b) Five to eleven nights - actual amount up to \$20.00

(c) Twelve nights to thirty nights - actual amount up to \$30.00

(d) More than thirty days - start over

(6) Actual laundry expenses up to \$18.00 per week will be allowed for trips in excess of six consecutive nights, beginning after the sixth night out.

(a) The traveler must provide receipts for the laundry expense.

(b) For use of coin-operated laundry facilities, the traveler must provide a list of dates, locations, and amounts.

(7) An amount of \$5 per day will be allowed for travelers away in excess of six consecutive nights beginning after the sixth night out.

(a) This amount covers miscellaneous incidentals not covered in this rule.

(b) This allowance is not available for travelers going to conferences.

(8) Travel on a Weekend during Trips of More Than 10 Nights' Duration - A department may provide for employees to return home on a weekend when a trip extends longer than ten nights. Reimbursements may be given for costs allowed by these policies.

R25-7-10. Reimbursement for Transportation.

State employees who travel on state business may be eligible for a transportation reimbursement.

(1) Air transportation is limited to Air Coach or Excursion class.

(a) All reservations (in-state and out-of-state) should be made through the State Travel Office for the least expensive air fare available at the time reservations are made.

(b) Only one change fee per trip will be reimbursed.

(c) The explanation for the change and any other exception to this rule must be given and approved by the Department Director or designee.

(d) In order to preserve insurance coverage and because of federal security regulations, travelers must fly on tickets in their names only.

(2) Travelers may be reimbursed for mileage to and from the airport and long-term parking or away-from-the-airport parking.

(a) The maximum reimbursement for parking, whether travelers park at the airport or away from the airport, is the airport long-term parking rate.

(b) The parking receipt must be included with the Travel Reimbursement Request, form FI 51A or FI 51B for amounts of \$20 or more.

(c) Travelers may be reimbursed for mileage to and from the airport to allow someone to drop them off and to pick them up.

(3) Travelers may use private vehicles with approval from the Department Director or designee.

(a) Only one person in a vehicle may receive the reimbursement, regardless of the number of people in the vehicle.

(b) Reimbursement for a private vehicle will be at the rate of 36 cents per mile or 51 cents per mile if a state vehicle is not available to the employee.

(i) To determine which rate to use, the traveler must first determine if their department has an agency vehicle (long-term leased vehicle from Fleet Operations) that meets their needs and is reasonably available for the trip (does not apply to special purpose vehicles). If reasonably available, the employee should use an agency vehicle. If an agency vehicle that meets their needs is not reasonably available, the agency may approve the traveler to use either a daily pool fleet vehicle or a private vehicle. If a daily pool fleet vehicle is not reasonably available, the traveler may be reimbursed at 51 cents per mile.

(ii) If a trip is estimated to average 100 miles or more per day, the agency should approve the traveler to rent a daily pool fleet vehicle if one is reasonably available. Doing so will cost less than if the traveler takes a private vehicle. If the agency approves the traveler to take a private vehicle, the employee will be reimbursed at the lower rate of 36 cents per mile.

(c) Agencies may establish a reimbursement rate that is more restrictive than the rate established in this Section.

(d) Exceptions must be approved in writing by the

Director of Finance.

(e) Mileage will be computed using Mapquest or other generally accepted map/route planning website, or from the latest official state road map and will be limited to the most economical, usually traveled routes.

(f) If the traveler uses a private vehicle on official state business and is reimbursed for mileage, parking charges may be reimbursed as an incidental expense.

(g) An approved Private Vehicle Usage Report, form FI 40, should be included with the department's payroll documentation reporting miles driven on state business during the payroll period.

(h) Departments may allow mileage reimbursement on an approved Travel Reimbursement Request, form FI 51A or FI 51B, if other costs associated with the trip are to be reimbursed at the same time.

(4) A traveler may choose to drive instead of flying if preapproved by the Department Director or designee.

(a) If the traveler drives a state-owned vehicle, the traveler may be reimbursed for meals and lodging for a reasonable amount of travel time; however, the total cost of the trip must not exceed the equivalent cost of the airline trip. The traveler may also be reimbursed for incidental expenses such as toll fees and parking fees.

(b) If the traveler drives a privately-owned vehicle, reimbursement will be at the rate of 36 cents per mile or the airplane fare, whichever is less, unless otherwise approved by the Department Director or designee.

(i) The lowest fare available within 30 days prior to the departure date will be used when calculating the cost of travel for comparison to private vehicle cost.

(ii) An itinerary printout which is available through the State Travel Office is required when the traveler is taking a private vehicle.

(iii) The traveler may be reimbursed for meals and lodging for a reasonable amount of travel time; however, the total cost of the trip must not exceed the equivalent cost of an airline trip.

(iv) If the traveler uses a private vehicle on official state business and is reimbursed for mileage, parking charges may be reimbursed as an incidental expense.

(c) When submitting the reimbursement form, attach a schedule comparing the cost of driving with the cost of flying. The schedule should show that the total cost of the trip driving was less than or equal to the total cost of the trip flying.

(d) If the travel time taken for driving during the employee's normal work week is greater than that which would have occurred had the employee flown, the excess time used will be taken as annual leave and deducted on the Time and Attendance System.

(5) Use of rental vehicles must be approved in writing in advance by the Department Director or designee.

(a) An exception to advance approval of the use of rental vehicles shall be fully explained in writing with the request for reimbursement and approved by the Department Director or designee.

(b) Detailed explanation is required if a rental vehicle is requested for a traveler staying at a conference hotel.

(c) When making rental car arrangements through the State Travel Office, reserve the vehicle you need. Upgrades in size or model made when picking up the rental vehicle will not be reimbursed.

(i) State employees should rent vehicles to be used for state business in their own names, using the state contract so they will have full coverage under the state's liability insurance.

(ii) Rental vehicle reservations not made through the State Travel Office must be approved in advance by the Department Director or designee.

(iii) The traveler will be reimbursed the actual rate charged by the rental agency.

(iv) The traveler must have approval for a rental car in order to be reimbursed for rental car parking.

(6) Travel by private airplane must be approved in advance by the Department Director or designee.

(a) The pilot must certify to the Department Director or designee that the pilot is certified to fly the plane being used for state business.

(b) If the plane is owned by the pilot/employee, the pilot must certify the existence of at least \$500,000 of liability insurance coverage.

(c) If the plane is a rental, the pilot must provide written certification from the rental agency that the insurance covers the traveler and the state as insured. The insurance must be adequate to cover any physical damage to the plane and at least \$500,000 for liability coverage.

(d) Reimbursement will be made at 75 cents per mile.

(e) Mileage calculation is based on air mileage and is limited to the most economical, usually-traveled route.

(7) Travel by private motorcycle must be approved prior to the trip by the Department Director or designee. Travel will be reimbursed at 20 cents per mile.

(8) A car allowance may be allowed in lieu of mileage reimbursement in certain cases. Prior written approval from the Department Director, the Executive Director of the Department of Administrative Services, and the Governor is required.

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R58. Agriculture and Food, Animal Industry.**R58-2. Diseases, Inspections and Quarantines.****R58-2-1. Authority.**

Promulgated Under the Authority of Sections 4-31-15 and 4-31-17 and Subsection 4-2-2(1)(c)(ii).

R58-2-2. Definitions.

A. "Animal exhibition" - An event where animals are congregated for the purpose of exhibition and judging.

B. "Animals" - For the purpose of this chapter animals means poultry, rabbits, cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

C. "Terminal show" - A fair or livestock judging exhibition with designated species of animals that are declared "at risk animals" which at the conclusion of the event must be transported directly to slaughter.

R58-2-3. Reportable and Quarantinable Animal Diseases.

A. Reporting of Diseases. It shall be the responsibility of veterinary diagnostic laboratories, veterinary practitioners, livestock inspectors, and livestock owners to report immediately by phone or written statement to the Department of Agriculture and Food any of the diseases listed on the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Reportable Disease list, available at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Division of Animal Health, PO Box 146500, 350 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500.

1. All swine moving within the State of Utah shall be identifiable to determine the farm of origin as per 9 CFR, 1.71.19, January 1, 2002, edition which is hereby adopted and is incorporated by reference within this rule.

2. All sheep moving within the State of Utah shall, upon change of ownership, comply with federal Scrapie identification requirements as listed in 9 CFR Part 79, January 1, 2002, requiring official identification to determine the farm of origin.

3. Sheep from Scrapie infected, exposed, quarantined or source flocks may not be permitted to move into or within the state, except to slaughter, unless a flock eradication and control plan, approved by the State Veterinarian in Utah, has been implemented in the flock where the diseased animal resides.

4. Any live scrapie-positive, suspect, or high-risk sheep of any age and any sexually intact exposed sheep of more than one year of age shall be required to possess official individual identification as listed in 9 CFR Part 79, January 1, 2002.

B. Quarantines. The Department of Agriculture and Food or its agent may issue quarantines on:

1. Any animal infected with diseases listed on the reportable disease list or any infectious or dangerous entity which is determined to be a threat to other animals or humans.

2. Any animal which it believes may jeopardize the health of other animals, or humans.

3. Any area within the State of Utah to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious diseases.

a. Quarantines shall be deemed issued to owners or caretakers of animals affected with or exposed to infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases by serving an official notice of quarantine to the owner or caretaker in person, by phone, by public meetings, or by registered mail to his last known address.

b. On and after the effective date of quarantine no animals shall be moved or allowed to be moved from or onto the quarantined premises without the owner or caretaker of the quarantined livestock having first obtained a written permit from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food or its authorized agent to move the animals.

c. Quarantines shall be released upon compliance with Section 4-31-17; as well as with 9 CFR 71.2, January 1, 2002, edition; and the Utah Health Code Sections 26-6, 19-4 and 19-5.

R58-2-4. Disease Control at Animal Exhibitions and**Livestock Auctions.**

A. To reduce potential spread of disease from animal exhibitions and livestock auctions the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food may:

1. Specify an animal exhibition a terminal show for designated species coming to the event when the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is aware that a disease risk exists in that local area or the state.

2. Give each county in the state the authority to designate a terminal show for any animal exhibition or fair being held within the county.

3. Give the specific show that is a member of the Junior Livestock Show Association the authority to designate a terminal show.

4. Restrict movement of livestock into and out of a livestock auction or temporary livestock sale when the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is aware of a disease risk exists in that local area or the state.

KEY: quarantines**March 24, 2011****Notice of Continuation June 23, 2011****4-31-15****4-31-17****4-2-2(1)(c)(ii)**

R58. Agriculture and Food, Animal Industry.**R58-4. Use of Animal Drugs and Biologicals in the State of Utah.****R58-4-1. Authority.**

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-5-17 and 9 CFR 101, 102 and 103, January 1, 2006 edition.

R58-4-2. Manufacturing, Induction Specifications.

A. No person, firm, corporation, or other company shall manufacture in this state or transport or introduce into the state, in any manner, any virus or bacterial product carrying infective agents of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases of domestic animals or poultry without first being licensed by Biologics Division of United States Department of Agriculture and Food-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) and obtaining a written permit from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Food.

R58-4-3. Registration Requirements.

Veterinary practitioners, or other persons, firms, corporations, or manufacturers, except those licensed within the State of Utah, engaged in the distribution or manufacture of animal biologics, including diagnostic tests, carrying infective agents, or inactivated agents, for the prevention, treatment or control of contagious, infectious or communicable disease of livestock shall register their names and receive written authority from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Food.

KEY: disease control**August 15, 1997****4-5-2****Notice of Continuation June 23, 2011****4-5-17**

R58. Agriculture and Food, Animal Industry.**R58-11. Slaughter of Livestock.****R58-11-1. Authority.**

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-32-8.

R58-11-2. Definitions.

- A. "Adulterated" - As defined in Section 4-32-3(1).
- B. "Bill of Sale for Hides" - A hide release or some other formal means of transferring the title of hides.
- C. "Business" - An individual or organization receiving remuneration for services.
- D. "Commissioner" - Commissioner of Agriculture and Food or his representative.
- E. "Custom Slaughter-Release Permit" - A permit that will serve as a brand inspection certificate and will allow animal owners to have their animals farm custom slaughtered.
- F. "Department" - Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
- G. "Detain or Embargo" - Holding of a food or food product for legal verification of adulteration, misbranding or proof of ownership.
- H. "Emergency Slaughter" - Emergency Slaughter is no longer allowed for non-ambulatory injured cattle. Non-ambulatory disabled cattle that cannot rise from a recumbent position or cannot walk, including, but not limited to, those with broken appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, nerve paralysis, fractured vertebral column or metabolic conditions, are not allowed to be slaughtered for food.
- I. "Farm Custom Slaughtering" - The slaughtering, skinning and preparing of livestock by humane means for the purpose of human consumption which is done at a place other than a licensed slaughtering house by a person who is not the owner of the animal.
- J. "Food" - Product intended for human consumption.
- K. "Immediate Family" - Those living together in a single dwelling unit and/or their sons and daughters.
- L. "License" - A license issued by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food to allow farm custom slaughtering.
- M. "Licensee" - A person who possesses a valid farm custom slaughtering license.
- N. "Misbranded" - As defined in Section 4-32-3(27).
- O. "Owner" - A person holding legal title to the animal.

R58-11-3. Registration and License Issuance.

- A. Farm Custom Slaughtering License.
 - 1. Any person or person desiring to do farm custom slaughtering shall apply to the Department. Such application for a license will be made on a department form for a Farm Custom Slaughter License. The form shall show the name, address and telephone number of the owner, the name, address and telephone number of the operator if it is different than the owner, a brief description of the vehicle and the license number. Licenses will be valid for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Each licensee will be required to re-apply for a license every calendar year. Change of ownership or change of vehicle license will require a new application to be filed with the Department.
 - 2. Registration will not be recognized as complete until the applicant has demonstrated his ability to slaughter and has completed and signed the registration form.
 - 3. A fee of \$75 must be paid prior to license issuance.

R58-11-4. Equipment and Sanitation Requirements.

- A. Unit of vehicle and equipment used for farm custom slaughtering:
 - 1. The unit or vehicle used for farm custom slaughtering shall be so constructed as to permit maintenance in a clean, sanitary manner.
 - 2. A tripod or rail capable of lifting a carcass to a height

which enables the carcass to clear the ground for bleeding and evisceration must be incorporated into the unit or vehicle. Hooks, gambles, or racks used to hoist and eviscerate animals shall be of easily cleanable metal construction.

- 3. Knives, scabbards, saws, etc. shall be of rust resistant metal or other impervious easily cleanable material.
 - a. A clean dust proof container shall be used to transport and store all instruments and utensils used in slaughtering animals.
- 4. A water tank shall be an integral part of the unit or vehicle. It shall be of approved construction with a minimum capacity of 40 gallons. Water systems must be maintained in a sanitary manner and only potable water shall be used.
- 5. A tank (for sanitizing) large enough to allow complete emersion of tools used for slaughtering must be filled during slaughter operations with potable water and maintained at a temperature of at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit. In lieu of 180 degrees Fahrenheit water, chemical sterilization may be used with an approved chemical agent after equipment has been thoroughly cleaned. Chloramine, hypochloride, and quaternary ammonium compounds or other approved chemical compounds may be used for this purpose and a concentration must be maintained at sufficient levels to disinfect utensils. Hot water, cleaning agents, and disinfectant shall be available at all times if chemicals are used in lieu of 180 degrees Fahrenheit water.
- 6. Cleaning agents and paper towels shall be available so hands and equipment may be cleaned as needed.
- 7. Aprons, frocks and other outer clothing worn by persons who handle meat must be clean and of material that is easily cleanable.
- 8. All inedible products and offal will be denatured with either an approved denaturing agent or by use of pounce material as a natural denaturing agent.
- 9. When a licensee transports uninspected meat to an establishment for processing, he shall:
 - a. do so in a manner whereby product will not be adulterated or misbranded, and/or mislabeled; and
 - b. transport the meat in such a way that it is properly protected; and
 - c. deliver carcasses in such a way that they shall be placed under refrigeration within one hour of time of slaughter (40 degrees F).
- 10. Sanitation.
 - 1. Unit or Vehicle.
 - a. The unit or vehicle must be thoroughly cleaned after each daily use.
 - b. All food-contact and non-food contact surfaces of utensils and equipment must be cleaned and sanitized as necessary to prevent the creation of insanitary conditions and the adulteration of carcasses and parts.
 - c. Carcasses must be protected from adulteration during processing, handling, storage, loading, unloading and during transportation to processing establishments.
 - 2. Equipment.
 - a. All knives, scabbards, saws and all other food contact surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized prior to slaughter and as needed to prevent adulteration.
 - b. Equipment must be cleaned and sanitized after each slaughter and immediately before each slaughter.
 - 3. Inedibles.
 - a. Inedibles shall be placed in designated containers and be properly denatured, and the inedible containers must be clearly marked (Inedible Not For Human Consumption in letters not less than 4 inches in height).
 - b. Containers for inedibles shall be kept clean and properly separated from edible carcasses to prevent adulteration.
 - 4. Personal Cleanliness.
 - a. Adequate care shall be taken to prevent contamination of the carcasses from fecal material, ingesta, milk, perspiration,

hair, cosmetics, medications and similar substances.

b. Outer clothing worn by permittee shall, while handling exposed carcasses, be clean.

c. No licensee with a communicable disease or who is a disease carrier or is infected with boils, infected wounds, sores or an acute respiratory infection shall participate in livestock slaughtering.

d. Hand wash facilities shall be used as needed to maintain good personal hygiene.

R58-11-5. Slaughtering Procedures.

A. Slaughter Area

1. Slaughtering shall not take place under adverse conditions (such as blowing dirt, dust or in mud).

2. If a slaughter area is used for repeated kills, the area should be maintained to prevent blood from collecting, running off on to adjacent property, or contaminating water sources.

3. Hides, viscera, blood, pounce material, and all tissues must be removed and disposed at a rendering facility, landfill, composting or by burial as allowed by law.

B. Humane Slaughter - Animals shall be rendered insensible to pain by a single blow, or gun shot or electrical shock or other means that is instantaneous and effective before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast or cut.

C. Hoisting and Bleeding - Animals shall be hoisted and bled as soon after stunning as possible to utilize post-stunning heart action and to obtain complete bleeding. Carcasses shall be moved away from the bleeding area for skinning and butchering.

D. Skinning - Carcass and head skin must be handled without neck tissue contamination. This may be done by leaving the ears on the hide and tying the head skin. Feet must be removed before carcass is otherwise cut. Except for skinning and starting skinning procedures, skin should be cut from inside outward to prevent carcass contamination with cut hair. Hair side of hide should be carefully rolled or reflected away from carcass during skinning. When carcass is moved from skinning bed, caution should be taken to prevent exposed parts from coming in contact with adulterating surfaces.

E. Evisceration - Before evisceration, rectum shall be tied to include bladder neck and to prevent urine and fecal leakage. Care should also be taken while opening abdominal cavities to prevent carcass and/or viscera contamination.

F. Carcass washing - Hair, dirt and other accidental contamination should be trimmed prior to washing. Washing should proceed from the carcass top downward to move away any possible contaminants from clean areas.

R58-11-6. Identification and Records.

A. Livestock Identification - Pursuant to requirements of Section 4-24-13, it shall be unlawful for any license holder to slaughter livestock which do not have a Brand Inspection Certificate or Farm Custom Slaughter Tag filled out at time of slaughter.

1. Animal owners must have a Brand Inspection Certificate for livestock intended to be farm custom slaughtered, issued by a Department Brand Inspector prior to slaughter, paying the legal brand inspection fee and beef promotion fee. This will be accomplished by the animal owner contacting a Department Brand Inspector and obtaining a Brand Inspection Certificate (Custom Slaughter-Release Permit).

2. Animal owners must also obtain farm custom slaughter identification tags from a Department Brand Inspector for a fee of \$1 each. These tags will be required on beef, pork, and sheep.

B. Records.

1. The Custom Slaughter-Release Permit or Farm Custom Slaughter Tag will record the following information:

a. An affidavit with a statement that shall read "I hereby certify ownership of this animal to be slaughtered by (name). I

fully understand that having my animal farm custom slaughtered means my animal will not receive meat inspection and is for my use, the use of my immediate family, non-paying guests, or full-time employees. The carcass will be stamped "NOT FOR SALE" and will not be sold." This statement must be signed by the owner or designee.

b. In addition to this affidavit, the following information will be recorded:

- (1) date;
- (2) owner's name, address and telephone number;
- (3) animal description including brands and marks;
- (4) Farm Custom Slaughter tag number.

2. The Farm Custom Slaughter tag must record the following information:

- a. date;
- b. owner's name, address and telephone number;
- c. location of slaughter;
- d. name of licensee;
- e. licensee permit number; and
- f. carcass destination.

3. Prior to slaughter the licensee shall:

a. Prepare the Farm Custom Slaughter tag with complete and accurate information;

(1) One tag shall stay in the license holder's file for at least one year.

(2) One tag plus a copy of the Farm Custom Slaughter-Release Permit shall be sent into the Department by the 10th of each month for the preceding month's slaughter by the licensee.

(3) After slaughter, all carcasses must be stamped "NOT FOR SALE" on each quarter with letters at least 3/8" in height; further, a Farm Custom Slaughter "NOT FOR SALE" tag must be affixed to each quarter of beef and each half of pork and sheep.

(4) Hide Purchase - Licensee receiving hides for slaughtering services must obtain a copy of the Custom Slaughter-Release Permit to record transfer of ownership as required by Section 4-24-18.

R58-11-7. Enforcement Procedures.

A. Livestock Slaughtering Permit:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to slaughter or assist in slaughtering livestock as a business outside of a licensed slaughterhouse unless he holds a valid Farm Custom Slaughtering License issued to him by the Department.

2. Only persons who comply with the Utah Meat and Poultry Products Inspection and Licensing Act and Rules pursuant thereto, and the Utah Livestock Brand and Anti-Theft Act shall be entitled to receive and retain a license.

3. License may be renewed annually and shall expire on the 31st of December of each year.

B. Suspension of license - license may be suspended whenever:

1. The Department has reason to believe that an eminent public health hazard exists;

2. Insanitary conditions are such that carcasses would be rendered adulterated and or contaminated.

3. The license holder has interfered with the Department in the performance of its duties;

4. The licensee violates the Utah Meat and Poultry Products Inspection and Licensing Act or the Utah Livestock Brand and Anti-Theft Act or rules pursuant to these acts.

C. Warning letter - In instances where a violation may have occurred a warning letter may be sent to the licensee which specifies the violations and affords the holder a reasonable opportunity to correct them.

D. Hearings - Whenever a licensee has been given notice by the Department that suspected violations may have occurred or when a license is suspended he may have an opportunity for a hearing to state his views before the Department.

E. Reinstatement of Suspended Permit - Any person whose license has been suspended may make application for the purpose of reinstatement of the license. The Department may then re-evaluate the applicant and conditions; if the applicant has demonstrated to the Department that he will comply with the rules, the license may be reinstated.

F. Detainment or Embargo - Any meat found in a food establishment which does not have the proper identification or any uninspected meat slaughtered by a licensee which does not meet the requirements of these rules may be detained or embargoed.

G. Condemnation - Meat which is determined to be unfit for human consumption may be denatured or destroyed.

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R58. Agriculture and Food, Animal Industry.**R58-14. Holding Live Raccoons or Coyotes in Captivity.****R58-14-1. Authority.**

A. Promulgated under authority of Subsection 4-2-2(1)(j) and Section 4-23-11.

B. Scope: It is the intent of this rule to protect the health and safety of individuals by prohibiting the holding of a raccoon or coyote in captivity except as provided by this rule.

R58-14-2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this rule the following definitions apply:

A. Division means the Division of Wildlife Resources.

B. Person means an individual, association, partnership, government agency, or corporation, or any agent of the foregoing.

C. Possession means actual and constructive possession.

D. Raccoon means a depredating animal.

E. Coyote means a predatory animal.

F. Animal means raccoon or coyote.

G. Captivity means possession.

H. Unpermitted animal means a raccoon or coyote possessed by a person without a valid permit issued by the Department of Agriculture and Food for each individual animal.

R58-14-3. General.

The Division of Wildlife Resources, with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Department of Health shall enforce this rule.

A. The Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Board, by authority granted under 4-23, declares it unlawful to import, distribute, relocate or possess live raccoons or coyotes except as provided by this rule.

B. Upon filing an application for registration with the Department of Agriculture and Food, upon forms provided by the department, a permit may be issued by the department authorizing the applicant to hold in live captivity raccoons or coyotes for research, educational, zoos, circuses, or other purposes authorized by the Department of Agriculture and Food.

C. A separate permit must be obtained from the department for each individual raccoon and coyote possessed, and the permit is valid only for the individual raccoon or coyote for which the permit was originally issued.

D. A person issued a permit to possess a live raccoon or coyote may not lend, sell, lease, assign, give, or otherwise transfer the permit, or any rights granted by the permit, to another person.

E. A person may not use or attempt to use the permit of another person.

F. Nuisance raccoons and coyotes may not be relocated following capture, but may be captured and euthanized or otherwise destroyed on location where capture is unfeasible.

G. Unpermitted animals may be seized immediately by the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture and Food, animal control officers, or peace officers where the person possessing the animal cannot produce, for each raccoon or coyote a valid permit issued for that particular animal.

(1) At the time the citation is issued, the aggrieved party may sign and indicate on the citation intent to seek administrative review. Within fourteen days aggrieved party must make a written request to the Department of Agriculture and Food, pursuant to 4-1-3.5, to schedule an informal adjudicative proceeding to review the seizure of any unpermitted animal.

(2) Unpermitted animals seized by the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture and Food, an animal control officer, or a peace officer may be held and boarded by the state where the possessor verifies in writing at the time of seizure his or her

intention to seek administrative review of the seizure under R58-14-3 G(1), and further agrees to compensate the state for all reasonable costs associated with boarding the subject animal during the pendency of the review process. In instances where the final adjudicative order finds possession of the subject animal lawful under these rules, all boarding expenses paid to the state under this section will be refunded.

(3) Unpermitted animals seized by the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Department of Health, or the Department of Agriculture and Food may be euthanized if the possessor does not verify at the time of seizure his or her intention to seek administrative reviews of the seizure under R58-14-3(1), or refuses to reimburse the state for the costs associated with boarding the animal.

(4) Unpermitted animals held or boarded by the state pursuant to R58-14-3 G(2) may be euthanized where the party fails to timely file a request provided under 4-1-3.5, or where remedies have been exhausted and the final order finds possession of the animal in violation of statute or this rule.

H. Any raccoon or coyote that bites or scratches a person or domestic animal shall be handled in accordance with R386-702-5.

R58-14-4. Penalty.

Any violation of this rule is a Class B Misdemeanor.

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R68. Agriculture and Food, Plant Industry.**R68-7. Utah Pesticide Control Rule.****R68-7-1. Authority.**

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-14-6.

R68-7-2. Registration of Products.

All pesticide products distributed in Utah shall be officially registered annually with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

(1) Application for registration shall be made to the Department on forms prescribed and provided by them and shall include the following information:

(a) The name and address of the applicant and the name and address of the person whose name will appear on the label, if other than the applicant.

(b) The name of the pesticide.

(c) A complete copy of the label which will appear on the pesticide.

(2) The Department may require submission of the complete formula of any pesticide if it is deemed necessary for administration of the Utah Pesticide Control Act. If it appears to the Department that the composition of the product is such as to warrant the proposed claims for it, and if the product and its labeling and any other information which may be required to be submitted comply with the requirements of the act, the product shall be registered.

(3) The registrant is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all information submitted concerning application for registration of a pesticide.

(4) Once a pesticide is registered under the Act, no further registration is required: Provided that,

(a) the product remains in the manufacturer's or registrant's original container; and

(b) the claims made for it, the directions for its use, and other labeling information do not differ in substance from the representations made in connection with the registration.

(5) Whenever the name of a pesticide product is changed or there are changes in the product ingredients, a new registration shall be required. Other labeling changes shall not require re-registration, but the registrant shall submit copies of all changes to the Department as soon as they are effective.

(6) Whenever a registered pesticide product is to be discontinued for any reason, except when suspended or canceled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food requires said product to be registered for two years from date of the notice of discontinuation. When a product is found in commercial trade after the discontinuation period, the Department will require that the registrant register said product as outlined in Chapter 14, Utah Pesticide Control Act, 4-14-3(1).

(7) The Department may exempt any pesticide that is determined either (1) to be adequately regulated by another federal agency, or (2) be of a character which is unnecessary to subject to Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

(8) A registrant who desires to register a pesticide to meet special local needs pursuant to Section 24(c) of FIFRA shall comply with Section 4-14-3 of the Utah Pesticide Control Act.

(9) No registration is required for a pesticide distributed in Utah pursuant to an experimental use permit issued by the EPA or under Section 4-14-5 of the Utah Pesticide Control Act.

(10) A registration fee determined by the Department, pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be paid annually for each product, regardless of the number of products registered per applicant.

(11) Each registration is renewed for a period of one year upon payment of the annual renewal fee determined by the Department, pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2). It shall be paid on or before June 30 of each year. If the renewal of a pesticide

registration is not received prior to July 1 of that year, an additional fee determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed and added to the original registration fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the registration renewal for that pesticide shall be issued.

R68-7-3. Product Labeling.

(A) Each container of pesticide distributed in Utah shall bear a label showing the information set forth in Section 4-14-4.

(B) All pesticide labels shall contain statements, words, graphic material, and any other information required by the EPA.

R68-7-4. Classification of Pesticides.

The commissioner shall classify all pesticide products registered in Utah for "restricted-use" or "general-use" according to standards consistent with Section 3 of FIFRA. The commissioner shall consider all pesticides and uses classified as restricted by the EPA to be restricted in the State of Utah. The Commissioner may also restrict the use of additional pesticides if it is found that the characteristics of such pesticides require that their uses be restricted to prevent damage to property other than the property to which they are directly applied or to persons, animals, crops or vegetation other than the pests which they are intended to destroy. Individuals not appropriately certified are prohibited from using restricted-use pesticides, with the exception of those competent individuals working under the direct supervision of a certified private applicator.

R68-7-5. Classification of Pesticide Applicators.

Pesticide applicators shall be classified as commercial, non-commercial, or private applicators according to the following criteria:

(1) Commercial Applicator - any person who uses any pesticide for hire or compensation.

(2) Non-commercial Applicator - any person working as an individual or an employee of a firm, entity or government agency who uses or demonstrates the use of any restricted-use pesticide and who does not qualify as a private applicator, nor require a commercial applicator's license.

(3) Private Applicator - any person or his/her employer who uses or supervises the use of any restricted-use pesticide for the purpose of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the employer or (if applied without compensation other than trading of services between producers of agricultural commodities) on the property of another person.

R68-7-6. Categorization of Pesticide Applicators.

Commercial and Non-commercial applicators shall be categorized in one or more of the categories defined below, based on the application site and the type of work they perform.

(1) Agricultural Pest Control.

(a) Plant. This category includes applicators using pesticides to control pests in the production of agricultural crops including, but not limited to, field crops, vegetables, fruits, pasture, rangelands, and non-crop agricultural lands.

(b) Animal. This category includes applicators using pesticides on animals including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry, and to places on or in which animals inhabit. Doctors of veterinary medicine or their employees engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire, publicly representing themselves as pesticide applicators or engaged in large-scale use of pesticides, are included in this category.

(2) Forest Pest Control. This category includes applicators using pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, and forest seed-producing areas.

(3) Ornamental and Turf Pest Control. This category includes applicators using pesticides to control ornamental and

turf pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers and turf. This includes controlling pests on sidewalks, driveways, and other similar locations.

(4) Seed Treatment. This category includes applicators using pesticides on seeds.

(5) Aquatic Pest Control.

(a) Surface Water: This category includes applicators applying pesticides to standing or running water, excluding applicators engaged in public health-related activities included in R68-7-6(8).

(b) Sewer Root Control: This category includes applicators using pesticides to control roots in sewers or in related systems.

(6) Right-of-Way Pest Control. This category includes applicators using pesticides in the maintenance of public roads, electric power lines, pipelines, railway rights-of-way, or other similar areas.

(7) Structural and Health-related Pest Control. This category excludes any fumigation pesticide application and is limited to applicators using pesticides in, on, or around food handling establishments; human dwellings; institutions, such as schools and hospitals; industrial establishments, including warehouses, storage units and any other structures and immediately adjacent areas, public or private; to control household pests, fabric pests, and stored-product pests and to protect stored, processed and manufactured products. This category includes vertebrate pest control in and immediately adjacent to buildings. "Immediately adjacent to a structure" means not further than three (3) feet from the structure. If the labeling for the structural pesticide permits structural use on structural pests and calls for application beyond three feet the application can be made, but cannot exceed the maximum distance prescribed by the label.

(8) Public Health Pest Control. This category includes applicators applying the use of pesticides for the management and control of pests having medical and public-health importance.

(9) Regulatory Pest Control.

(a) This category is limited to state and federal employees or persons under their direct supervision, who apply pesticides in a mechanical ejection device, or other methods to control regulated pests.

(b) This category is limited to state and federal employees or persons under their direct supervision, who apply pesticides in a protective collar, or other methods to control regulated pests.

(10) Demonstration, Consultation and Research Pest Control. This category includes individuals who demonstrate or provide instruction to the public in the proper use, techniques, benefits and methods of applying restricted-use pesticides. This category includes, but is not limited to agricultural compliance specialists, extension personnel, commercial representatives, consultants and advisors, and persons conducting field research with restricted-use pesticides. In addition, they shall meet the specific standards that may be applicable to their particular activity.

(11) Aerial Application Pest Control. This category includes applicators applying pesticides by aircraft. Aerial applicators are required to be certified in the Aerial-Application Pest-Control Category and any other categories of intended application.

(12) Vertebrate Animal Pest Control. This category includes applicators applying pesticides in the control of vertebrate pests outdoors, such as rodents, birds, bats, predators or domestic animals.

(13) Fumigation/Stored-Commodities Pest Control. This category includes applicators using fumigants to control pests in, on, or around soils, structures, railroad cars, stored grains, manufactured products, grain elevators, flour mills, and similar areas and items.

(14) Wood-Preservation Pest Control. This category includes applicators who apply wood-preservative pesticides to wood products, such as fence posts, electrical poles, railroad ties, or any other form of wood products.

(15) Wood-Destroying Organisms Pest Control. This category includes applicators using pesticides to control termites, carpenter ants, wood-boring or tunneling insects, bees, wasps, wood-decaying fungi and any other pests destroying wood products.

R68-7-7. Standards of Competence for Certification of Applicators.

Applicators must be at least 16 years of age and demonstrate competence in the use and handling of pesticides according to the hazards involved in their particular classification by passing the tests and becoming certified as outlined in R68-7-8. Upon their becoming certified, the department will issue a license which will qualify an applicator to purchase and apply pesticides in the appropriate classification. Standards for certification of applicators as classified in R68-7-8 have been established by the EPA and such standards shall be a minimum for certification of applicators in the State of Utah.

(1) Commercial and Non-Commercial Applicators.

Commercial and non-commercial applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge by written examination(s) of the principles and practices of pest control and safe use, storage and transportation of pesticides, to include the general standards applicable to all categories and the standards specifically identified for each category or subcategory designated by the applicant, as set forth in 40 CFR, Section 171.4 and the EPA approved Utah State Plan for certification of pesticide applicators. In addition, applicators applying pesticides by aircraft shall be examined on the additional standards specifically identified for this method of application as set forth herein.

(a) Exemptions. The standards for commercial and non-commercial applicators do not apply to the following persons for purposes of these rules:

(i) Persons conducting laboratory-type research involving pesticides; and

(ii) Doctors of medicine and doctors of veterinary medicine applying pesticides or drugs or medication during the course of their normal practice and who do not publicly represent themselves as pesticide applicators.

(2) Aerial Application. Additional Standards.

Applicators shall demonstrate by examination practical knowledge of pest control in a wide variety of environments. These may include, but are not limited to, agricultural properties, rangelands, forestlands, and marshlands. Applicators must have the knowledge of the significance of drift and of the potential for non-target injury and the environmental contamination. Applicators shall demonstrate competency as required by the general standards for all categories of certified commercial and non-commercial applicators. They shall comply with all standards set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and submit proof of current registration by that agency as a requirement for licensing as an aerial applicator.

(3) Private Applicators. Private applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of the principles and practices of pest control and the safe use of pesticides, to include the standards for certification of private applicators as set forth in 40 CFR Section 171.5. In addition, private applicators applying restricted-use pesticides by aircraft shall show practical knowledge of the additional standards specifically identified for that method of application in R68-7-6(11) of these rules.

(4) Supervision of Non-Certified Applicators by Certified Private Applicators.

(a) A certified private applicator that functions in a supervisory role shall be responsible for the actions of any non-certified applicators under his/her instruction and control.

(b) A certified private applicator shall provide written or oral instruction for the application of a restricted-use pesticide applied by a non-certified applicator under his/her supervision when the certified applicator is not required to be physically present. If an applicator cannot read, instructions shall be given in a language understood by the applicator. The instructions shall include procedures for contacting the certified applicator in the event he/she is needed.

(5) The certified applicator shall be physically present to supervise the application of a restricted-use pesticide by a non-certified applicator if such presence is required by the label of the pesticide being applied.

R68-7-8. Certification Procedures.

(A) Commercial Applicators.

(1) License Required. No person shall apply, advertise for, solicit, or hold oneself out as willing to engage in the business of applying any pesticide for hire or compensation to the lands of another at any time without becoming certified and obtaining a commercial applicator's license and a pesticide business license as described in 4-14-13 issued by the department, or working for a company which has already attained such business license.

(2) The pesticide applicator business license fee will be determined by the number of commercial pesticide applicators employed by the business. The fee ranges are 1-4 commercial pesticide applicators, 5-9 commercial pesticide applicators and 10 or more commercial pesticide applicators.

(a) Application for such licenses shall be made in writing on an approved form obtained from the Department and shall include such information as prescribed by the Department. Each individual performing the physical act of applying pesticides for hire or compensation must be licensed as a commercial applicator. An applicator and business license fee determined by the Department, pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed at the time of certification and recertification.

(b) A commercial pesticide applicator operating under more than one business identity or name from a single business location shall be licensed separately for each business identity or name.

(c) A commercial pesticide applicator with a single business identity or name but operating from more than one business location shall be licensed at each separate business location.

(d) If the name selected by an applicant for a license to act, operate, or do business or advertise as a commercial or noncommercial applicator in the State of Utah is the same or so near the same as that of another licensee already doing business in the state as to cause confusion in the minds of the people or is likely to deceive the public, the Department may require the applicant to apply for a license under a different name that is distinguishable from the names of existing licensees. Any determination made pursuant to this rule shall be at the sole discretion of the Department.

(e) Each business location licensed shall have a minimum of one certified applicator at that location who is certified in each licensed category for which applications are made.

(f) A franchised business shall have a separate license and a separate certified applicator at each business location.

(3) Written Examination. An applicant for a commercial pesticide license shall demonstrate competency and knowledge of pesticide applications by passing the appropriate written examinations. Examination and educational-material fees determined by the Department, pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed at the time of certification and recertification. Any person applying to become certified or recertified must

demonstrate the ability to: (a) read and understand three or more sets of pesticide label directions from pesticide containers randomly chosen by division personnel, and (b) demonstrate competency and knowledge of mixing and applying pesticides in a safe way. All applicants for a commercial applicator license must pass the general examination and the examination(s) pertaining to the category(s) for which they desire to be licensed. Certification examinations shall be conducted by representatives of the commissioner by appointment. A score of 70 or above is required to pass any written examination. A score of less than 70 on the general standards or category examinations shall result in denial of certification of that test. A person must pass the general and at least one category examination before becoming certified. An applicant scoring less than 65% on any examination must wait three days before retesting on that examination. A person scoring from 65% to 69% may retake the test again the same day, schedule permitting. After paying the certification fee a person may attempt to pass any of the required exams up to three times. If any exam is not passed within three attempts, a person must wait fourteen (14) calendar days and pay a retest fee for each exam failed and he/she will be allowed up to two additional attempts to pass an exam. If any exam is again not passed, a person must wait another fourteen (14) calendar days and again pay a retest fee for each exam failed and he/she will again be allowed up to two additional attempts to pass an exam. If all required exams are not passed after seven attempts, a person must again pay the certification fee and the testing process will begin again; the original certification fee and any retesting fees will not be refunded.

(4) License Issuance. If the Department finds the applicant qualified to apply pesticides in the classifications applied for and for which the prescribed fee(s) have been paid, the Department shall issue a commercial applicator's license. The license shall expire December 31 of the third calendar year unless it has been revoked or suspended by the commissioner for cause, which may include any of the unlawful acts given in R68-7-14. If an application for a commercial license is denied the applicant shall be informed of the reason. The applicator is required to have their license in their immediate possession at all times when making a pesticide application. If the applicator requests a duplicate license from the Department of Agriculture and Food, a fee determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), must be paid before a replacement license will be issued. A pesticide applicator business license shall be required for each pesticide business location with applicators working in the state.

(5) Any new applicator or applicator business license licensing after November 1 will be licensed for the remainder of that year and the following three calendar years.

(6) License Recertification.

(a) Each license shall expire on December 31 of the third calendar year of its issuance. Commercial applicators must recertify every three years, and be subject to re-examination at any time. Information that may be required to insure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly due to changing technology, and to satisfy certification requirements as described herein, or meet any other requirements specified by the commissioner shall be added to this rule as often as necessary.

(b) Recertification options:

(i) Complete the original certification process of taking the required general and category test(s) and passing each required test with a score of 70% or above or;

(ii) Attend approved recertification courses and pass the required category examinations with a score of 70% or above or;

(iii) Participate in approved continuing education courses and accumulate 24 credits during the valid three years of

certification.

(7) Records Maintained. Commercial applicators shall keep and maintain records of each pesticide application. These records must be recorded within 24 hours after the pesticide application is made. These application records must include the following information:

- (a) Name and address of property owner;
- (b) Location of treatment site, if different from (a);
- (c) The month, day and year when the pesticide was applied;
- (d) Brand name of pesticide, EPA registration number, rate of formulation (undiluted pesticide product as sold by the manufacturer) applied per unit area and total amount of diluted pesticide used;
- (e) Purpose of application (target site and pest to be treated);
- (f) The name, business address and license number of the certified applicator who applied the pesticide.

Such records shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of application of the pesticide and shall be available for inspection by the commissioner's designee at reasonable times. The commissioner's designee shall, upon request, be furnished a copy of such records by the commercial applicator.

(8) Exemption.

The provisions of this section relating to pesticide licenses and requirements for their issuance do not apply to private pesticide applicators using pesticides in the production of any agricultural commodity and applying pesticides for his/her neighbors provided he/she operates and maintains pesticide application equipment for his/her own use, is not engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire or compensation in any form other than trading of services between producers of agricultural commodities, does not publicly represent himself/herself as a pesticide applicator, and operates his/her pesticide application equipment only in the vicinity of his/her owned or rented property; provided, however, that when he/she applies a restricted-use pesticide, he/she shall comply with the certification requirements specified herein.

(B) Non-Commercial Applicators.

(1) License Required. No non-commercial applicator shall use or demonstrate the use of any restricted-use pesticide without becoming certified and obtaining a non-commercial applicator's license issued by the Department. Application for such license shall be made in writing on an approved form obtained from the Department and shall include such information as prescribed by the Department. Each individual performing the physical act of applying restricted-use pesticides must be licensed.

(2) Written Examination. An applicant for a non-commercial pesticide license shall demonstrate to the Department competency and knowledge of pesticides and their applications by passing the appropriate written examinations. Examination and educational-material fees determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed at the time an individual takes the general and category tests. All applicants for a non-commercial applicator license must successfully pass a general examination based upon standards applicable to all categories. After passing the general examination, applicants must pass the examination(s) pertaining to the category(s) for which they desire to be licensed. Certification examinations shall be conducted by representatives of the commissioner by appointment. A score of 70 percent or above is required for passing any written examination. A score of less than 70 percent on the general or category examinations shall result in denial of certification in that category. A person must pass the general and at least one category examination before becoming certified. An applicator scoring less than 65 percent on any examination must wait three days before retesting on that examination. A person scoring from 65% to

69% may retake the test again the same day, schedule permitting. Any person applying to become certified or recertified must demonstrate the ability to: (a) read and understand three or more sets of pesticide label directions from pesticide containers randomly chosen by division personnel, and (b) demonstrate competency and knowledge of mixing and applying pesticides in a safe way. After paying the certification fee a person may attempt to pass any of the required exams up to three times. If any exam is not passed within three attempts, a person must wait fourteen (14) calendar days and pay a retest fee for each exam failed and he or she will be allowed up to two additional attempts to pass an exam. If any exam is again not passed, a person must wait another fourteen (14) calendar days and again pay a retest fee for each exam failed and he/she will again be allowed up to two additional attempts to pass an exam. If all required exams are not passed after seven attempts, a person must again pay the certification fee and the testing process will begin again. The original certification fee and any retesting fees will not be refunded.

(3) License Issuance. If the Department finds the applicant qualified to apply pesticides in the classification(s) applied for, the Department shall issue a non-commercial applicator's license limited to such activities and classifications applied for. The applicator is required to have his/her license in his/her immediate possession at all times when making a pesticide application. If the applicator requests a duplicate license from the Department of Agriculture and Food, a fee as determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), must be paid before a replacement license will be issued. The license shall expire December 31, three calendar years after the issuance of the certification, unless it has been suspended or revoked by the commissioner for cause, which may include any of the unlawful acts given in R68-7-14. If an application for a non-commercial license is denied the applicant shall be informed of the reason.

(4) Any new applicator licensing after November 1 will be licensed for the remainder of that year and the following calendar year.

(5) License Recertification. Non-commercial applicators must recertify every three years, and be subject to re-examination at any time. Information may be required to insure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly due to changing technology, and to satisfy certification requirements as described herein, or any other requirements specified by the commissioner shall be added to this rule as often as necessary.

Recertification options are:

- (a) Complete the original certification process of taking the required general and category test(s) and passing each required test with a score of 70% or above or;
- (b) Attend approved recertification courses and pass the required category test(s) with a score of 70% or above or;
- (c) Participate in approved continuing education courses and accumulate 24 credits during the valid three years of certification.

(6) Records Maintained. Non-commercial applicators shall keep and maintain records of each application of any restricted-use pesticide. These application records must be recorded within 24 hours after the pesticide application is made. These records must include the following information:

- (a) Name and address of property owner;
- (b) Location of treatment site, if different from (a);
- (c) The month, day and year when the pesticide was applied;
- (d) Brand name of pesticide, EPA registration number, rate of formulation (undiluted pesticide concentrate product as sold by the manufacturer) applied per unit area, and total amount of diluted pesticide used;
- (e) Purpose of application (target site and pest to be

treated);

(f) The name, address, and license number of the certified applicator who applied the pesticide.

Such records shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of application of the pesticide and shall be available for inspection by the commissioner's designee at reasonable times. The commissioner's designee shall, upon request, be furnished a copy of such records by the non-commercial applicator.

(7) Exemption. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons conducting laboratory research involving restricted-use pesticides as drugs or medication during the course of their normal practice. Non-Commercial applicators engaged in public-health related activities are exempt from recording the name and address of property owners, but are required to document a detailed description of treatment areas by using such means as GPS coordinates or other locality descriptions for record keeping purposes.

(C) Private Applicators.

(1) License Required. No private applicator shall purchase, use or supervise the use of any restricted-use pesticide without a private applicator's license issued by the Department. Issuance of such license shall be conditioned upon the applicator's complying with the certification requirements determined by the Department as necessary to prevent unreasonable adverse effects on the environment, including injury to the applicator or other persons. Application for a license shall be made in writing on a designated form obtained from the Department.

(2) Certification Methods. Any person applying to become licensed must demonstrate the ability to: (a) read and understand three or more sets of pesticide label directions from pesticide containers randomly chosen by division personnel, and (b) demonstrate competency and knowledge of mixing and applying pesticides in a safe way. All first-time Private Applicators must successfully pass a written test. A score of 70 percent or above is required for passing any written test. A score of less than 70 percent will result in the denial of certification. An applicator scoring less than 65% on any examination must wait three days before retesting on that examination. A person scoring from 65% to 69% may retake the test again the same day, schedule permitting.

(3) Emergency-Use Permit. A single restricted-use pesticide may be purchased and used by a non-certified person on a one-time-only basis if an emergency control situation is shown to exist. Before purchasing the product, the applicant shall participate in a discussion concerning safe use of the specific product with a representative of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. Following an adequate discussion of same, the Department of Agriculture and Food may issue the applicant a permit to purchase and use the product on a specific site on a one-time-only basis. The applicant shall be required to become certified before being authorized to further purchase and use restricted-use pesticides.

(4) License Issuance. If the Department finds the applicant qualified to apply pesticides, the applicant shall be issued a private applicator's license. Examination and educational-material fees determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed at the time of certification and recertification. The license issued by the commissioner shall expire on December 31, three calendar years after issuance, unless the license has been revoked or suspended by the commissioner. If an application for a private license is denied, the applicant shall be informed of the reason. If the applicator requests a duplicate license from the Department of Agriculture and Food, a fee determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), must be paid before a replacement license will be issued.

(5) Any new applicator licensing after November 1 will be licensed for the remainder of that year and the following

calendar year.

(6) License Renewal, Recertification. A person applying to recertify must demonstrate the ability to: (a) read and understand three or more sets of pesticide label directions from pesticide containers randomly chosen by division personnel, and (b) demonstrate the mixing and application of pesticides in a safe way. All certified private applicators must recertify every three years, or more frequently if determined necessary by the Department, by satisfying any of the following procedures or any other requirements specified by the Department.

(a) Completion of a recertification course approved by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and passing a written test with a score of 70% or above or;

(b) Complete the original certification process of taking the required written test(s). A score of 70 percent or above is required to pass or;

(c) Accumulate six credits of approved continuing education during the valid three years of certification.

(d) Records Maintained. Private applicators must keep and maintain records according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements.

(D) Employees of Federal Agencies. Federal Government Employees wishing to be certified in Utah shall be required to qualify as non-commercial applicators by passing the appropriate examinations, unless such requirement is waived upon presentation of adequate evidence of certification in the appropriate categories from another state with comparable certification requirements. In the event a federal agency develops an applicator certification plan which meets the Utah certification standards, employees of that agency who become certified under that plan may qualify for certification in the State of Utah.

(E) Certification of Out-of-State Applicants.

When a pesticide applicator is certified under an approved state plan of another state and desires to apply pesticides in Utah, he/she shall make application to the Department and shall include, along with the proper fee and any other details required by the Act or these rules, a true copy of his/her credentials as proof of certification in the person's state of residence and a letter from that state's department of agriculture stating that he/she has not been convicted of a violation of any pesticide law and is currently licensed as a pesticide applicator in that state. The Department may upon review of the credentials, issue a Utah certification to the applicator in accordance with the use situations for which the applicator is certified in another state without requiring determination of competency; provided that the state having certified the applicator will similarly certify holders of Utah licenses or certificates and has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the State of Utah. Out-of-state pesticide applicators who operate in Utah will be subject to all Utah laws and rules.

(F) Change of Licensee Information

(1) Every certified commercial, non-commercial, and private applicator shall notify the Department of any change in, but not limited to applicator's name, address, and phone number and/or change of employer within 30 calendar days of the change.

(2) Every commercial pesticide business licensee shall notify the Department of any changes in, including but not limited to, ownership, company name, owner or manager's name company address, and phone number within 30 calendar days of the change.

(a) Business licenses are nontransferable, and in case of a change in business ownership, a new application and fee are required.

R68-7-9. Dealer Licensing.

(A) In order to facilitate rules of the distribution and sale of restricted-use pesticides, it is necessary to license dealers who

dispense such materials.

(1) License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to act in the capacity of a restricted-use pesticide dealer, or advertise as, or presume to act as such a dealer at any time without first having obtained a license from the Department. A license shall be required for each location or outlet located within this state from which such pesticides are distributed; provided, that any manufacturer, registrant or distributor who has no pesticide dealer outlet licensed within this state and who distributes a restricted-use pesticide directly into Utah shall obtain a pesticide dealer's license for his/her principal out-of-state location or outlet; provided further, that any manufacturer, registrant or distributor who sells only through or to a pesticide dealer is not required to obtain a pesticide dealer's license.

(2) License Issuance. Application for a pesticide dealer's license shall be on a form prescribed by the Department and shall be accompanied by a license fee determined by the Department pursuant to subsection 4-2-2(2). If the Department finds the applicant qualified to sell or distribute restricted-use pesticides and the applicant has paid the prescribed license fee, the Department shall issue a restricted-use pesticides dealer's license. This license shall expire December 31 of the third calendar year, unless it has been previously revoked or suspended by the commissioner for causes which may include any of the unlawful acts included in R68-7-14.

(3) License Renewal. License-renewal fees are payable triennially before January 1. If the renewal of a pesticide dealer's license is not received prior to January 1 of the renewal year, an additional fee determined by the Department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed and added to the original license fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the license renewal shall be issued.

(4) Records Maintained. Each dealer outlet licensed to sell restricted-use pesticides is required by the Department to maintain a restricted-use pesticide sales register by entering all restricted-use pesticide sales into the register at the time of sale. The restricted-use pesticide sales register must be available in an electronic format approved by the Department. The electronic register form, shall include the following information:

- (a) The Corporate or Company Name.
- (b) The name of the branch store that made the sale.
- (c) The store's complete Restricted-Use Pesticide dealer license number, including the prefix.
- (d) The complete sale date including the month, day and year.
- (e) The first and last name of the salesperson that made the sale.
- (f) The first and last name of the buyer.
- (g) The buyer's complete Pesticide Applicator License number, including the prefix.
- (h) If the buyer was authorized by letter, the authorization letter must be kept on file.
- (i) If the buyer used a temporary permit, a copy of the permit must be kept on file.
- (j) The buyer's complete street address, city, state and zip code.
- (k) The brand name of the product sold, its EPA Registration Number and the quantity sold.

(l) The product container size and its unit of measure (i.e. gallons, liters, etc.). Such records shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of restricted-use pesticide sale and shall be available for inspection by the commissioner's designee at reasonable times. The commissioner's designee, upon request, shall be furnished a copy of such records by the restricted-use pesticide dealer.

(5) Submission of Electronic records. On July 1 of each year, Dealers are required to submit their Restricted-Use Pesticide sales records for the period starting the previous July

1 through June 30 of the current year. The due date for submission is July 31 of the current year.

(6) Exemption. Provisions of this section shall not apply to: (a) a licensed pesticide applicator who sells restricted-use pesticides only as an integral part of his/her pesticide application service when such pesticides are dispensed only through equipment used for such pesticide application (b) Federal, state, county, or municipal agency which provides restricted-use pesticides only for its own programs shall be exempt from the license fee but must meet all other requirements of a pesticide dealer.

(7) Responsible for Acts of Employees. Each pesticide dealer shall be responsible for the acts of each person employed by him/her in the solicitation and sale of restricted-use pesticides and all claims and recommendations for use of restricted-use pesticides. A dealer's license shall be subject to denial, suspension or revocation for any violation of the Pesticide Control Act or rules promulgated thereunder, whether committed by the dealer or by the dealer's officer, agent, or employee.

R68-7-10. Responsibilities of Business and Applicator.

(A) Business Licensee Duties and Responsibilities

(1) A business licensee shall ensure that a qualifying party (licensed applicator) of the business licensee receives the training that the applicator requires to comply fully with the Utah Pesticide statutes and rules and label and labeling directions.

(B) Responsibility for business and employee(s)

(1) A business licensee, qualifying party and/or applicator may be held responsible for the acts or omissions of another person who is employed by the business licensee. It is the business' responsibility to properly train, equip, and prepare the other person(s) and maintain records of proper training and equipping.

(2) Failure to fully respond to requests by the commissioners designated agent, in a stated time, for information relating to training and equipping will be evidence for a failure to properly train or equip. The supervising licensee has the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the business licensee, qualifying party or applicator has fulfilled the required duties as prescribed by this chapter, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or a written order of the commissioner.

(C) Use of business name and license number.

(1) A business licensee must prominently display the license issued by the Department at the primary business office and each branch office.

(2) A business licensee shall prominently display the business name and license number, as recorded on the license issued by the Department, on:

(a) Customer proposals or contracts for pest management services;

(b) Service records and service notifications;

(c) Service vehicles and trailers used in providing pest management services. The business licensee shall ensure that the business name and license number is displayed on a service vehicle or trailer used in providing pest management services conforms to the following:

(i) Is affixed to the service vehicle or trailer used in providing pest management services within 30 days after the Department issues the license or issues a business license change or after the service vehicle or trailer is acquired, whichever is sooner.

(ii) Is in a color that contrasts with the color of the service vehicle and trailer;

(iii) Is prominently displayed on both sides of the service vehicle or trailer;

(iv) Uses at least two-inch letters for the principal words in the business name and at least one and one-half inch letters

for other words in the business name; and

- (v) Uses at least two-inch numbers for the license number.
- (vi) Letters and numbers must be weatherproof.

(3) A business licensee that always uses a service vehicle and trailer together is required to mark only the service vehicle or trailer as described in subsection (2)(c). A business licensee that uses a vehicle only for sales, solicitations, or solely for inspections and does not carry a pesticide, and does not otherwise use the vehicle to provide a pest management service, is not required to mark the vehicle as described in subsection (2)(c).

(4) When complying with subsection (2), a business licensee may use a slogan, trade name, or trade mark in addition to the business name and license number. When complying with subsection (2), a business licensee may use a word or phrase to indicate its former licensed business name if it had a previously licensed business name.

(D) Customer Notification.

(1) Prior to the time of each application of a restricted-use pesticide with a Danger/Danger-Poison signal word, the licensed commercial applicator or an employee of the licensed pesticide business shall provide the customer with a written statement containing the following information:

- (a) Business name and telephone number of the licensed business.
- (b) Name and license number of the licensed applicator who made the application
- (c) Date and time of application.
- (d) Type of pesticide application service and brand name of pesticide(s) applied.
- (e) Instructions to the customer to contact the business telephone number if more specific information is desired regarding the pesticide product applied.

(2) The written statement required in subsection (1) shall be provided to the customer by any of the following means:

- (a) Leave at the residence.
- (b) In the case of a multiunit residence leave with the property manager or his/her authorized representative, or
- (c) Mail to the property manager or his/her authorized representative if management is located at a location other than the pesticide application site, within seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the pesticide application.

R68-7-11. Termiticide Record Keeping. Additional Standards.

(A) In addition to the recordkeeping requirements contained in R68-7-8, the applicator will keep as records a diagram/graph of the structure treated that includes dimensions of the structure, including depth to footer.

(B) For post construction treatments the diagram/graph will also illustrate the area(s) where termites and/or termite activity was found.

(C) All records of applications for every individual structure must be kept together.

R68-7-12. Minimum Standards for Fumigant Applications.

(A) Application of fumigant products require strict adherence to the label and when required by the label, a verified and written Fumigation Management Plan (FMP) must be prepared in advance of treatment. A FMP must detail the information prescribed by the label. State standards for fumigation treatments of any space that can be occupied by a person, or non-target species, require the following:

(1) Persons present at the time of releasing the fumigant and during the initial ventilation.

(a) There shall be at least two persons, one of whom must be a certified applicator in the fumigation category, present at the time of the releasing of the fumigant and during the initial ventilation. During the interim, the premises shall be adequately

safeguarded against entry by any person(s).

(2) Notification of local fire department and/or first responders.

(a) Prior to fumigation of any building or enclosed space, other than a fumigating vault, the certified applicator shall notify and provide the local fire department with the address of the fumigation job, time of gas release, kind of gas to be used, and beginning time of the aeration of the premises.

(3) Premises sealed.

(a) Premises to be fumigated shall be sealed in a manner that confines the fumigant to the space intended to be fumigated.

(4) Inspection of premises prior to releasing fumigant

(a) Immediately before releasing the fumigant, the fumigator shall conduct a thorough inspection of the premises to verify that no person(s) or non-target animals remain, and that effective precautions have been taken to safeguard occupants of neighboring buildings as set forth below.

(5) Fumigation of apartments within a multiple unit apartment building.

(a) Fumigation of apartments within a multiple unit apartment building may be fumigated only after proper sealing of the area being fumigated and after all apartments are vacated.

(b) All the adjacent units shall be properly ventilated during the entire exposure period.

(6) Notification of all dwellings or places of business within 100 feet of building being fumigated.

(a) All dwellings or places of business within 100 feet of the building being fumigated must be notified in writing in advance of the fumigation.

(b) All premises within 10 feet must be vacated during the fumigation and aeration periods.

(7) Warning signs.

(a) Warning signs shall be posted conspicuously at all entrances of the premise to be fumigated and at the entrances of all adjacent multiple units and structures within 10 feet and kept there during the entire fumigation and ventilation period. Signs shall be a minimum size of 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches and color to be conspicuous and bearing the word "poison" and display the skull and cross-bones, the name of the fumigant used, and the name, address and telephone number of the fumigator.

(b) Before the fumigant is released, all entrances leading directly to the fumigated space shall be closed, sealed, and locked except exits to be used by fumigating crew. These exits shall be closed, sealed, and locked promptly after the fumigant has been released.

(8) Masks worn.

(a) All members of the fumigating crew must be equipped with a serviceable mask of a type approved by the U.S. Mines, Safety, and Health Administration with correct canister for the type of gas used.

(b) Masks shall be worn while in the enclosed space during and after release of the gas, and until initial ventilation is completed.

(9) Re-entering fumigated premises

(a) No one other than the fumigator shall be permitted to re-enter the fumigated premises until the fumigator has ascertained by personal inspection, with gas mask and with a chemical appropriate test, that the premises are safe for occupancy.

(b) Aeration must be conducted according to the product labeling and re-entry allowed according to levels specified on the label.

(10) Exceptions

(a) The subparts 1 through 9 may not apply to fumigants used to control insects or other pests outside of buildings, or for spot fumigations, or restrictive treatments inside a building, such as grain bins.

(i) Strict adherence to the label instructions must be

adhered to during these applications.

(ii) During the ventilation period of a spot or restrictive fumigation, the premises shall not be occupied by anyone except the fumigator.

(iii) A warning gas is recommended where the fumigant is comparatively odorless.

(B) Fumigation of Burrowing Rodents require strict adherence to the label as well as a Fumigation Management Plan (FMP) that must contain the following information.

(1) Purpose of the application, indicate the exact pest to be controlled and the type of burrow system to be treated.

(2) Pesticide used. State the name of the pesticide, the EPA registration number, and dosage used.

(3) Property treated information. Record the property or facilities name and address. Verify the manager's name, and contact information.

(4) Licensed applicator information. Record licensed applicator's name, company, license number, phone numbers.

(5) Emergency Information. Note the phone number for the nearest hospital, fire department, police department, poison control center and the registrant of the fumigant.

(6) Instructions to personnel. Verify by signatures that all personnel has been instructed to:

(a) Report any accident or incident related to exposure, provide a telephone number for emergency response reporting.

(b) Report to proper authorities any theft of fumigant and/or equipment related to fumigation.

(7) Follow label directions. Monitoring, Notification, Sealing, Application Procedures, Fumigation Period, and Use Restrictions are to be followed per label instructions.

(8) Burrowing Rodent Fumigation Record Keeping. Additional Standards.

(a) In addition to the recordkeeping requirements contained in R68-7-8, the applicator will keep as part of the record a diagram/graph (to scale) of the property treated that includes dimensions of the property, any structure present, and mark each burrow treated on the diagram or graph.

R68-7-13. Transportation, Storage, Handling, Using and Disposal of Pesticides and Pesticide Containers.

All pesticide applying entities shall provide a secure pesticide and device storage area that complies with all federal, state, and local laws. The storage area may include an area on a service vehicle.

(1) No person shall transport, store, or dispose of any pesticide or pesticide containers in such a manner as to cause injury to humans, other nontarget species, or the environment.

(2) Pesticide containers shall be secured during transport by use of side or end racks, bracing, chocks, tie downs, or other means to prevent their sliding, falling, tipping, rolling, or falling off the vehicle with normal vehicle acceleration, deceleration, or change in direction.

(3) Portable tanks shall be secured to prevent their sliding, falling, tipping, or rolling with normal vehicle acceleration, deceleration, or change in direction. Stacking or wedging against ends, sidewalls, or doors of van bodies shall not be relied upon for securement.

(4) Pesticides in leaking, broken, corroded, or otherwise damaged containers shall not be displayed, offered for sale, or transported and shall be handled or disposed of in a manner that would not injure humans, other nontarget species, or the environment. Pesticides with obscured, illegible or damaged labels shall not be displayed, offered for sale, or sold.

(5) No person shall distribute or sell any pesticide unless it is in the registrant's or manufacturer's unopened, original container and the registered pesticide label is affixed to the container

(6) No person shall transport, handle, store, load, apply, or dispose of any pesticide, pesticide container, apparatus, or

resinate in such a manner as to pollute water supplies or waterways, or cause damage or injury to land, humans, desirable plants and animals, or wildlife. Provided that a pesticide labeled for aquatic use and used as directed shall not be considered a violation of this subsection. Disposing of pesticides at disposal sites approved by the appropriate agency complies with the requirements of this subsection. Toxicity, volatility, and mobility of pesticides shall be considered in complying with this subsection.

(7) No person shall pollute streams, lakes, or other water supplies during pesticide loading, mixing, and application. Adequate, functioning devices and procedures to prevent back siphoning shall be used.

(8) No pesticides shall be applied by aircraft or air blast sprayers to property abutting and/or adjacent to occupied schools in session, hospitals, nursing homes or other similar establishments under conditions that may result in contamination of these establishments or their premises.

(9) No person shall apply pesticides if weather conditions are such that physical drift or volatilization may cause damage to adjacent land, injure humans, other nontarget species, or the environment.

(10) Requirements for unattended pesticides and their containers:

(a) Generally accepted good housekeeping practices shall be maintained for all pesticides and their containers.

(b) The provisions of (d) and (e) of this subsection and subsection (11) of this section shall not apply to empty pesticide containers when adequately decontaminated (e.g., appropriate triple rinsing or other label approved cleaning techniques).

(c) For the purposes of (d) and (e) of this subsection and subsection (11) of this section, pesticides and their containers at the loading area shall not be considered unattended during the spraying operation if the operator maintains either visual control or repeatedly returns at closely spaced intervals as to ensure safe monitoring of the pesticides and containers.

(d) Pesticides labeled with the signal word "danger/poison" and their containers shall be stored in a way which, when unattended, shall be so constructed and locked to prevent children, unauthorized persons, livestock, or other animals from gaining entry.

(e) Pesticides labeled with the signal word "danger" when not accompanied by the signal word "poison," pesticides labeled with the signal word "warning" and pesticides labeled with the signal word "caution" and their containers shall be stored in secured storage out of the reach of children in an enclosure as described in (d) of this subsection: Provided that metal containers, twenty-eight gallons and larger, with tight screw-type bungs and/or secured or locked valves shall be considered secured storage.

(11) Requirements for posting of storage area for pesticides and their containers labeled with the signal words "danger/poison":

(a) For purposes of this subsection, warning signs shall show the skull and crossbones symbol and the words: "Danger/Poison (Pesticide or Chemical) Storage Area/Keep Out" in at least two inch letters.

(b) Warning signs shall be posted:

(i) At each entrance or exit from a storage area and on each exterior wall, so that a sign is visible from any direction;

(ii) If the pesticide storage area is contained in a larger, multipurpose structure, warning signs shall be clearly visible on each entrance of the storage area.

(12) In accordance with State of Utah Agricultural Code, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food hereby adopts the applicable portions of 40 CFR Part 152 Subpart A Section 152.3 and Part 165, Subparts A through E.

R68-7-14. Unlawful Acts.

Any person who has committed any of the following acts is in violation of the Utah Pesticide Control Act or rules promulgated thereunder and is subject to penalties provided for in Sections 4-2-2 through 4-2-15:

- (1) Made false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims, written or spoken misrepresenting the use, effect of pesticides, certification of applicator, or methods to be utilized;
- (2) Applied known ineffective or improper pesticides;
- (3) Operated in a faulty, careless or negligent manner;
- (4) Neglected or, after notice, refused to comply with the provisions of the Act, these rules or of any lawful order of the department;
- (5) Refused or neglected to keep and maintain records required by these rules, or to make reports when and as required;
- (6) Made false or fraudulent records, invoices or reports;
- (7) Engaged in the business of, advertised for, or held self out as applying a pesticide for hire or compensation on the lands of another without having a valid commercial applicator's license;
- (8) Purchased, Used, or supervised the use of, a pesticide which is restricted to use by "certified applicators" without having qualified as a certified applicator or designated as a certified private applicators agent;
- (9) Used fraud or misrepresentation in making application for, or renewal of, a registration, license, permit or certification;
- (10) Refused or neglected to comply with any limitations or restrictions on or in a duly issued license or permit;
- (11) Used or caused to be used any pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling or rules of the department if those rules further restrict the uses provided on the labeling;
- (12) Aided or abetted a licensed or an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of the Act; conspired with such a licensed or an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of the Act; or allowed one's license or permit to be used by another person;
- (13) Impersonated any federal, state, county, or other government official;
- (14) Distributed any pesticide labeled for restricted use to any person unless such person or his/her agent has a valid license, or permit to use, supervise the use, or distribute restricted-use pesticide;
- (15) Applied pesticides onto any land without the consent of the owner or person in possession thereof; except, for governmental agencies which must abate a public health problem.
- (16) For an applicator to apply a termiticide at less than label rate.
- (17) For an employer of a commercial or non-commercial applicator to allow an employee to apply pesticide(s) before that individual has successfully completed the prescribed pesticide certification procedures.
- (18) For a pesticide applicator not to have his/her current license in his/her immediate possession at all times when making a pesticide application.
- (19) To allow an application of pesticide to run off, or drift from the target area to cause plant, animal, human or property damage.
- (20) Refused or neglected to register a pesticide applicator business with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food or follow the rules set forth in section R68-7-8 for licensing of a commercial business.
- (21) To handle or apply any registered pesticide for which the person does not have an appropriate, complete, or legible label at hand.
- (22) Refused or neglected to comply with the Federal Container and Containment regulations.
- (23) Failure to perform fumigation applications according to the standards required by this rule.
- (24) Failed to display business license numbers in

accordance with this rule.

(25) Refused or neglected to notify the customer of the application of a restricted-use pesticide and the information detailed in R68-7-10.

(26) Failure of a qualifying party of the business licensee to train or prepare the applicator to comply fully with the Utah Pesticide statutes and rules and label and labeling directions.

(27) Failure to timely and fully respond to requests by the commissioners designated agent for information relating to training and equipping of applicators.

(28) Transported, stored, handled, used, or disposed of a pesticide or pesticides container inconsistent with rules specified in section R68-7-13.

R68-7-15. Penalty Matrix.

In the disposition of administrative cases, the Department shall use a penalty matrix to determine appropriate penalties. The Department shall calculate penalties based on the level of violation and the adverse effect(s) or potential adverse effects at the time of the incident(s) giving rise to the violation. The median penalty shall be assessed unless a proportionate adjustment is warranted and/or there are aggravating or mitigating factors present.

(1) The Department may consider circumstances enhancing or reducing the penalty based on the seriousness of the violation. Aggravating and mitigating factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) The number of separate alleged violations contained within a single notice of intent.

(b) The magnitude of the harm, or potential harm, including quantity and/or degree, to humans, nontarget species, property, or the environment caused by the violation(s).

(c) The similarity of the current alleged violation to violations committed by the pesticide applicator and/or business during previous years.

(d) The extent to which the alleged violation is part of a pattern of the same or substantially similar conduct.

(2) The Department will annually review past violation trends and update the penalty matrix based on compliance history.

(a) A copy of the penalty matrix will be made available from the Department upon request.

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R151. Commerce, Administration.**R151-3. Americans With Disabilities Act Rule.****R151-3-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is made under Section 13-1-6 and Subsection 63G-3-201(3). As required by 28 CFR 35.107, the Utah Department of Commerce, as a public entity that employs more than 50 persons, adopts and publishes these procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended.

(2) This rule implements 28 CFR 35 which implements Title II of the ADA, which provides that no individual shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by the Department, because of a disability.

R151-3-2. Procedures.

Any complaints for noncompliance with Title II of the ADA shall be governed by the procedures set forth in Sections R13-3-2 through 8, as adopted by the Utah Department of Administrative Services and its Division of Risk Management.

KEY: disabilities, complaints, grievances

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-83. Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Licensing Act Rule.

R156-83-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Licensing Act Rule".

R156-83-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 83, as used in this rule:

(1) "Active and in good standing", as used in Subsections 58-83-302(1)(d), 58-83-302(2) and 58-83-302(3)(g), and "licensed in good standing", as used in Subsection 58-83-302(3)(a), is as defined in Subsection R156-1-102(1) and also includes that the license has not been subject to disciplinary action in the past three years.

(2) "Submit a copy of the internet facilitator's website", as used in Subsection 58-83-302(4)(g), means submitting the URL for the Internet facilitator's website, a site map, and a printout of the main pages.

(3) "Unprofessional conduct" is further defined, in accordance with Subsections 58-1-203(1)(e) and 58-83-102(9), in Section R156-83-502.

R156-83-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 83.

R156-83-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-83-302. Qualifications for Licensure - Liability Insurance Requirements.

In accordance with the provisions of Subsection 58-83-302(3)(e), an applicant who is approved for licensure as an online contract pharmacy shall submit proof of public liability insurance in coverage amounts of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a policy limit of not less than \$3,000,000 by means of a certificate of insurance naming the Division as a certificate holder.

R155-83-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 83 is established by rule in Subsection R156-1-308a(1).

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

R156-83-306. Drugs Approved for Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation.

In accordance with Subsection 58-83-306(1)(c), the following legend, non-controlled drugs are approved for prescribing by an online prescriber:

- (1) finasteride;
- (2) sildenafil citrate;
- (3) tadalafil;
- (4) vardenafil hydrochloride;
- (5) hormonal based contraception (except injectable or implantable methods); and
- (6) varenicline
- (7) hydroquinone up to 4%; and
- (8) tretinoin up to 0.1%.

R156-83-308. Audit Reports.

In accordance with Subsection 58-83-308(3), an Internet facilitator licensed under this chapter shall provide quarterly

reports to the Division containing the information listed in Subsection 58-83-308(3). The report is due on the fifteenth day of each quarter, i.e. January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

R156-83-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) failing as an online facilitator to timely submit quarterly reports to the Division as established in Section R156-83-308;

(2) prescribing any medication to a patient while engaged in practice as an online prescriber without first reviewing a comprehensive health history, making an assessment, or establishing a diagnosis; and

(3) prescribing a drug listed in Section R156-83-306 for diagnosis that is not recognized by the Federal Food and Drug Administration to be treated by that prescribed drug.

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58-83-101

R162. Commerce, Real Estate.**R162-2e. Appraisal Management Company Administrative Rules.****R162-2e-101. Title.**

This chapter is known as the "Appraisal Management Company Administrative Rules."

R162-2e-102. Definitions.

(1) "Affiliation" means a business association:

- (a) between:
 - (i) two individuals registered, licensed, or certified under Section 61-2b; or
 - (ii) an individual registered, licensed, or certified under Section 61-2b and:
 - (A) an appraisal entity; or
 - (B) a government agency;
- (b) for the purpose of providing an appraisal service; and
- (c) regardless of whether an employment relationship exists between the parties.

(2) The acronym "AMC" stands for appraisal management company.

(3) As used in Subsection R162-2e-201(3)(c)(ii), "business day" means a day other than:

- (a) a Saturday;
- (b) a Sunday;
- (c) a state or federal holiday; or
- (d) any other day when the division is closed for business.

(4) "Client" is defined in Section 61-2e-102(10).

(5) "Competency statement" means a statement provided by the AMC to the appraiser that, at a minimum, requires the appraiser to attest that the appraiser:

- (a) is competent according to USPAP standards;
- (b) recognizes and agrees to comply with:

- (i) laws and regulations that apply to the appraiser and to the assignment;
- (ii) assignment conditions; and
- (iii) the scope of work outlined by the client; and

(c) has access, either independently or through an affiliation pursuant to Subsection (1), to the records necessary to complete a credible appraisal, including:

- (i) multiple listing service data; and
- (ii) county records.

(6) "Select" means:

- (a) for purposes of composing the AMC appraiser panel, to review and evaluate the qualifications of an appraiser who applies to be included on the AMC's appraiser panel; and
- (b) for purposes of assigning an appraisal activity to an appraiser:

- (i) to choose from the AMC's appraiser panel an individual appraiser or appraisal entity to complete an assignment; or
- (ii) to compile, from among the appraisers included in the AMC's appraiser panel, an electronic distribution list of appraisers to whom an assignment will be offered through e-mail.

(7) The acronym "USPAP" stands for Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(8) The acronym "AMC" stands for appraisal management company.

R162-2e-201. Registration Required - Qualification for Registration.

(1) The division may not register or renew the registration of an AMC that fails to:

- (a) comply with any provision of Utah Code Title 61, Chapter 2e, "Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act";
- (b) register with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code and provide to the division its certificate of existence; or
- (c) comply with any provision of these rules.

(2) The division shall schedule a hearing before the board

for an AMC that:

- (a)(i) applies for registration or renewal of registration;
- (ii) has a control person who discloses, or the division finds through its own research, an issue that might affect the control person's moral character; and
- (iii) the division determines that the board should be aware of the issue; or

- (b) fails to provide an adequate explanation for the AMC's:
 - (i) plan to ensure the use of licensed appraisers in good standing;
 - (ii) plan to ensure the integrity of the appraisal review process; or
 - (iii) plan for record keeping.

(3)(a) An AMC shall register with the division in the name of the legal entity under which it is registered with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code and conducts the business of appraisal management in Utah and in other states.

(b) An AMC shall notify the division of a dba, trade name, or assumed business name under which the registered legal entity operates in Utah:

- (i) at the time of registration; or
- (ii) if applicable, immediately upon beginning to operate under such dba, trade name, or assumed business name.

(c) If an AMC changes its registered name, a dba, a trade name, or an assumed business name, the AMC shall notify the division:

- (i) in writing; and
- (ii) within ten business days of making the change.

(4) An AMC shall notify the division of a dba, trade name, or assumed business name under which the registered legal entity operates in Utah:

- (i) at the time of registration; or
- (ii) if applicable, immediately upon beginning to operate under such dba, trade name, or assumed business name.

(5) If an AMC changes its registered name, a dba, a trade name, or an assumed business name, the AMC shall notify the division:

- (i) in writing; and
- (ii) within ten business days of making the change.

R162-2e-301. Use of Licensed or Certified Appraisers.

Beginning upon registration with the division and continuing biennially thereafter, an AMC shall provide to the division a statement signed by its designated controlling person that explains the AMC's system for verifying that:

- (1) an appraiser who is added to the panel is licensed or certified; and
- (2) an appraiser who is assigned to complete a real estate appraisal remains licensed or certified in good standing.

R162-2e-302. Adherence to Standards.

Beginning upon registration with the division and continuing biennially thereafter, an AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(3) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(4) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(5) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(6) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(7) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(8) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(9) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

(10) An AMC shall provide a statement to the division, signed by its designated controlling person, certifying that the AMC verifies that each appraisal assignment offered to an appraiser acting as an independent contractor is:

- (1) signed by an appraiser who is included in the AMC's panel at the time the assignment is offered; and
- (2) includes the information outlined in Subsection 304(1)(b)-(c).

- (5) the name of the records custodian.

R162-2e-304. Required Disclosure.

In addition to the disclosures required by Section 61-2e-304, an AMC shall:

- (1) at the time an assignment is offered, disclose to the appraiser:
 - (a) the total amount that the appraiser may expect to earn from the assignment:
 - (i) disclosed as a dollar amount; and
 - (ii) delineating any fees or costs that will be charged by the AMC to the appraiser;
 - (b)(i) the property address;
 - (ii) the legal description; or
 - (iii) equivalent information that would allow the appraiser to determine whether the appraiser has been involved with any service regarding the subject property within the three years preceding the date on which the assignment is offered;
 - (c) the assignment conditions and scope of work requirements in sufficient detail to allow the appraiser to determine whether the appraiser is competent to complete the assignment; and
 - (d) any known deadlines within which the assignment must be completed;
- (2) at or before the time the appraiser accepts an assignment, obtain the appraiser's acknowledgment as to the AMC's competency statement;
- (3) before requiring the appraiser to submit a completed report, disclose to the appraiser:
 - (a) the total fee that will be collected by the AMC for the assignment; and
 - (b) the total amount that the AMC will retain from the fee charged, disclosed as a dollar amount; and
- (4) direct the appraiser who performs the real estate appraisal activity to disclose in the body of the appraisal report:
 - (a) the total compensation, stated as a dollar amount, paid to the appraiser or, if the appraiser is employed by an appraisal company, to the appraiser's employer; and
 - (b) the total compensation retained by the AMC in connection with the real estate appraisal activity, stated as a dollar amount.

R162-2e-305. Employee Requirements.

- (1) An AMC seeking registration shall demonstrate to the division that each person who selects an appraiser or reviews an appraiser's work for the AMC:
 - (a) is a licensed or certified appraiser in good standing; or
 - (b) has taken and passed the 15-hour national USPAP course.
- (2) An AMC seeking renewal of the company's registration shall demonstrate to the division that each person who selects an appraiser or reviews an appraiser's work for the AMC:
 - (a) is a licensed or certified appraiser in good standing; or
 - (b) has completed the seven-hour national USPAP update course.

R162-2e-401. Unprofessional Conduct.

- (1) An AMC commits unprofessional conduct if the AMC:
 - (a) requires an appraiser to modify any aspect of the appraisal report, unless the modification complies with Section 61-2e-307;
 - (b) unless first prohibited by the client or applicable law, prohibits or inhibits an appraiser from contacting:
 - (i) the client;
 - (ii) a person licensed under Section 61-2c or Section 61-2f; or
 - (iii) any other person with whom the appraiser reasonably needs to communicate in order to obtain information necessary to complete a credible appraisal report;

(c) requires the appraiser to do anything that does not comply with:

- (i) USPAP; or
- (ii) assignment conditions and certifications required by the client;
- (d) makes any portion of the appraiser's fee or the AMC's fee contingent on a favorable outcome, including but not limited to:
 - (i) a loan closing; or
 - (ii) a specific dollar amount being achieved by the appraiser in the appraisal report;
 - (e) requests, for the purpose of facilitating a mortgage loan transaction,
 - (i) a broker price opinion; or
 - (ii) any other real property price or value estimation that does not qualify as an appraisal; or
 - (f) charges an appraiser:
 - (i) for a service not actually performed; or
 - (ii) for a fee or cost that:
 - (A) is not accurately disclosed pursuant to Subsection R162-2e-304(1)(a)(ii); or
 - (B) exceeds the actual cost of a service provided by a third party.
 - (2) An AMC commits unprofessional conduct and creates a violation by the appraiser of R162-107.1.6 if the AMC requires the appraiser to:
 - (a) accept full payment; and
 - (b) remit a portion of the full payment back to the AMC.

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R162. Commerce, Real Estate.**R162-104. Experience Requirement.****R162-104-1. Measuring Experience.**

104.1.1 Except for those applicants who qualify under Section 104-14, appraisal experience shall be measured in hours according to the Appraisal Experience Hours Schedules in Section R162-104-15 of this rule.

104.1.1.1 Experience for state-licensed applicants shall have been accrued in no fewer than 12 months. Experience for the certified residential applicants shall have been accrued in no fewer than 24 months, as required by the AQB. Experience for the certified general applicants shall have been accrued in no fewer than 30 months, as required by the AQB.

104.1.1.2 Applicants shall submit proof of experience as follows:

(a) State-licensed appraiser: at least 2,000 hours of appraisal experience.

(b) Certified residential appraiser: 500 hours accrued after state-licensed status was obtained, for a minimum of 2,500 hours of appraisal experience.

(c) Certified general appraiser: 1,000 hours accrued after state-licensed status was obtained, for a minimum of 3,000 hours of appraisal experience.

R162-104-2. Maximum Hours Per Year.

104.2 An applicant may not accrue more than 2,000 experience hours in any 12-month period.

R162-104-3. Time Allowed for Meeting Experience Requirement.

104.3 Credit will be given for appraisal experience earned only within five years immediately preceding the licensure or certification application.

R162-104-4. Proof of Experience.

104.4 The Division shall require the applicant to substantiate the experience claimed using the form required by the Division.

R162-104-5. Compliance with USPAP and Licensing Requirements; Local Experience Requirement.

104.5 No experience credit will be given for appraisals which were performed in violation of Utah law, the law of another jurisdiction, or the administrative rules adopted by the Division and the Board.

104.5.1 No experience credit will be given for appraisals unless the appraisals were done in compliance with USPAP.

104.5.2 In order to qualify as experience credit toward certification, the additional hours for certification required by Subsection R162-104.1.1.2 must have been accrued while the applicant was licensed as an appraiser in Utah, or in another state if licensure was required in that state, at the time the appraisal was performed.

104.5.3 Except for experience hours claimed under Subsection R162-104.15.3, appraisals where only an exterior inspection of the subject property is performed shall be granted 25% of the credit awarded an appraisal which includes an interior inspection of the subject property. Not more than 25% of the total experience required for licensure or certification may be earned from appraisals where the interior of the subject property is not inspected.

104.5.4 At least 50% of the appraisals submitted for experience credit shall be appraisals of properties located in Utah.

R162-104-6. State-Licensed and State-Certified Applicants.

104.6.1 Except for those applicants who qualify under Section R162-104-14, applicants applying for licensure as State-Licensed Appraisers shall be awarded hours from the Hours

Schedules in Section R162-104-15 for their experience prior to licensure only if the experience claimed was gained in compliance with Subsection R162-105-3.

104.6.2 Applicants applying for certification as State-Certified Residential Appraisers must document at least 75% of the hours submitted from the Residential Experience Hours Schedule or the residential portion of the Mass Appraisal Hours Schedule. No more than 25% of the total hours submitted may be from the General Experience Hours Schedule or from assignments listed on the Mass Appraisal Hours Schedule other than 1 to 4 unit residential properties.

104.6.3 Applicants applying for certification as State-Certified General Appraisers may claim hours for experience from any of the Hours Schedules in Section R162-104-15, so long as at least 50% of the total hours has been earned from the General Experience Hours Schedule or from assignments listed on the Mass Appraisal Hours Schedule other than 1 to 4 unit residential properties.

R162-104-7. Review or Supervision of Appraisals.

104.7 Review appraisals will be awarded experience credit when the appraiser has performed technical reviews of appraisals prepared by either employees, associates or others, provided the appraiser complied with Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Standards Rule 3 when the appraiser was required to comply with the rule. The following hours shall be awarded for review or supervision of appraisals:

104.7.1 Review of an appraisal which includes verification of the data, but which does not include a physical inspection of the property, commonly known as a desk review, shall be worth 30% of the hours awarded to the appraisal if a separate written review appraisal report is prepared. Except as provided in Subsection R162-104.7.5, a maximum of 500 hours may be earned by desk review of appraisals.

104.7.2 Review of appraisals which includes a physical inspection of the property and verification of the data, commonly known as a field review, shall be worth 50% of the hours awarded to the appraisal if a separate written review appraisal report is prepared. Except as provided in Subsection R162-104.7.5, a maximum of 500 hours may be earned by field review of appraisals.

104.7.3 Supervision of appraisers shall be worth 20% of the hours awarded to the appraisal. A maximum of 500 hours may be earned by supervision of appraisers.

104.7.4 Except as provided in Subsection R162-104.7.5, not more than 50% of the total experience required for certification may be granted under Subsections R162-104.7.1 through R162-104.7.3 and R162-104.9.1 and R162-104.9.3 combined.

104.7.5 Applicants whose experience was earned through review of appraisals with no opinion of value developed as part of the review performed in conjunction with investigations by government agencies are not subject to the hour limitations in Subsections R162-104.7.1, R162-104.7.2, and R162-104.7.4.

R162-104-8. Condemnation Appraisals.

104.8 Condemnation appraisals shall be worth an additional 50% of the hours normally awarded for the appraisal if the condemnation appraisal included a before and after appraisal because of a partial taking of the property.

R162-104-9. Preliminary Valuation Estimates, Comparative Market Analysis, Real Estate Consulting Services, and Other Real Estate Experience.

104.9.1 Preliminary valuation estimates, range of value estimates or similar studies, and other real estate related experience gained by bankers, builders, city planners and managers, or other individuals may be granted credit for up to 50% of the experience required for certification in accordance

with Section R162-104-14, so long as the experience demonstrates to the Board that the applicant has the ability to arrive at a fair market value of property and to properly document value conclusions.

104.9.2 Comparative market analysis by real estate licensees may be granted up to 100% experience credit toward certification in accordance with Section R162-104-14, when the analysis is prepared in conformity with USPAP Standards Rules 1 and 2 and the individual can demonstrate to the Board that he is using similar techniques as appraisers to value properties and effectively utilize the appraisal process.

104.9.3 Appraisal analysis, real estate counseling or consulting services, and feasibility analysis/study will be awarded experience credit in accordance with Section R162-104-14 for up to 50% of the experience required toward certification so long as the services were performed in accordance with USPAP Standards Rules 4 and 5.

104.9.4 Not more than 50% of the total experience required for certification may be granted under Subsections R162-104.9.1 and R162-104.9.3 and R162-104.7.1 through R162-104.7.3 combined.

R162-104-10. Experience Participation.

104.10 An applicant for certification must be able to prove more than 50% participation in the data collection, verification of data, reconciliation, analysis, identification of property and property interests, compliance with USPAP standards, and preparation and development of the appraisal report in order to count the appraisal for experience credit. With the exception of experience claimed under Subsection R162-104.15.3, experience credit will be granted to only one licensed appraiser per completed appraisal even though more than one may have participated in the development of the appraisal.

R162-104-11. Unacceptable Experience.

104.11 An applicant will not receive hours toward satisfying the experience requirement for licensure or certification for performing the following:

- (a) Appraisals of the value of a business as distinguished from the appraisal of commercial real estate; or
- (b) Personal property appraisals.

R162-104-12. Verification of Experience.

104.12 The Board, at its discretion, may verify the claimed experience by any of the following methods: verification with the clients; submission of selected reports to the Board; and field inspection of reports identified by the applicant at the applicant's office during normal business hours.

R162-104-13. Experience Review Committee.

104.13 There may be a committee appointed by the Board to review the experience claimed by applicants for licensure or certification.

104.13.1 The Committee shall:

104.13.1.1 Review all applications for adherence to the experience required for licensure or certification;

104.13.1.2 Correspond with applicants concerning submissions, if necessary; and

104.13.1.3 Make recommendations to the Division and the Board for licensure or certification approval or disapproval.

104.13.2 Committee composition. The Committee shall be composed of appraisers from the following categories: residential appraisers; commercial appraisers; farm and ranch appraisers; right-of-way appraisers; and mass appraisers.

104.13.2.1 The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Board.

104.13.2.2 Meetings may be called upon the request of the chairperson or upon the written request of a quorum of committee members.

104.13.3 New Review. If the review of an application has been performed by the Experience Review Committee, and the Board has denied the application based on insufficient experience, the applicant may request that the Board review the issue again by making a written request within thirty days after the denial stating specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Board shall thereafter consider the request and issue a written decision.

R162-104-14. Special Circumstances.

104.14 Applicants having experience in categories other than those shown on the Appraisal Experience Hours Schedules and applicants who believe the Experience Hours Schedules do not adequately reflect their experience or the complexity or time spent on an appraisal may petition the Board on an individual basis for evaluation and approval of their experience as being substantially equivalent to that required for licensure or certification. Upon a finding that an applicant's experience is substantially equivalent to that required for licensure or certification, the Board may accept the alternate experience and award the applicant an appropriate number of hours for the alternate experience.

104.14.1 Fulltime elected county assessors and any person performing an appraisal for the purposes of establishing the fair market value of real estate for the assessment roll are not subject to the scope of authority limitations in Subsection R162-105.3.

104.14.2(a) If an applicant's education was approved prior to January 1, 2008, and his or her experience was approved prior to January 1, 2011 (under a system referred to by the division and industry as a segmented application), but the applicant did not pass the applicable examination required for licensure or certification by December 31, 2010, the applicant shall, by December 31, 2011:

- (i) complete all additional education as required under the AQB standards;
- (ii) pass the required examination applicable to the license or certification sought by the individual; and
- (iii) submit a complete application to the division.
- (b) An applicant who fails to comply with the December 31, 2011 deadline established in Subsection (a) shall:
 - (i) complete all additional education as required under the AQB standards;
 - (ii) pass the required examination applicable to the license or certification sought by the individual;
 - (iii) submit recent appraisals that meet the requirements of all applicable statutes and rules for review by the experience review committee; and
 - (iv) submit a complete application to the division according to deadlines established in Subsection R162-102.1.3.1.

R162-104-15. Appraisal Experience Hours Schedules.

104.15.1 Residential Experience Hours Schedule. The following hours shall be awarded to form appraisals. Fifteen hours may be added to the hours shown if the appraisal was a narrative appraisal instead of a form appraisal.

TABLE 1

(a) One-unit dwelling, above-grade living area less than 4,000 square feet, including a site	5 hours
(1) One-unit dwelling, above-grade living area 4,000 square feet or more, including a site	7.5 hours
(b) Multiple one-unit dwellings in the same subdivision or condominium project which are substantially similar	
(1) 1-25 dwellings	5 hours per dwelling up to a maximum of 30 hours
(2) Over 25 dwellings	A total of 50

(c) Two to four-unit dwelling	hours	which are much larger or more complex than the	hours as
(d) Employee Relocation Counsel reports completed on currently accepted Employee Relocation Counsel form	20 hours	properties described in (a) to (h) herein.	determined by Board
(e) Residential lot, 1-4 unit	10 hours	(j) Entire Subdivisions or Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)	
(f) Multiple lots in the same subdivision which are substantially similar	5 hours	1- to 25-unit subdivision or PUD	30 hours
(1) 1-25 lots	5 hours per lot up to a maximum of 30 hours	Over 25-unit subdivision or PUD	50 hours
(2) Over 25 lots	A total of 50 hours	(k) Feasibility or market analysis, maximum 500 hours	5 to 100 hours as determined by Board
(g) Small parcel up to 5 acres	5 hours	Farm and Ranch appraisals	Form Narrative
(h) Vacant land, 20-500 acres	20-40 hours, as determined by the Board	(l) Separate grazing privileges or permits	20 hrs. 25 hrs.
(i) Recreational, farm, or timber acreage suitable for a house site, up to 10 acres	10 hours	(m) Irrigated cropland, pasture other than rangeland, 1 to 10 acres	10 hrs. 15 hrs.
Over 10 acres	15 hours	11-50 acres	12.5 hrs. 20 hrs.
(j) All other unusual structures or acreages, which are much larger or more complex than typical properties	5-35 hours, as determined by the Board	51-200 acres	15 hrs. 25 hrs.
(k) Review of residential appraisals with no opinion of value developed as part of the review performed in conjunction with investigations by government agencies	10-50 hours	201-1000 acres	25 hrs. 40 hrs.
		More than 1000 acres	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(n) Dry farm, 1 to 1000 acres	15 hrs. 25 hrs.
		More than 1000 acres	20 hrs. 40 hrs.
		(o) Improvements on properties other than a rural residence, maximum 10 hours:	
		Dwelling	5 hrs. 5 hrs.
		Sheds	2.5 hrs. 2.5 hrs.
		(p) Cattle ranches	
		0-200 head	15 hrs. 20 hrs.
		201-500 head	25 hrs. 30 hrs.
		501-1000 head	30 hrs. 40 hrs.
		More than 1000 head	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(q) Sheep ranches	
		0-2000 head	25 hrs. 30 hrs.
		More than 2000 head	35 hrs. 45 hrs.
		(r) Dairies, includes all improvements except a dwelling	
		1-100 head	20 hrs. 25 hrs.
		101-300 head	25 hrs. 30 hrs.
		More than 300 head	30 hrs. 35 hrs.
		(s) Orchards	
		5-50 acres	30 hrs. 40 hrs.
		More than 50 acres	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(t) Rangeland/timber	
		0-640 acres	20 hrs. 25 hrs.
		More than 640 acres	30 hrs. 35 hrs.
		(u) Poultry	
		0-100,000 birds	30 hrs. 40 hrs.
		More than 100,000 birds	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(v) Mink	
		0-5000 cages	30 hrs. 35 hrs.
		More than 5000 cages	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(w) Fish farms	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(x) Hog farms	40 hrs. 50 hrs.
		(y) Review of Table 2 appraisals with no opinion of value developed as part of the review performed in conjunction with investigations by government agencies	20-100 hours

104.15.1.1 Government Agency Experience. Applicants whose experience was earned primarily through review of residential appraisals with no opinion of value developed as part of the review that were performed in conjunction with investigations by government agencies will be required to submit proof of having performed at least the following number of one-unit dwelling appraisals conforming to USPAP Standards 1 and 2:

104.15.1.1.1 Applicants for State-Licensed Appraiser: five.

104.15.1.1.2 Applicants for State-Certified Residential Appraiser: eight.

104.15.1.2 A maximum of 250 experience hours may be earned from appraisal of vacant land.

104.15.2 General Experience Hours Schedule. All appraisal reports claimed in the following areas must be narrative appraisal reports unless specified otherwise. Experience hours listed in Table 2 may be increased by 50% for unique and complex properties if the applicant notes the number of extra hours claimed on the Appraiser Experience Log submitted by the applicant and maintains in the workfile for the appraisal an explanation about why the extra hours are claimed.

TABLE 2

(a) Apartment buildings, 5-100 units	40 hours
Over 100 units	50 hours
(b) Hotel or motels, 50 units or fewer	30 hours
51-150 units	40 hours
Over 150 units	50 hours
(c) Nursing home, rest home, care facilities, Fewer than 80 beds	40 hours
Over 80 beds	50 hours
(d) Industrial or warehouse building, Fewer than 20,000 square feet	30 hours
Over 20,000 square feet, single tenant	40 hours
Over 20,000 square feet, multiple tenants	50 hours
(e) Office buildings	
Fewer than 10,000 square feet	30 hours
Over 10,000 square feet, single tenant	40 hours
Over 10,000 square feet, multiple tenants	50 hours
(f) Entire condominium projects, using income approach to value	
5- to 30-unit project	30 hours
31- or more-unit project	50 hours
(g) Retail buildings	
Fewer than 10,000 square feet	30 hours
More than 10,000 square feet, single tenant	40 hours
More than 10,000 square feet, multiple tenants	50 hours
(h) Commercial, multi-unit, industrial, or other nonresidential use acreage	
1 to 99 acres	20-40 hours
100 acres or more, income approach to value	50-60 hours
(i) All other unusual structures or assignments	5 to 100

104.15.2.1 Government Agency Experience. Applicants for certification as a State-Certified General Appraiser whose experience was earned primarily through review of appraisals that are listed on Table 2 with no opinion developed as part of the review that were performed in conjunction with investigations by government agencies will be required to submit proof of having performed at least eight Table 2 appraisals conforming to USPAP Standards 1 and 2.

104.15.2.2 Appraisals on commercial or multi-unit form reports shall be worth 75% of the hours normally awarded for the appraisal.

104.15.3 Mass Appraisal Experience Hours Schedule.

TABLE 3

(a) One-unit dwelling, above-grade living area less than 4,000 square feet	
(1) Exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	.5 hours
(2) Interior and exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	1 hour
(3) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	3.75 hours
(b) One-unit dwelling, above-grade living area 4,000 square feet or more	

(1) Exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	.75 hours
(2) Interior and exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	1.5 hours
(3) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	5 hours
(c) Two to four unit dwelling	
(1) Exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	1.5 hours
(2) Interior and exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	3 hours
(3) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	15 hours
(d) Commercial and industrial buildings, depending on complexity	
(1) Exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	1 to 5 hours
(2) Interior and exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	2 to 10 hours
(3) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	3 to 37.5 hours
(e) Agricultural and other improvements, depending on complexity	
(1) Exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	.5 to 2.5 hours
(2) Interior and exterior inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	1 to 5 hours
(3) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	3.75 to 20 hours
(f) Vacant land, depending on complexity	
(1) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection only	.5 to 2.5 hours
(2) Inspection, highest and best use analysis, data collection, valuation analysis, conclusion, report	2.5 to 25 hours
(3) Land segregation (division) analysis and processing, no field inspection	.25 hours
(4) Land segregation (division) analysis and processing, field inspection	.5 hours
(g) Data input and review for experience hours claimed under Subsections R162-104-15.3(a) through (f)	.25 hours
(h) Land valuation guideline	
(1) 25 or fewer parcels	10 hours
(2) 26 to 500 parcels	30 hours
(3) Over 500 parcels	25 additional hours for each 500 parcels, up to a maximum of 125 hours
(i) Assessment/sales ratio study, data collection, verification, sample inspection, analysis, conclusion, and implementation	
(1) Base study of 100 reviewed sales	125 hours
(2) Additional increments of 100 sales	Add 25 hours for each 100 additional sales, up to a maximum of 375 hours
(j) Multiple Regression Model, Development and Implementation	
(1) Less than 5,000 parcels	100 hours
(2) Additional increments of 500 parcels	Add 5 hours for each additional 500 parcels, up to a maximum of 375 hours
(k) Depreciation study and analysis	100 hours
(1) Reviews of "Land Value in Use" in accordance with U.C.A. Section 59-2-505	
(1) Office review only	.25 hours
(2) Field review	.5 hours
(m) Natural Resource Properties, depending on complexity	

(1) Sand and Gravel, per site	7.5 to 20 hours
(2) Mine	7.5 to 110 hours
(3) Oil and Gas, per site	1.65 to 50 hours
(n) Pipelines and gas distribution properties, depending on complexity	10 to 40 hours
(o) Telephone and electric properties, depending on complexity	5 to 80 hours
(p) Airline and railroad properties, depending on complexity	10 to 80 hours
(q) Appraisal review/audit, depending on complexity	2.5 to 125 hours
(r) Capitalization rate study	80 hours

104.15.3.1 Single-property appraisals performed under USPAP Standards 1 and 2 by mass appraisers will receive the same number of hours shown in Tables 1 and 2.

104.15.3.2 Review and supervision of appraisals by mass appraisers will receive hours in accordance with Subsection R162-104.7.

104.15.3.3 Mass appraisers and mass appraisal trainees who perform 60% or more of the appraisal work will receive 100% of the hours shown on Table 3. Mass appraisers and mass appraisal trainees who perform between 25% and 59% of the appraisal work will receive 50% of the hours shown on Table 3. Mass appraisers and mass appraisal trainees who perform less than 25% of the appraisal work will receive no credit for the appraisal assignment.

104.15.3.4 Applicants for State-Licensed Appraiser whose experience was earned primarily through mass appraisal will be required to submit proof of having performed at least five appraisals conforming to USPAP Standards 1 and 2. Applicants for certification as a State-Certified Residential Appraiser whose experience was earned primarily through mass appraisal will be required to submit proof of having performed at least eight one-unit residential appraisals conforming to USPAP Standards 1 and 2. Applicants for certification as a State-Certified General Appraiser whose experience was earned primarily through mass appraisal will be required to submit proof of having performed at least eight Table 2 appraisals conforming to USPAP Standards 1 and 2.

104.15.3.5 No more than 60% of the total hours submitted for licensure or certification may have been earned from Subsections R162-104.15.3(a)(1) and (2), R162-104.15.3(b)(1) and (2), R162-104.15.3(c)(1) and (2), R162-104.15.3(d)(1) and (2), R162-104.15.3(e)(1) and (2), and R162-104.15.3(f)(1) combined.

104.15.3.6 No more than 25% of the total hours submitted for licensure or certification may have been earned from Subsections R162-104.15.3(f)(3) and (4) combined.

104.15.3.7 No more than 20% of the total hours submitted for licensure or certification may have been earned from Subsection R162-104.15.3(g).

104.15.3.8 Mass appraisal of property with a personal property component of less than 50% of value will be allowed the full experience hours shown on Table 3 for the category of property appraised. Mass appraisal of property with a personal property component of 50% to 85% of value will be allowed 50% of the experience hours shown on Table 3 for the category of property appraised. Mass appraisal of property with a personal property component greater than 85% will be awarded no experience hours.

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R212. Community and Culture, History.**R212-3. Memberships, Sales, Gifts, Bequests, Endowments.****R212-3-1. Scope and Applicability.**

Purpose: To establish rules for handling disposition of proceeds and membership dues and make adjustments to prices of various publications.

R212-3-2. Definitions.

1. "board" means the Board of State History which acts as the Board of the Utah State Historical Society;

2. "society" means the Utah State Historical Society;

3. "division" means the Division of State History;

4. "historical magazine" means the Utah Historical Quarterly and Beehive History; and

5. "director" means the director of the Division of State History.

R212-3-3. Sales.

1. Prices for the sale of the historical magazine, books published by the division, microfilm, photos, and other published or facsimile documents shall be established annually by the director in consultation with the board.

2. Proceeds and earned interest from sales shall be deposited with the treasurer of the state as restricted interest bearing, nonlapsing revenue of the Society in accordance with Sections 9-8-206 and 9-8-207.

3. The disposition of the proceeds and earned interest shall be determined by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.

R212-3-4. Donations.

1. The society is authorized to receive gifts, grants, donations, bequests, devises and endowments of money or property. These monies shall be used in accordance with directions provided by the donor and shall be kept in a separate line account as nonlapsing funds of the society together with earned interest.

2. If the donor makes no indication of the direction or use of the gifts, bequests, donations, devices, and endowments, these funds and interest on these funds shall be retained in a separate line account of the society as nonlapsing funds. Disbursement shall be made by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.

3. The board may review, or establish a policy of review and is authorized to receive, any gift, grant, donation, bequest, devise or endowment of money or property but need not.

R212-3-5. Memberships.

1. Membership dues shall be established annually by the director in consultation with the board according to Section 9-8-207(1).

2. Proceeds from memberships shall be kept in a separate line account as nonlapsing funds of the society together with earned interest.

3. Disbursement shall be made by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.

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R212. Community and Culture, History.

R212-8. Preservation Easements.

R212-8-1. Scope and Applicability.

Purpose: to insure the adequate handling of preservation easements and their proper recording in accordance with Sections 9-8-503 and 9-8-504.

R212-8-2. Definitions.

Terms used in this rule are defined as:

1. "historical value" means a property on the State or National Register of Historic Places; and
2. "division" means the Division of State History or the Utah State Historical Society.

R212-8-3. Granting of an Easement to the Division.

A. The division may accept easements under the following conditions:

1. the property is on the National Register or State Register of Historic Places;
2. the easement will be recorded with the proper county recorder's office;
3. the preservation easement will prohibit demolition or alteration not in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;
4. the easement shall be in place for as long as the owner specifies but for no less than that required by IRS rule, if any;
5. the division shall acknowledge within 30 days acceptance or rejection of the easement.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-103. Undercover Roles of Offenders.****R251-103-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-6(1)(h), 64-13-10, and 64-13-14 of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policy and requirements governing the use of offenders in undercover roles.

R251-103-2. Definitions.

(1) "Department" means Utah Department of Corrections.

(2) "entity" means agency, department, the Board of Pardons and Parole or other criminal justice organization.

(3) "offenders" means any person under the supervision of the Department including inmates, parolees, and probationers.

R251-103-3. General Requirements.

(1) Requests to use offenders in undercover roles originating within or outside the Department must be made in writing to the Deputy Director.

(2) Decisions relating to requests from criminal investigators from the Department or other criminal justice agencies to use offenders under the supervision of the Department in undercover roles shall be made on a case-by-case basis. Factors to be considered include:

(a) risk or danger to the offender;

(b) impact of these activities on implementation and realization of correctional goals for offender;

(c) the nature of the assignment;

(d) the controls which shall exist; and

(e) the importance of the assignment to maintaining public safety.

(3) The Department shall not unlawfully coerce nor knowingly permit unlawful coercion of offenders to participate in undercover roles.

(4) Neither the Department nor any other entity shall be bound by any promises, inducements or other arrangements agreed to by the offender unless the Department or any other involved entities has agreed in writing to the promises.

(5) Final authority within the Department concerning requests shall reside with the Executive Director.

(6) Nothing in this section shall prohibit members of this Department or other criminal justice agencies from requesting or receiving information from offenders.

(7) Functions of this program shall be carried out by policies internal to the Department.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-104. Declaratory Orders.****R251-104-1. Purpose.**

As required by Section 63G-4-503, UCA, the purpose of this rule is to define policy, procedures and requirements governing the submission, review, and disposition of petitions for declaratory orders determining the applicability of statutes, rules, and orders within the jurisdiction of the Department.

R251-104-2. Authority.

This rule is required by Title 63G, Chapter 4, the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, and is enacted under the authority of Sections 63G-4-503, 63G-3-201, and 64-13-10 of the Utah Code.

R251-104-3. Definitions.

"Applicability" means whether a statute, rule or order should be applied to a given circumstance, and if so, how the statute, rule or order should be applied.

"Declaratory order" means an administrative interpretation or explanation of rights, status and other legal relations under a statute, rule or order.

"Department" means Utah Department of Corrections.

R251-104-4. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) any interested person may petition the Department for a declaratory order regarding statutes, orders, and rules which pertain to the jurisdiction of the Department;

(2) the Department shall provide forms, content and filing instructions to any person wishing to submit a petition for a declaratory order;

(3) the Department shall not review a petition for a declaratory order that is:

(a) not within the jurisdiction of the agency;

(b) irrelevant or immaterial; or

(c) otherwise excluded by state or federal law;

(4) the Department shall not review the petition if the person requesting the declaratory order has participated in an adjudicative proceeding concerning the same issue within 12 months of the date of the present request;

(5) the petition shall be reviewed and a declaratory order or progress report shall be issued by the Executive Director/designee within 30 days of receipt of the request;

(6) unless the petitioner and the Department agree in writing to an extension, or if the Department has not issued a declaratory order within 60 days after the receipt of the request for the declaratory order, the petition is to be considered as having been denied; and

(7) a declaratory order issued has the same status and binding effect as any other order issued in an adjudicative proceeding.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-108. Adjudicative Proceedings.****R251-108-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) The purpose of this rule is to establish a procedure by which informal adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted as a result of a notice of agency action, or a request by a person for agency action regarding Department rules, orders, policies or procedures. This rule shall not apply to internal personnel actions conducted within the Department.

(2) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 63G-4-202, 63G-4-203, and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code.

R251-108-2. Definitions.

(1) "Adjudicative proceeding" means a departmental action or proceeding.

(2) "Department" means Department of Corrections.

(3) "Hearing" means an adjudicative proceeding which may include not only a face-to-face meeting, but also a proceeding/meeting conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means.

(4) "Person" means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, political subdivision or its units, governmental subdivision or its units, public or private organization or entity of any character, or another agency.

(5) "Personnel actions" means any administrative hearings, grievance proceedings and dispositions, staff disciplinary process, promotions, demotions, transfers, or terminations within the department.

(6) "Presiding officer" means an agency head, or an individual or body of individuals designated by the agency head, by the agency's rules, or by statute to conduct an adjudicative proceeding; if fairness to the parties is not compromised, an agency may substitute one presiding officer for another during any proceeding.

(7) "Petition" means a request for the department to determine the legality of agency action or the applicability of policies, procedures, rules, or regulations relating to agency actions associated with the governing of persons or entities outside the Department.

R251-108-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) all adjudicative proceedings not exempted under the provisions of Section 63G-4-202, of the Utah Code, shall be informal;

(2) upon receipt of a petition, the Department shall conduct an informal hearing regarding its actions or the applicability of Department policies, rules, orders or procedures that relate to particular actions;

(3) the Department shall provide forms and instructions for persons or entities who request a hearing;

(4) hearings shall be held in accordance with procedures outlined in Section 63G-4-203, of the Utah Code;

(5) the provisions of this rule do not affect any legal remedies otherwise available to a person or an entity to:

(a) compel the Department to take action; or

(b) challenge a rule of the Department;

(6) the provisions of this rule do not preclude the Department, or the presiding officer, prior to or during an adjudicative proceeding, from requesting or ordering conferences with parties and interested persons to:

(a) encourage settlement;

(b) clarify the issues;

(c) simplify the evidence;

(d) expedite the proceedings; or

(e) grant summary judgment or a timely motion to dismiss;

(7) a presiding officer may lengthen or shorten any time period prescribed in this rule, with the exception of those time periods established in Title 63G, Chapter 4, of the Utah Code,

applicable to this rule;

(8) the Executive Director/designee shall appoint a presiding officer to consider a petition within five working days after its receipt;

(9) the presiding officer shall conduct a hearing regarding allegations contained in the petition within 30 working days after notification by the Executive Director;

(10) the presiding officer shall issue a ruling subject to the final approval of the Executive Director within 15 working days following the hearing and forward a copy of same by certified mail to the petitioner;

(11) the petition and a copy of the ruling shall be retained in the Department's records for a minimum of two years;

(12) the ruling issued by the presiding officer terminates the informal adjudicative proceeding process; and

(13) appeals shall be submitted to a court of competent jurisdiction as outlined in Sections 63G-4-401 and 402.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-109. Sex Offender Treatment Providers.****R251-109-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 76-5-406.5, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of the rule is to define the criteria and guidelines for the standards, application and approval process, and program requirements for sex offender treatment providers.

R251-109-2. Definitions.

(1) "Approved provider status" means status as a provider for sex offender services through the Utah Department of Corrections.

(2) "Affiliate approval" means approval of a professional who does not meet experience requirements and is seeking to become approved as a provider.

(3) "Direct clinical experience" means face-to-face contact with patients/clients, direct supervision, training, case coordination and research.

(4) "Formal training" means education and/or supervised experience in the required field; may be provided at an accredited college or university or at seminars or conferences.

(5) "Full disclosure" means the complete discussion during treatment of all previous adjudicated and unadjudicated sexual offenses.

(6) "Provider" means a therapist who has been approved by the Department to provide services to sex offenders under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Corrections.

(7) "Provider supervision" means one hour of supervision for every 40 hours of direct client contact with a minimum of one hour supervision per month.

(8) "Screening committee" means group of Department of Corrections employees assigned to screen and approve applications from providers to provide sex offender treatment.

(9) "Transition program" means program designed to help offenders move from residential to non-residential treatment; also to help them move from intensive to progressively less intensive treatment.

(10) "UDC" means Utah Department of Corrections.

R251-109-3. Provider Standards and Requirements.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) all potential providers of sex offender treatment shall be screened by the screening committee to ensure they meet the specific established standards and qualifications for providers of sex offender treatment;

(2) providers shall have a basic requirement that full disclosure of all criminal sexual behavior by the offender is a basic requirement for successful completion of therapy;

(3) approved providers must reapply to UDC every three years to renew their approved provider status;

(4) providers shall have a current Utah license to practice therapy in a mental health profession which shall include:

- (a) psychiatry;
- (b) psychology;
- (c) social work; or
- (d) marriage and family therapy;
- (5) providers' education shall include:

(a) a master's or doctorate degree from a fully accredited college or university in:

- (i) social work;
- (ii) psychology; or
- (b) a medical doctor if board certified/eligible psychiatrist;

or

(c) a doctor of osteopathy if board certified/eligible psychiatrist;

(6) within four years immediately preceding application for approval, the provider shall have at least 2,000 hours of direct clinical experience in sex offender treatment, which

include:

(a) at least 500 hours of sex offender evaluation experience; and

(b) at least 1,000 hours of sex offender treatment experience;

(7) within three years immediately preceding application, the provider shall have received at least 40 hours of sex offender specific formal training;

(8) licensed professionals and professionals in graduate training and/or post graduate residency who do not meet the experience and training requirements may apply to UDC for affiliate approval;

(9) affiliate approval shall require that the applicant arrange for ongoing provider supervision of therapy by an approved provider;

(10) affiliates may provide services as part of a degree program leading to licensure;

(11) required training may be obtained through approved:

- (a) documented conferences;
- (b) symposia;
- (c) seminars; or
- (d) other course work;

(12) the training shall be directly related to the treatment and evaluation of sex offenders;

(13) the training may include:

- (a) behavioral/cognitive methods;
- (b) reconditioning and relapse prevention;
- (c) use of plethysmograph examinations;
- (d) use of polygraph examinations;
- (e) group therapy;
- (f) individual therapy;
- (g) sexual dysfunction;
- (h) victimology;
- (i) couples and family therapy;
- (j) risk assessment;
- (k) sexual addiction;
- (l) sexual deviancy; and
- (m) ethics and professional standards;

(14) prior to and during approval, all providers must agree to abide by reporting and other requirements established by UDC and the laws and statutes of the state of Utah;

(15) reporting requirements shall include the offender's:

- (a) progress in therapy;
- (b) prognosis; and
- (c) risk to the community; and

(16) failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in a provider being removed from the approved list.

R251-109-4. Application Process.

(1) All individuals providing services are required to be approved.

(2) Each applicant shall provide all of the required documentation to UDC at the time of submission. If not, the packet shall be returned to the provider.

(3) Individuals or affiliates who are supervised by an approved individual or agency may begin providing services pending approval once UDC receives their application packet.

(4) Reapplication shall include:

(a) documentation demonstrating continuing education and training in sex offender specific treatment of not less than forty hours every three years;

(b) current licensure with the state of Utah;

(c) hours of therapy/supervision per year provided; and

(d) information on any changes in modality of treatment.

(5) Failure to reapply shall result in the provider being removed from the approved provider list.

R251-109-5. Approval Process.

(1) It is the policy of UDC that all therapists providing

services to sex offenders under the jurisdiction of UDC shall have been reviewed and approved by the screening committee.

(2) Approval may be suspended by either the provider or UDC.

(3) A provider shall be removed from the list of approved providers by written request to UDC.

(4) UDC may suspend approval for:

- (a) failure to reapply;
- (b) failure to comply with provider protocol;
- (c) suspension of clinical licensure;
- (d) failure to meet provider standards; or
- (e) criminal conviction; or
- (f) other legitimate penological reasons as determined by the division director.

(5) Providers who are not approved may appeal that decision to the screening committee within thirty days of denial.

(6) Appeals must contain specific documentation of why the denial was inaccurate.

R251-109-6. Program Requirements.

(1) It is the policy of UDC that each provider meet certain accepted standards for treatment of sex offenders.

(2) Treatment programs for sexual offenders convicted of crimes against persons shall have the following intake components available:

- (a) complete psycho-sexual evaluation, to include:
 - (i) sex offender specific testing;
 - (ii) assessment of personality and intelligence using testing instruments recognized in the treatment community as valid tools; and
 - (iii) penile plethysmograph testing, with stimuli which conforms to state statute, for male offenders and polygraph examinations for female offenders to determine arousal patterns and establish baselines.

(3) Polygraph examination shall be used for male offenders when deemed appropriate by the provider or UDC staff.

(4) Following assessment, the provider shall submit a written report to UDC staff including:

- (a) findings of testing including specifics on offender's risk to community safety;
 - (b) the offender's suitability for treatment;
 - (c) a proposed treatment plan; and
 - (d) the cost to the offender.
- (5) The standard treatment shall include:
- (a) sex offender groups;
 - (b) individual therapy;
 - (c) psycho-educational classes;
 - (d) ongoing transition program; and
 - (e) a minimum of one monthly progress report to UDC staff.

(6) An intensive treatment program shall be available which includes:

- (a) two weekly sex offender group sessions;
- (b) individual weekly session;
- (c) psycho-educational classes;
- (d) on-going transition program; and
- (e) a minimum of one monthly progress report to UDC staff.

(7) Intensive treatment shall be conducted on a minimum of three different days per week.

(8) When treatment is terminated unsuccessfully, the provider shall:

- (a) notify UDC staff prior to termination; and
- (b) provide a written report to the UDC staff within seven days of termination, addressing:
 - (i) reason for termination;
 - (ii) progress of the offender to date;
 - (iii) prognosis of the offender; and

(iv) the offender's risk to community.

(9) When treatment is terminated successfully, the provider shall:

(a) notify UDC staff of the recommendation to terminate therapy; and

(b) provide a written report to UDC staff addressing:

- (i) issues addressed in therapy;
- (ii) the offender's compliance with the treatment plan;
- (iii) progress made by the offender;
- (iv) prognosis of the offender; and
- (v) results of a current (less than 90 days old), if appropriate, plethysmograph or polygraph.

(10) As requested, the provider shall submit written reports to UDC, courts and the Board of Pardons and Parole, as applicable.

(11) With reasonable notification, therapists shall appear in court or before the Board of Pardons and Parole as needed.

KEY: mental health, corrections, treatment providers, sex offender treatment

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-110. Sex Offender Registration Program.****R251-110-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 77-27-21.5, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of the rule is to define the registrant requirement and process for obtaining sex offender registration information.

R251-110-2. Definitions.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Department" means Utah Department of Corrections;

(b) "registrant" means any individual who is registered under UCA 77-27-21.5, of the Utah Code; and

(c) "Sex Offender Registration Unit" means the unit of the Department assigned to manage the state's sex offender registration program, sex offender information files and disseminate information on sex offenders.

R251-110-3. Registrant Requirements.

(1) A sex offender as defined under Section 77-27-21.5, of the Utah Code, shall adhere to the provisions in stated code.

(2) Registrants shall sign the Utah Sex Offender Registration Form and the Sex Offender Address Form upon each request.

R251-110-4. Public Access to Sex Offender Registry.

(1) If members of the public do not have access to the sex offender registry website, they may request sex offender registration information from the Department's Sex Offender Registration Unit.

(a) Requests may be in writing with a return address and telephone number.

(b) Requests shall be sent to the Utah Department of Corrections, Sex Offender Registration Unit, 14717 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah 84020.

(c) If a requestor changes his residence after having submitted a request, but prior to receiving a response from the Department, it is the requestor's obligation to file another request with a current return address and telephone number.

(d) Members of the public may request information by telephone.

R251-110-5. Instructions for Use of the Information.

(1) Information compiled for this registry may not be used to harass or threaten sex offenders or their families.

(2) Harassment, stalking, or threats are prohibited and doing so may violate Utah criminal law.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-111. Government Records Access and Management.****R251-111-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by the Government Records and Management Act (GRAMA), Sections 63A-12-104, 63G-2-201, 63G-2-201(12), 63G-2-203, 63G-2-204, 63G-2-206, 64-13-10, 64-13-27, 46-4-501 and 46-4-502, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide procedures for access to government records of the Department of Corrections and to facilitate intergovernmental, crossboundary intercooperation.

R251-111-2. Definitions.

(1) "Department" means the Department of Corrections.

(2) "GRAMA" means Government Records Access and Management Act, Title 63G, Chapter 2, Utah Code Annotated.

(3) "Individual" means a human being.

(4) "Person" means any individual, nonprofit or profit corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other type of business organization.

(5) "Division Primary Records Officer" means the records officer designated by each division director to coordinate and implement GRAMA within their respective divisions.

(6) "Records Officer" means any Department member properly designated to process records requests.

(7) "Requester" means the person making a request for records.

R251-111-3. Standards and Procedures.

The Department shall:

(1) provide the public with access to information relating to the Department's conduct of public business;

(2) provide individuals with access to requested information that the Department has on file about them when required by law;

(3) prevent disclosure of information about an individual that the Department has in its files to persons who do not have the right to receive this information;

(4) protect information about Departmental operations that is protected by law from disclosure; and

(5) provide information, at the department's discretion, to other government entities as allowed by law.

R251-111-4. Requests for Access.

(1) Requests for access to records shall be directed as follows:

(a) All records requests by an inmate or offender under the jurisdiction of the Department shall be directed to:

(i) For all inmates in Utah State Prison Facilities: Institutional Operations Division, Primary Records Officer, Administration Building, P.O. Box 250, Draper, Utah 84020; or

(ii) For all probationers and parolees: Adult Probation and Parole Division, Primary Records Officer, Administration, 14717 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah 84020.

(b) All records requests by persons to obtain information for a story or report for publication or broadcast to the general public shall be directed to the Public Information Officer, 14717 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah 84020.

(c) All requests for access to records by persons other than those specified in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above, shall be directed to the Records Bureau, 14717 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah 84020.

(d) All requests from governmental agencies shall be directed to the appropriate unit of the Utah Department of Corrections, as approved by the Records Bureau or specified in Departmental policy.

(2) The time limits dictated by GRAMA Section 63G-2-204, of the Utah Code, for response to requests shall be calculated based on receipt of a valid request at the office

specified in this rule.

R251-111-5. Submission Requirements -- Forms.

(1) All records requests from inmates shall be on a form supplied by the Department. Other requests shall be in writing and shall contain name, mailing address, daytime telephone number (if available), and a reasonably specific description of the records requested.

(2) Evidence of the requester's identity may be required. In accordance with Section 63G-2-202(6), of the Utah Code, the Department shall obtain evidence of the requester's identity before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record.

(3) Unless the request is made in writing, contains the information listed in R251-111-5 (1) above and satisfactory identification is presented, when required, the Department shall return the request with instructions regarding proper submission.

(4) Written requests may be submitted electronically. Evidence of identity, where required, shall be based upon accepted State standards for electronic identification.

R251-111-6. Fees.

(1) Reasonable fees may be charged to cover the Department's actual cost of duplicating a record or compiling a record requested as authorized by GRAMA Section 63G-2-203, of the Utah Code.

(2) Information on fees may be obtained by:

(a) contacting division Primary Records Officers by calling:

(i) Institutional Operations Division - (801) 576-7452.

(ii) Adult Probation and Parole Division - (801) 545-5905.

(b) contacting the Records Bureau by calling (801) 545-5700.

(c) making a personal inquiry at the Records Bureau, 14717 S Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah 84020.

(3) The Department may require prepayment of fees as per statute if the total amount of the fees exceeds or is expected to exceed \$50.00. If the requester has not paid for a previous request, prepayment and payment of any balance not paid for previous requests may be required.

(4) Records requests by inmates at the Utah State Prison must be accompanied by a Money Transfer Form which authorizes a deduction for fees from the inmate's account or a proper request for a waiver of fees.

R251-111-7. Waiver of Fees.

(1) Fees for duplication and compilation of a record may be waived under certain circumstances described in GRAMA, Section 63G-2-203(4), of the Utah Code.

(a) Requests for waiver of a fee may be made in the records request and should be supported with substantial justification.

(b) Inmates requesting a fee waiver because of a claimed indigent status, or other reason, shall state the claim on the request form.

(2) Waiver of fees is permissive and at the discretion of the Department. For the purpose of records requests under GRAMA, waiver of fees for inmates or offenders under the jurisdiction of the Department will not be granted on the sole basis that the requester has been determined impecunious or indigent for another purpose.

R251-111-8. Response to Requests.

The response by the Utah Department of Corrections for any type of record request may be made partially or fully by electronic means.

R251-111-9. Appeal.

Any person may appeal access determinations to the

Department Executive Director, or his designee, under the procedures of GRAMA, Section 63G-2-401, of the Utah Code.

KEY: criminal records, corrections, GRAMA, government records

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-114. Offender Long-Term Health Care - Notice.****R251-114-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 64-13-39.5, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to define a consistent format and procedure to provide notification to facilities, and information to the public, when a chronically or terminally ill offender is placed in an assisted living or nursing care facility by the UDC, and provide a training program for facility residents and employees to help ensure safety.

R251-114-2. Definitions.

(1) "Chronically ill" has the same meaning as in Section 31A-36-102, of the Utah Code.

(2) "Facility" means an assisted living facility as defined in Subsection 26-21-2(5), of the Utah Code, and a nursing care facility as defined in Subsection 26-21-2(17), of the Utah Code, except that transitional care units and other long term care beds owned or operated on the premises of acute care hospitals or critical care hospitals are not facilities for the purpose of this section.

(3) "Offender" means an inmate given an early release, pardon, or parole due to a chronic or terminal illness.

(4) "Terminally ill" has the same meaning as in Subsection 31A-36-102(19), of the Utah Code.

(5) "UDC" and "Department" means Utah Department of Corrections.

R251-114-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department if an offender is admitted as a resident of a facility due to a chronic or terminal illness:

(1) UDC shall provide written notice to the administrator of any facility no later than 15 days prior to an offender's admission as a resident.

(2) Notice to a facility shall include the offense for which the offender was convicted, a description of the actual offense, the offender's status with the Department, that the information provided by the Department regarding the offender shall be provided to employees of the facility no later than ten days prior to the offender's admission to the facility, the contact information for the offender's parole officer if the offender is on parole, and a point of contact within the Department.

(3) UDC shall make available to the public on the UDC web page, and upon request, the name and address of the facility where the offender resides, and the date the offender was placed at the facility.

(4) UDC shall provide a training program for the employees who work at the facility where the offender(s) reside, to help ensure the safety of both employees and facility residents.

(5) When the offender is placed by a department or agency from another state, and that department or agency requests it, the UDC shall provide the facility training, if that training has not already been provided, and the UDC may negotiate with the other state for any necessary compensation for this service.

(6) Facility training shall include the duties the administrator of the facility has under Section 64-13-39.5, of the Utah Code, to provide residents of the facility, or their guardians, notice that a convicted felon is being admitted to the facility no later than ten days prior to the offender's admission, to advise potential residents/guardians of current offenders who are residents of the facility, and to assist the UDC training in the safe management of offenders for all employees.

KEY: chronically ill, terminally ill, facility notice, long-term care

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-301. Employment, Educational or Vocational Training for Community Correctional Center Offenders.****R251-301-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10 and 64-13-14.5, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the requirements for employers who employ offenders. This rule also provides the requirements for offenders' participation in an educational or vocational training program.

R251-301-2. Definitions.

(1) "Center" means a community correctional halfway house facility designed to facilitate an offender's readjustment to private life.

(2) "Educational or vocational training" means that an offender is participating or is enrolled in an educational or vocational training program that is recognized as being fully accredited by the state, which includes academic, applied-technology or correspondence courses, and in which the student is matriculated or has declared intent to be involved in program-completion or degree-attainment within a reasonable period of time.

(3) "Minimum wage" means compensation paid for hours worked in accordance with federally established guidelines.

(4) "Offender" means a person under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections residing in a community correctional center.

R251-301-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) Center offenders should be employed or participate in educational or vocational training on a full-time basis;

(2) offenders participating in educational or vocational training should have sufficient means to meet their financial obligations; and

(3) employers and offenders shall be informed in writing of the Center's rules governing employment, including:

(a) Offenders shall be accountable for all time spent away from the Center;

(b) employers shall contact Center staff when they need the offender to work overtime or work on a day off;

(c) offenders shall not consume alcoholic beverages;

(d) offenders shall have legitimate employment and shall not be allowed to work for less than the prevailing minimum wage, nor under substandard conditions;

(e) employers shall contact Center staff if the offender terminates or is terminated from his position, is excessively late, or leaves work early;

(f) offenders shall not borrow money nor secure an advance in salary without prior approval of Center staff;

(g) offenders shall notify employers of illness, absence or tardiness;

(h) Center staff shall contact the employer periodically to monitor the offender's performance and to verify the offender's work hours;

(i) within two weeks, employers shall send to the Center staff a signed acknowledgment of the rules and willingness to notify Center staff of any violations; and

(j) employers shall contact Center staff with any questions or concerns.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.

R251-303. Offenders' Use of Telephones.

R251-303-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201 and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code, which allows the Department to adopt standards and rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policy and procedures governing offenders' access to and use of telephones.

R251-303-2. Definitions.

(1) "Center" means community correctional centers; halfway houses.

(2) "Offender" means any person under the jurisdiction of the Department; including inmates, parolees, probationers, and persons in halfway houses or other non-secure facilities.

R251-303-3. Standards and Procedures.

It is the policy of the Department that in order to ensure Center telephones are used for authorized purposes, staff may listen to the offender's conversation, except calls made to legal counsel.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-305. Visiting at Community Correctional Centers.****R251-305-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 64-13-17, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's rules governing visitation at Community Correctional Centers.

R251-305-2. Definitions.

(1) "Center" means a community corrections halfway house facility designed to facilitate an offender's readjustment to private life.

(2) "Confiscate" means to take possession or immediately seize.

(3) "Contraband" means any material, substance or other item not approved by the Department to be in the possession of residents.

(4) "Evidence" means any item which may be used in prosecution of a violation of Department policy or procedure, federal, state or local law.

(5) "Illegal contraband" means any material, substance or other item the possession of which violates criminal statutes.

(6) "Legal representatives" means court personnel, attorneys-at-law and their assistants such as paralegals and investigators.

(7) "Offender" means a probationer, parolee or inmate housed in a Community Correctional Center.

(8) "Premises" means Center's building and land, including residents' property, rooms, persons and vehicles.

(9) "Religious representative" means a priest, bishop, rabbi, religious practitioner or similar functionary of a church or legally recognized denomination or organization.

(10) "Sponsor" means an individual who is approved by Center staff members to accompany an offender while on leave time away from the Center.

(11) "Visit" means a period of time during which an offender has the opportunity to interact with family and friends on Community Correctional Center premises.

R251-305-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) Community Correctional Centers shall schedule days and times for visiting;

(2) visits at other than established visiting hours may be approved by the Center Director/designee;

(3) Community Correctional Centers shall have designated visiting areas;

(4) visitors shall not be allowed in unauthorized areas;

(5) offenders' visitors, except for non-emancipated minors, shall be approved sponsors;

(6) non-emancipated minors shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian;

(7) sponsor applicants may be subject to special conditions (i.e., visiting only, leave time only, etc.);

(8) offenders shall be advised of visiting rules during orientation;

(9) visitors will be advised of visiting rules during the sponsor application process;

(10) visiting may be prohibited for offenders in security cells and as part of restrictions ordered by the Offender Discipline Hearing Officer;

(11) visitors shall be required to sign a visitor log when entering and leaving the Center;

(12) visitors may be required to present picture identification prior to visiting;

(13) visitors shall be modestly dressed to be permitted to visit (i.e., no bare midriffs or see-through blouses or shirts, no shorts, tube tops, halters, extremely tight or revealing clothing, no dresses or skirts more than three inches above the knees, or

sexually revealing attire; children under the age of twelve may wear shorts and sleeveless shirts);

(14) sexual contact between visitors and offenders (i.e., petting, prolonged kissing or bodily contact) is prohibited;

(15) visitors shall not bring animals or pets into the Center with the exception of dogs trained to aid individuals with disabilities;

(16) visitors shall visit with only one offender at a time unless approved by Center staff;

(17) offenders and visitors shall not exhibit abusive, disruptive or other inappropriate behavior;

(18) offenders and visitors shall not use loud or offensive language;

(19) visitors suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be denied visiting and advised by staff to arrange alternate transportation if they are operating a vehicle;

(20) if an intoxicated visitor refuses to seek alternate transportation or becomes belligerent, staff shall attempt to detain the individual and contact the local law enforcement for assistance;

(21) visitors shall be responsible for their property and the Department shall not be liable for any loss or damage to visitors' property;

(22) visitors may be subject to search of their person or property for reasonable cause;

(23) visitors attempting to bring contraband on Center premises may have visiting privileges restricted, suspended or revoked;

(24) Center staff may restrict, deny or cancel visiting privileges for the safety, security and orderly operation of the Center or program requirements;

(25) offenders may be prohibited contact with individuals as determined by the court, Board of Pardons and Parole, or Center program requirements; and

(26) an appeal process shall be available to challenge denial or restriction of visiting privileges.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-401. Supervision Fees.****R251-401-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 64-13-21, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to define the UDC's policy regarding offenders' monthly supervision fees including criteria for the suspension or waiver of fees and the circumstances under which an offender may request a hearing.

R251-401-2. Definitions.

(1) "Board" means Board of Pardons and Parole.

(2) "Fee suspension" means temporary, time-limited suspension of required fee payment when inability to pay is a result of short-term, substantial hardship.

(3) "Fee waiver" means long-term waiver of fee payment when the substantial hardship causing an inability to pay is highly unlikely to change during the period of supervision.

(4) "Substantial hardship" means any condition which would cause gross monthly household income to be below the Federal Poverty Level.

(5) "UDC" means Utah Department of Corrections.

R251-401-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) in accordance with Section 64-13-21, of the Utah Code, offenders on probation or parole shall be assessed a monthly supervision fee of \$30.00 if the offense was committed after May 3, 1993;

(2) court- or Board-ordered supervision fees may be waived if the order would create a substantial hardship as determined by the supervising agent and a supervisor or if the offender owes restitution to a victim;

(3) if the offender disagrees with a non-hardship finding, the decision may be appealed up to the appropriate Regional Administrator, whose decision shall be binding;

(4) offenders required to pay supervision fees shall be provided with written procedures regarding the appeal process;

(5) former offenders who had a fee suspension or waiver when their supervision ended, shall not automatically assume the same status if placed on probation or parole again;

(6) offenders who obtain a suspension or waiver shall not be eligible for a refund of any fees previously paid; and

(7) eligible offenders shall reapply for a suspension or waiver of supervision fees each time they are placed on probation or parole.

KEY: fees, supervision, offenders

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-702. Inmate Communication: Telephones.****R251-702-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201 and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the policy, procedures, and requirements for the use of and access to inmate communication systems in the Department's prison facilities.

R251-702-2. Definitions.

(1) "Collect" means a billing process which allows a call to be billed to the receiver of a call.

(2) "Department" means Utah Department of Corrections.

(3) "Emergency" means a death or life-threatening illness or accident of an immediate family member.

(4) "Legal call" means calls made to the courts, attorneys or other approved legal advisor.

(5) "Members" means Utah Department of Corrections employees.

R251-702-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) calls made on institutional telephones designated for general inmate use may be intercepted, tape-recorded and monitored;

(2) members shall not monitor inmate legal calls;

(3) inmates who intend to call an attorney shall notify members in order to obtain access to a telephone that will not be monitored;

(4) legal calls should not exceed thirty minutes;

(5) attorney/representatives desiring to speak with an inmate client may leave a message, and the inmate may be allowed to return the call using the legal access procedure outlined;

(6) inmates are not allowed to receive incoming calls; and

(7) inmate calls shall be billed collect except in a case of verifiable emergency.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-703. Vehicle Direction Station.****R251-703-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-14 and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to define the Department's policy, procedure and requirements for the operation of the Vehicle Direction Stations located at the South Point and Central Utah Correctional facilities.

R251-703-2. Definitions.

(1) "Central Utah Correctional Facility" or "CUCF" means the institutional housing unit located in Gunnison.

(2) "Civilian" means vendor, deliveryman, construction worker, family members, friend, or other person not acting on behalf of UDC or an allied agency in an official capacity who needs access to prison property.

(3) "Department" means Department of Corrections.

(4) "DIO" means Division of Institutional Operations.

(5) "ID" means identification issued by an authorized government agency.

(6) "South Point" means the Uinta, Wasatch and Oquirrh facilities at the Utah State Prison.

(7) "VDS" means Vehicle Direction Station.

(8) "Visitor" means any person accessing prison property other than a Utah Department of Corrections employee, an inmate, or offender.

R251-703-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) the Department shall maintain a Vehicle Direction Station at the main entrance of South Point, and Central Utah Correctional Facility to control access of vehicles and persons entering or leaving institutional property;

(2) the Vehicle Direction Station (VDS) shall be staffed by an armed member of the Security Unit. The VDS shall be staffed from 0600 to 2200 hours daily;

(3) drivers using the entrance road to the VDS shall observe state traffic laws, keep the road free from equipment or vehicles that would obstruct visibility or impede the free flow of traffic, and follow directives of VDS staff charged with maintaining entry facilities;

(4) drivers and pedestrians using the entrance road shall heed directions of VDS staff, to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

(5) visitors to the prison shall be responsible to read and follow signs posted on the entrance road to the VDS prohibiting contraband from being introduced onto prison property;

(6) since the VDS is the initial control point for controlling contraband from being brought onto prison property, visitors may be subjected to search and seizure procedures as provided by law;

(7) the VDS shall be the control point for limiting entry to institutional facilities to persons whose presence is necessary to the institution and to authorized visitors of inmates;

(8) to prevent escape of inmates, a vehicle exiting South Point or CUCF shall be subject to a search. Persons in exiting vehicles shall be required to provide identification and verification of clearance;

(9) civilians 16 years of age and older, in a vehicle or on foot, shall be required to have picture ID in their possession and to submit it for inspection, before being allowed through the VDS. If they do not have a valid ID:

(a) access to the prison through the VDS shall not be allowed;

(b) they shall not be allowed to wait or park on the entrance road to any institutional facility or on any roads adjacent to an institutional facility; but

(c) they may be allowed to wait in a designated parking

area adjacent to the VDS;

(10) civilians under 16 years of age shall not be permitted access unless accompanied by an approved adult;

(11) civilians found in the possession of weapons or contraband at the VDS under circumstances which do not constitute a violation of law shall be required to leave prison property;

(12) peace officers from allied agencies shall either secure their firearms at the VDS, another approved location, or lock their weapons in their vehicle trunk if the vehicle will not penetrate the secure perimeter;

(13) persons who have a valid outstanding warrant may be arrested and either cited or transported, depending on the needs of the UDC and the agency holding the warrant;

(14) persons who have a valid outstanding warrant, if not arrested, may be denied entry to prison property until the warrant has been adjudicated; and

(15) visitors shall comply with all directives of VDS officers.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-704. North Gate.****R251-704-1. Authority and Purpose.**

A. This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, and 64-13-14, of the Utah Code, which allows the Department to adopt standards and rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this chapter is to provide the Department's policy, procedures and requirements for the North Gate of the South Point Complex of the Prison.

R251-704-2. Definitions.

1. "ID" means identification.
2. "SSD" means Special Services Dormitory.

R251-704-3. Standards and Procedures.

It is the policy of the Department that:

A. access through the North Gate shall be restricted to authorized persons at authorized times to control contraband, prevent the escape of inmates and to otherwise further the legitimate security interests of the USP;

B. regulations shall be enacted to control access through the North Gate, particularly as that access involves persons who are not members of the USP staff;

C. vehicles accessing the North Gate shall be thoroughly searched to prevent the flow of contraband, prevent the possibility of escape and to otherwise further the legitimate security interests of the USP;

D. vehicles wishing to exit the North Gate which are loaded in such a manner which prohibits the North Gate officer from giving it a thorough shake down shall:

1. be accompanied by a corrections officer who witnessed the loading of the vehicle and verifies, by signing the North Gate Vehicle Security Warrant Form, that the security of the vehicle was maintained during loading to prevent escape; and
2. be detained at the North Gate until all inmates are counted.

E. vendor access through the North Gate may be allowed from 0700 to 1500 hours Monday through Friday;

F. deliveries at other than designated times shall require a special clearance signed by the Security Deputy Warden/designee.

G. the garbage truck:

1. should be allowed access to through the North Gate as needed, beginning at approximately 0400; and
2. shall have an Enforcement Officer escort while inside the secure perimeter;

H. access for contractors and construction workers should be granted between 0700 and 1700 hours, unless an emergency exists that would prevent access;

I. non-prison staff (i.e., contract professional staff including psychologists, vocational rehabilitation personnel, attorneys, legal services providers, etc.), including all volunteers shall not ordinarily be allowed access through the North Gate, but shall be required to use the Oquirrh, Wasatch, or Uinta administration building sallyport for access;

J. vendors shall be required to surrender their driver's license, or official identification to the North Gate officer while inside the compound (any exception shall be cleared through the Watch Commander);

K. construction workers and contractors shall provide name, legal address, social security number, driver's license number, date of birth to the appropriate prison personnel at least 72 hours prior to access onto prison property;

L. prior to exiting through the North Gate, all persons shall be identified;

M. all persons are subject to a search of their person, property and vehicle as a condition of entry onto prison property;

N. the North Gate officer shall search all vehicles to ensure that no unauthorized passengers or contraband items are allowed access through the North Gate; and

O. vehicle operators and passengers shall exit the vehicle during a vehicle search.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-706. Inmate Visiting.****R251-706-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10 and 64-13-17, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policies, procedures and requirements for inmate visitation at the Division of Institutional Operations.

R251-706-2. Definitions.

- (1) "abusive" means insulting or harmful.
- (2) "adult" means anyone eighteen years of age or older.
- (3) "approved adult" means an individual eighteen years of age or older, cleared through background checks and approved by the facility visiting staff to visit an inmate.
- (4) "approved visitor" means an individual cleared through BCI and approved by the facility visiting staff to visit an inmate.
- (5) "barrier visit" means a non-contact visit where the visitor and inmate are separated by glazing, screen, or other partition.
- (6) "BCI" means Bureau of Criminal Identification.
- (7) "contraband, illegal" means any item in the possession of an inmate or visitor which violates a federal or state law.
- (8) "contraband, nuisance" means any item in the possession of an inmate or visitor which does not violate a federal or state law but does violate a prison policy.
- (9) "DIO" means Division of Institutional Operations.
- (10) "DMV" means Department of Motor Vehicles.
- (11) "emergency visit" means visit occasioned by a verifiable emergency, such as serious illness, accident, or death of an inmate's immediate family member.
- (12) "foul" means offensive to the senses; vulgar.
- (13) "immediate family" means spouse, children, stepchildren, mother, father, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, step-mother, step-father, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, grandmother, grandfather and grandchildren.
- (14) "inmate visiting request form" means a form given to inmates during the Reception and Orientation process or at a later time to add persons to their approved visitor lists.
- (15) "Minor" means any person under the age of 18 years old.
- (16) "NCIC" means National Crime Information Center.
- (17) "NLETS" means National Law Enforcement Teletype System.
- (18) "OMR" means Offender Management Review team.
- (19) "positive identification" means document containing a photograph and date of birth, including but not limited to a valid driver's license, federal or state identification card, military identification or passport; does not include credit cards, social security card, employment card, or student identification card.
- (20) "R and O" means reception and orientation process for new inmates and parole violators committed to the institution.
- (21) "special visits" means visits authorized by the warden/designee for circumstances other than normal visiting procedures.
- (22) "UDC" means Utah Department of Corrections.
- (23) "Uinta" means housing unit for maximum security inmates.
- (24) "USP" means Utah State Prison, including Draper and CUCF.
- (25) "visit" means a short meeting with an approved visitor; a privilege, not a right, afforded to inmates/visitors at the Utah State Prison.
- (26) "visitor's consent form" means a form given to an approved visitor requiring the visitor's signature indicating that the visitor has received, understands, and shall adhere to the visitor rules.

R251-706-3. Visiting Policies.

(1) Visitors shall complete a visitor's consent form prior to the initial visit.

(2) Visitors shall receive a copy of the visitor rules and regulations which are distributed at the time of the initial visit. Prior to the first visit, visitors shall read the rules and regulations and shall sign that they understand and will comply with the visiting rules.

(3) Any employee, contractor, volunteer or student who has terminated employment or services with the Department may not be cleared for visits until one year has elapsed from the time of termination of employment or services.

(4) Visitors shall be modestly dressed to be permitted to visit. Bare midriffs, hooded sweat shirts, sleeveless, or see-through blouses or shirts, shorts, tube tops, halters, extremely tight or revealing clothing, dresses or skirts more than three inches above the knees, or sexually revealing attire are not allowed. Children under the age of twelve may wear shorts and sleeveless shirts.

(5) Upon reasonable suspicion, visitors shall be subject to search, and visitation may be denied for failure to submit to the search request.

(6) Prior to entering the Utah State Prison visiting room, visitors may be screened with a metal detector.

(7) If contraband is discovered, the duty officer shall be notified, and:

(a) visitors attempting to introduce nuisance contraband, which is in violation of DIO policies and procedures, onto prison property may have their visiting privileges suspended, restricted or revoked; or

(b) visitors attempting to introduce illegal contraband onto prison property may be subject to criminal prosecution and suspension of visiting privileges.

(8) Visitors shall not be permitted to bring pets or other animals, except for seeing-eye dogs, onto prison property.

(9) Food items from outside the prison shall not be allowed.

(10) Visits should not exceed two hours. Visiting hours may be reduced or extended on any day based on facility visiting conditions or special holiday schedules. On special visits, conditions including the length of the visit are approved based on an assessment of the request and capabilities of the facility.

(11) Personal property such as purses, wallets, keys, blankets, coats and sweaters worn as outer garments, and money (except for vending machine change in facilities which allow them) are not allowed in the visiting room.

(12) Visitors with babies may bring into the visiting area infant care items that are reasonably needed during the visit. Staff shall accommodate personal need items that do not present a threat to the safety and security of the inmates, staff, and the institution.

(13) The UDC shall not be responsible for loss of personal property. Visitors may secure items in UDC lockers where available.

(14) Visitors shall not be permitted to visit during any scheduled visiting period if less than 30 minutes remain in the visiting period.

R251-706-4. Uinta Visiting.

Visitors to the Uinta facility may be required to have additional clearances by the warden/designee or unit manager, prior to visiting the facility.

R251-706-5. Processing Visiting Application.

(1) A visiting application shall be completed by inmates who wish to have a visitor. It is the inmate's responsibility to ensure that the visiting application information is complete and approved by facility visiting staff prior to the first visit.

(2) Visiting applications shall be checked by facility visiting staff through BCI, NLETS, DMV and local wants and warrants prior to the applicant being considered for visitation privileges.

(3) Visiting applications shall be denied by the captain/designee if there is reason to believe that visits would jeopardize the safety, security, management or control of the Institution.

(4) Applications may be denied when an extensive or recent history of criminal activity exists, or the visitor has:

- (a) transported contraband into or out of a correctional facility;
- (b) aided or attempted to aid in an escape from a jail or correctional facility;
- (c) been a crime partner of the inmate applicant; or
- (d) been under the supervision of UDC for a felony offense.

(5) Visiting application denials may be challenged by visitor applicants through the deputy warden/designee. If the visitor applicant is not satisfied with the deputy warden/designee decision, a second appeal may be made to the warden/designee.

(6) Except for spouses, visitors under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian on the inmate's approved visiting list.

(7) Visitors 16 years of age and older shall present positive identification prior to being permitted to visit.

(8) An individual may not be on more than one inmate's visiting list unless that individual is a member of the immediate family of all inmates involved and is approved as a visitor by the warden/designee.

(9) Adoptions, marriages, or other methods of claiming legal relationships, performed for the purpose of circumventing existing visiting policies shall be considered invalid.

(10) Visitors may have their names removed from any visiting list by sending a written request to the facility visiting staff.

(11) Visitors removed from a visiting list at the written request of an inmate or visitor shall not be reinstated for a 90-day period without prior approval of the facility visiting staff.

(12) Except for members of the inmate's immediate family, only one single adult visitor of the opposite sex shall be permitted to be on the visiting list of any one inmate at any given time.

(13) Divorced visitors shall provide proof of divorce to the facility visiting staff before being allowed to visit an inmate of the opposite sex.

(14) Except for members of the inmate's immediate family, married persons visiting inmates of the opposite sex shall be accompanied by one or more of the following, who shall remain with the visitor for the duration of the visit:

- (a) visitor's spouse who is on approved visiting list;
- (b) inmate's spouse;
- (c) inmate's parent or
- (d) other persons approved by the facility visiting staff.

R251-706-6. Visitor Suspensions.

(1) A visit may be suspended, restricted or revoked for dress code violation, foul and abusive language/conduct, or refusal to comply with DIO policies or procedures, or when necessary to meet safety, security, management or control requirements of the Utah State Prison.

(2) The facility visiting staff may suspend, restrict or revoke visits if the behavior of the visitor or inmate jeopardizes the safety, security, management or control of the institution.

(3) If a visit is suspended, restricted, or revoked the facility visiting staff shall document the action by providing notification of the rules infraction to the inmate, visitor, inmate's OMR, and duty officer. The inmate's OMR may review the documentation and make decisions regarding visiting to the visiting staff

members for modification of the suspension, restriction, or revocation. The inmate may appeal suspensions, restrictions, or revocations by submitting a written request to the warden/designee.

(4) Visiting privileges may be permanently revoked or altered as follows:

(a) visitors who bring drugs into the institution may be permanently barred from visiting; and

(b) inmates guilty of attempting to introduce drugs, weapons or contraband money to the institution through the visiting process may be placed on barrier visits.

(5) Barrier visits may be required for inmates when:

(a) visitors have not been in compliance with visiting regulations on prior occasions and have been warned or required to leave the visiting area;

(b) inmates are classified as Level 1 or 2;

(c) inmates or visitors have been suspected or attempted to introduce contraband into a correctional facility;

(d) inmates have been convicted of disciplinary infraction A13 (Possession, introduction or use of any unauthorized intoxicants, unauthorized drugs or drug paraphernalia, positive urinalysis, breath analysis, blood test, or refusal to submit to the same; or

(e) inmate or visitor behavior, or a recent history of behavior is a threat to the safety and security of the inmates, visitors, staff and the institution.

R251-706-7. Sex Offender Visiting.

(1) Inmates identified as sex offenders by R and O or visiting staff members may be restricted from visits with minors as follows:

(a) inmates shall not visit with minors identified as the victim of the inmate;

(b) inmates with a documented history of sexual misconduct with a child under the age of 18 years shall not visit with any minor while incarcerated;

(c) court orders or Board of Pardons and Parole orders regarding contact or non-contact between inmates and minors will be enforced;

(d) inmates may appeal visiting restrictions with minors by written appeal to the warden/designee; or

(e) visits between inmates and minors for therapeutic or clinical reasons may be approved on an individual visit basis by the warden/designee.

R251-706-8. Special Visits.

Requests for special visits or emergency visits from individuals not on an approved visiting list may be approved or denied for reasonable cause by the warden/designee.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-708. Perimeter Patrol.****R251-708-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10 and 64-13-14, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policies and procedures for perimeter patrol of prison facilities.

R251-708-2. Definitions.

"Contraband" means any material, substance or other item not approved by the Department administration to be in the possession of inmates.

"Perimeter patrols" means correctional officers assigned to observe and maintain security around the boundary of the prison.

"Prison" means Utah State Prison at Draper, Utah and Central Utah Correctional Facility at Gunnison, Utah.

R251-708-3. Policy.

(1) The Department shall maintain perimeter patrols to:

- (a) provide security;
- (b) prevent escape;
- (c) restrict access to Prison property;
- (d) control visitor traffic;
- (e) provide escape pursuit when necessary;
- (f) maintain order; and
- (g) prevent introduction of contraband.

(2) Perimeter patrols shall assist the facilitation of traffic through the secure perimeter at various access points by verifying the identity of persons at those points.

(3) Perimeter patrols shall:

- (a) respond to all persons including hunters, walkers, joggers, off-road vehicle riders, and other vehicles on prison property or immediately adjacent areas;
- (b) investigate any suspicious person or circumstance; and
- (c) arrest or cite violators when required.

(4) Perimeter patrols shall not allow non-prison personnel to wait in vehicles in parking lots or other areas of prison property.

(5) Perimeter patrols shall investigate unoccupied vehicles on or near the prison perimeter and may impound any vehicle which appears to present a security risk to the prison.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-709. Transportation of Inmates.****R251-709-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201 and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code.

(2) This rule addresses requirements regarding the transportation of inmates in order to provide for public safety and the security of inmates under the jurisdiction of the Department.

R251-709-2. Definitions.

"Restraint" means handcuffs, handcuff cover, locking devices, leg irons, waist chains or other locking and restraining devices.

"Run" means any transport of an inmate off prison property.

R251-709-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that during the transportation of inmates the primary goal is to ensure adequate security to prevent escapes and to prevent harm to officers or other persons.

R251-709-4. Court Transportation.

(1) Inmates shall not be allowed to visit with relatives, friends or members of the general public during transportation, while in a medical facility, courtroom, or while waiting, in transit to or from a medical facility or courtroom.

(2) Requests from attorneys to detain or temporarily relocate inmates for consultations, visits with spouse, parents, or other family members, shall be denied unless the presiding judge specifically orders the visits.

(3) Attorneys requesting consultation with inmates after a hearing may do so for five minutes in a court holding cell unless the presiding judge specifically orders otherwise.

(4) The inmate's attorney may provide civilian clothing for inmates appearing in a jury trial.

R251-709-5. Medical Security Procedures.

(1) The transportation officers shall maintain custody of the inmate at all times during medical transportation runs. Exceptions may be made when dealing with inmates of the opposite sex during compromising procedures, (i.e., pap smears, mammograms, etc.). When an exception is made, the officers shall remain immediately outside the door (if there are no windows or other escape routes in the room) or on the opposite side of the privacy curtain.

(2) The transportation officers shall remove a particular restraint upon the doctor's orders if the removal of that restraint is required to perform a medical procedure; only that particular restraint shall be removed and it shall be immediately reapplied upon completion of the medical procedure.

(3) Except in life-threatening emergencies, the transportation officers shall not assist nor participate in any medical procedure or other assistance to patients or inmates.

R251-709-6. Transporting by Air.

When transporting by air, the transportation lieutenant, captain, or chief shall contact the transporting airline prior to the transportation run to confirm their policies regarding inmate restraints, boarding and alighting policies, firearms on the aircraft, and other inmate transportation issues.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.**R251-711. Admission and Intake.****R251-711-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-10, 64-13-14, and 64-13-15, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide admission and intake policies applying to individuals committed to the Utah State Prison.

R251-711-2. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) persons committed to the Utah State Prison should be received at the Draper facility during the hours of 0700-1730 Monday through Friday, if possible;

(2) if it is not possible to deliver inmates to the Draper facility during the normal receiving hours, or if exigent circumstances are present, the Draper facility shall receive them at any time;

(3) for central and southern Utah commitments, male inmates should be received at the Central Utah Correctional facility during the hours of 0800-1700 Monday through Friday, if possible;

(4) if it is not possible to deliver male inmates to the Central Utah Correctional facility during the normal receiving hours, they may be taken to the Draper facility as described in (1) and (2) above;

(5) money and personal property shall be inventoried and receipted by the receiving and transporting officers in the presence of the inmate;

(6) inmates may release property for personal pickup by a relative or friend, or they may mail the property at their own expense; and

(7) if property has not been mailed out or picked up within 30 days, it shall be donated to a charitable organization.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.

R251-712. Release.

R251-712-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 63G-3-201, 64-13-7 and 64-13-10, of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policy regarding inmates leaving the institution on parole, termination, expiration of sentence, or being released to a detainer.

R251-712-2. Definitions.

"Detainer" means a hold on an inmate by another institution or jurisdiction who still has legal jurisdiction over the inmate in order to regain custody once released from the Utah State Prison.

R251-712-3. Policy.

It is the policy of the Department that:

(1) release transactions at the prison shall conform to statutory and other legal requirements;

(2) inmates leaving the prison, either on parole or to another jurisdiction shall be verified as to eligibility for release from the Utah State Prison;

(3) the Board of Pardons and Parole is the releasing authority for all inmates; and

(4) if an inmate is to be released to a detainer, it shall be the responsibility of the receiving agency to make arrangements for housing and transportation.

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R270. Crime Victim Reparations, Administration.**R270-1. Award and Reparation Standards.****R270-1-1. Authorization and Purpose.**

As provided in Section 63M-7-506 the purpose of this rule is to provide interpretation and standards for the administration of crime victim reparations.

R270-1-2. Funeral and Burial Award.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(f), total award for funeral and burial expenses is \$7,000 for any reasonable and necessary charges incurred directly relating to the funeral and burial of a victim. This amount includes transportation of the deceased. Allowable expenses in this category may include the emergency acquisition of a burial plot for victims who did not previously possess or have available to them a plot for burial.

B. Transportation of secondary victims to attend a funeral and burial service shall be considered as an allowable expense in addition to the \$7,000.

C. Loss of earnings for secondary victims to attend a funeral and burial service shall be allowed as follows:

1. Three days in-state
2. Five days out-of-state

D. When a victim dies leaving no identifying information, claims made by a provider cannot be considered.

R270-1-3. Negligent Homicide and Hit and Run Claims.

A. Negligent homicide claims shall be considered criminally injurious conduct as defined in Subsection 63M-7-502(9).

B. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-502(9)(a), criminally injurious conduct shall not include victims of hit and run crimes.

R270-1-4. Counseling Awards.

A. Pursuant to Subsections 63M-7-502(20) and 63M-7-511(4)(c), out-patient mental health counseling awards are subject to limitations as follows:

1. The reparation officer shall approve a standardized treatment plan.

2. The cost of initial evaluation and testing may not exceed \$300 and shall be part of the maximum allowed for counseling. For purposes herein, an evaluation shall be defined as diagnostic interview examination including history, mental status, or disposition, in order to determine a plan of mental health treatment.

3. Primary victims of a crime shall be eligible for the lesser of 25 aggregate individual and/or group counseling sessions or \$2,500 maximum mental health counseling award.

(a) Parents, children and siblings of homicide victims shall be considered at the same rate as primary victims for inpatient and outpatient counseling.

4. Secondary victims of a crime shall be eligible for the lesser of 15 aggregate individual and/or group counseling sessions or \$1,250 maximum mental health counseling award.

5. Extenuating circumstances warranting consideration of counseling beyond the maximum may be submitted by the mental health provider when it appears likely that the maximum award will be reached.

6. Counseling costs will not be paid in advance but will be paid on an ongoing basis as victim is being billed.

7. Inpatient hospitalization, residential and day treatment shall be reviewed by the CVR Board or contracting agency who will make recommendations to the Reparation Officers regarding treatment. The CVR Board or contracting agency will review all levels of care and assign a reimbursement percentage based on the crime. All cases having less than a \$1000 balance may be determined by the Reparation Officer. Outpatient cases shall be reviewed at the same rate as inpatient reviews.

8. In-patient hospitalization shall only be considered when the treatment has been recommended by a licensed therapist in

life-threatening situations. A direct relationship to the crime needs to be established. Acute in-patient hospitalization shall not exceed \$600 per day, which includes all ancillary expenses, and will be considered payment in full to the provider. Inpatient psychiatric visits will be limited to one visit per day with payment for the visit made to the institution at the highest rate of the individuals providing therapy as set by rule. Reimbursement for testing costs may also be allowed. Parents, children and siblings of homicide victims shall be considered at the same rate as primary victims for inpatient hospitalization. All other secondary victims of other crime types are excluded.

9. Residential and day treatment shall only be considered when the treatment has been recommended by a licensed therapist to stabilize the victim's behavior and symptoms. Only facilities with 24 hour nursing care or 24 hour on call nursing care will be compensated for residential and day treatment. Residential and day treatment shall not be used for extended care of dysfunctional families and containment placements. A direct relationship to the crime needs to be established. Residential treatment shall not exceed \$300 per day and will be considered payment in full to the provider. Residential treatment shall be limited to 30 days, unless there are extenuating circumstances requiring extended care. All residential clients shall receive routine assessments from a psychiatrist and/or APRN at least once a week for medication management. Day treatment shall not exceed \$200 per day and will be capped at \$10,000. These charges will be considered payment in full to the provider. Parents, children and siblings of homicide victims shall be considered at the same rate as primary victims for residential and day treatment. All other secondary victims of other crime types are excluded.

10. Wilderness programs shall not be covered as an appropriate treatment modality when considering inpatient hospitalization, residential or day treatment.

11. Child sexual abuse victims under the age of 13 who become perpetrators shall only be considered for mental health treatment awards directly related to the victimization. Perpetrators age 13 and over who have been child sexual abuse victims shall not be eligible for compensation. The CVR Board or contracting agency for managed mental health care shall help establish a reasonable percentage regarding victimization treatment for inpatient, residential and day treatment. Out-patient claims shall be determined by the Reparation Officer on a case by case basis upon review of the mental health treatment plan.

12. Payment for mental health counseling shall only be made to licensed therapists; or to individuals working towards a license that provide certified verification of satisfactory completion of an education and earned degree as required by the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing, working under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the Division. Student interns otherwise eligible under 58-1-307(1)(b) Exceptions from licensure, and/or the institution/facility/agency responsible for the supervision of the student, shall not be eligible for payment under this rule for counseling services provided by the student.

13. Payment of hypnotherapy shall only be considered when treatment is performed by a licensed mental health therapist based upon an approved Treatment Plan.

14. The following maximum amounts shall be payable for mental health counseling:

(a) up to \$130 per hour for individual and family therapy performed by licensed psychiatrists, and up to \$65 per hour for group therapy;

(b) up to \$90 per hour for individual and family therapy performed by licensed psychologists and up to \$45 per hour for group therapy;

(c) up to \$70 per hour for individual and family therapy performed by a licensed master's level therapist or an Advanced

Practice Registered Nurse, and up to \$35 per hour for group therapy. These rates shall also apply to therapists working towards a license and supervised by a licensed therapist;

(d) The above-mentioned rates shall apply to individuals performing treatment, and not those supervising treatment.

15. Chemical dependency specific treatment will not be compensated unless the Reparation Officer determines that it is directly related to the crime. The CVR Board may review extenuating circumstance cases.

R270-1-5. Attorney Fees.

Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-524(2) attorney fees shall be made within the reparation award and not in addition to the award. If an award is paid in a lump sum, the attorney's fee shall not exceed 15% of the total award; if payments are awarded on an on going basis, attorney fees will be paid when warrants are generated but not to exceed 15%. When appeal hearing denials are overturned, attorney fees shall be calculated only on the appealed reparation issue.

R270-1-6. Reparation Awards.

Pursuant to Section 63M-7-503, reparation awards can be made to victims of violent crime where restitution has been ordered by the court but appears unlikely the restitution can be paid within a reasonable time period. However, notification of the award will be sent to the courts, prosecuting attorneys, Board of Pardons or probation and parole counselors indicating any restitution monies collected up to the amount of the award will be forwarded to the Crime Victim Reparations Trust Fund.

R270-1-7. Abortion.

Expenses for an abortion that is permitted pursuant to Sections 76-7-301 through 76-7-325 shall be eligible for a reparation award as long as all the requirements of Section 63M-7-511 have been met.

R270-1-8. Emergency Awards.

Pursuant to Section 63M-7-522, emergency awards up to \$1000 can be granted. No time limit is required for filing an emergency claim. Processing of emergency claims is three to five days.

R270-1-9. Loss of Earnings.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(d), the 66-2/3% of the person's weekly salary or wages is calculated on gross earnings.

B. Loss of earnings for primary and secondary victims may be reimbursed for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks work loss, at an amount not to exceed the maximum allowed per week by Worker's Compensation guidelines in effect at the time of work loss. Reference should be made to Section R270-1-11 for guidelines on sick leave, annual leave or bereavement leave as a collateral source. The Crime Victim Reparations Board may review extenuating circumstances on loss of earnings claims.

R270-1-10. Moving, Transportation Expenses.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(a), victims of violent crime who suffer a traumatic experience or threat of bodily harm are allowed moving expenses up to \$1,000. Board approval is needed where extenuating circumstances exist.

B. Transportation expenses up to \$1000 are allowed for crime-related travel including, but not limited to, participation in court hearings and parole hearings as well as medical or mental health visits for primary and secondary victims. The Board may approve travel expenses in excess of \$1000 where extenuating circumstances exist.

R270-1-11. Collateral Source.

A. Crime Victim Reparations Trust Fund monies shall be

used before State Social Services contract monies when considering out-of-pocket expenses in child sexual abuse cases, if the individuals qualify as victims. If the victim qualifies for Medicaid, the contract monies should be used first.

B. Crime Victim Reparations Trust Fund monies shall be used before the Utah Medical Assistance Program funds when considering allowable benefits for victims of violent crime.

R270-1-12. Record Retention.

A. Pursuant to Section 63M-7-501, retention of Crime Victim Reparations annual report and crime victim case files shall be as follows:

1. Annual reports and other statistical information shall be retained in office for a period of three years and then transferred to State Archives.

2. Crime victim case files shall be retained in office as needed for administrative use. After closure or denial of a case file, case file shall be retained in office for one year and then transferred to State Archives. Case files will be retained in the State Records Center for eleven years and then destroyed.

R270-1-13. Awards.

A. Pursuant to Section 63M-7-521, when billing from the providers exceeds the maximum allowed, the Reparation Officer shall pay the bills by the date of service. The Reparation Officer shall solicit input from the victim when making this determination. When the services and the billings have occurred at the same time, the Reparation Officer shall determine payment on a percentage basis.

R270-1-14. Essential Personal Property.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(h), essential personal property covers all personal articles necessary and essential for the health and safety of the victim.

B. The Reparation Officer may allow up to \$5000 for medically necessary items such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, and wheelchairs. The board may approve expenses for medically necessary items in excess of \$5000 where extenuating circumstances exist.

C. The Reparation Officer may allow up to \$1500 for essential personal property not included in Subsection (B) such as burglar alarms, door locks, crime scene cleanup, repair of walls and broken windows, etc. The board may approve expenses for essential person property in excess of \$1500 where extenuating circumstances exist.

R270-1-15. Subrogation.

Pursuant to Section 63M-7-519, subrogation monies collected from the perpetrator, insurance, etc., will be placed in the Crime Victim Reparations Trust Fund and will not be credited toward a particular victim or claimant award amount.

R270-1-16. Unjust Enrichment.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-510(1)(d), the following criteria shall be used when considering claims involving possible unjust enrichment of an offender:

1. Unjust enrichment determination shall not be based solely on the presence of the offender in the household at the time of the award.

2. Awards shall not be denied on the basis that the offender would be unjustly enriched, if the victim cooperates with investigation and prosecution of the crime and does what is possible to prevent access by the offender to substantial compensation.

3. Payment to third party providers shall be made to prevent monies intended for victim expenses be used by or on behalf of the offender.

4. Collateral resources such as court-ordered restitution and medical insurance that are available to the victim from the

offender shall be examined. However, the victim shall not be penalized for failure of an offender to meet legal obligations to pay for the cost of the victim's recovery.

5. Factors to be considered in determining whether enrichment is substantial or inconsequential include the amount of the award and whether a substantial portion of the compensation award will be used directly by or on behalf of the offender. If the offender has direct access to a cash award and/or if a substantial portion of it will be used to pay for his living expenses, that portion of the award that will substantially benefit the offender may be reduced or denied. When enrichment is inconsequential or minimal, the award shall not be reduced or denied.

R270-1-17. Prescription or Over-the-Counter Medications.

A. Reimbursement of prescription or over-the-counter medications used in conjunction with mental health therapy shall be considered only for the duration of an approved Treatment Plan.

B. Reimbursement of prescription or over-the-counter medications used in conjunction with medical treatment shall be considered only during the course of treatment by the physician.

C. Medication management rates shall be limited to a maximum of \$62.50 per thirty minute session.

R270-1-18. Peer Review Committee.

A. A volunteer Peer Review Committee may be established to review issues and/or provide input to Crime Victim Reparations staff on out-patient mental health counseling claims. The composition, duties, and responsibilities of this Committee shall be defined by the Crime Victim Reparations Board by written internal policy and procedure.

R270-1-19. Medical Awards.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(b), medical awards are subject to limitations as follows:

1. All medical costs must be related directly to the victimization and all treatment must be considered usual and customary.

2. The reparation officer reserves the right to audit any and all billings associated with medical care.

3. The reparation officer will not pay any interest, finance, or collection fees as part of the award.

4.a. If the claimant has no medical insurance or other collateral source for payment of the victim's medical bill, the Office of Crime Victim Reparations shall pay 70% of billed charges for eligible medical bills.

b. If the claimant has medical insurance or another collateral source for payment of the victim's medical bills, the Office of Crime Victim Reparations shall pay the portion of the eligible medical bills that the claimant is obligated to pay pursuant to the insurance agreement.

c. This subsection (4) does not apply to expenses governed by R270-1-4 or R270-1-22.

5. This rule supersedes any other agreements regarding payment of medical bills by the Office of Crime Victim Reparations.

6. Child endangerment examinations for children that have been exposed to drugs shall be paid for when the health and safety of the child is at risk and no other collateral source is available. The cost of the exam needs to be an expense incurred by the victim. The writing of evidentiary reports and any form of lab testing shall not be covered as part of the examination.

R270-1-20. Misconduct.

Pursuant to Subsections 63M-7-502(22) and 63M-7-512(1)(b) misconduct shall be considered conduct which contributed to the victim's injury or death or conduct which the victim could have reasonably foreseen could lead to injury or

death. In determining whether the victim engaged in misconduct, the CVR staff shall consider any behavior of the victim that may have directly or indirectly contributed to the victim's injury or death including consent, provocation, verbal utterance, gesture, incitement, prior conduct of the victim or the ability of the victim to have reasonably avoided the incident upon which the claim is based.

R270-1-21. Three Year Limitation.

Pursuant to Subsections 63M-7-506(1)(c) and 63M-7-525(2) a claim for benefits expires and no further payments will be made with regard to the claim after three years have elapsed from the date of application with the CVR office. Reparations Officers may extend claims that have been closed because of the Three Year Limitation rule if extenuating circumstances exist.

R270-1-22. Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations.

A. Pursuant to Subsections 63M-7-502(20) and 63M-7-511(4)(i), the cost of sexual assault forensic examinations for gathering evidence and providing treatment may be paid by the CVR office in the amount of \$300.00 without photo documentation and up to \$600.00 with a photo examination. Pursuant to Section 63M-7-521.5, the CVR office may also pay for the cost of medication and 70% of the eligible hospital services and supplies. Payment to the hospital or other eligible facility for the rent or use of an examination room or space for the purpose of conducting a sexual assault forensic exam shall not exceed \$350.00. The following agency guidelines need to be adhered to when making payments for sexual assault forensic examinations:

1. A sexual assault forensic examination shall be reported by the health care provider who performs the examination to law enforcement.

2. Victims shall not be charged for sexual assault forensic examinations.

3. Victims shall not be required to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement or prosecuting attorneys as a condition of being provided a sexual assault forensic examination or as a condition of payment being made pursuant to this rule.

4. The agency may reimburse any licensed health care facility that provides services for sexual assault forensic examinations.

4. The agency may reimburse licensed medical personnel trained to gather evidence of sexual assaults who perform sexual assault forensic examinations.

5. CVR may pay for the collection of evidence and not attempt to prove or disprove the allegation of sexual assault.

6. A request for reimbursement shall include the law enforcement case number or be signed by a law enforcement officer, victim/witness coordinator or medical provider.

7. The application or billing for the sexual assault forensic examination must be submitted to CVR within one year of the examination.

8. The billing for the sexual assault forensic examination shall:

a. identify the victim by name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, telephone number, patient number;

b. indicate the claim is for a sexual assault forensic examination; and

c. itemize services and fees for services.

9. All collateral sources that are available for payment of the sexual assault forensic examination shall be considered before CVR Trust Fund monies are used. Pursuant to Subsection 63-25a-411(i), the Director may determine that reimbursement for a sexual assault forensic examination will not be reduced even though a claim could be recouped from a collateral source.

10. Evidence will be collected only with the permission of

the victim or the legal guardian of the victim. Permission shall not be required in instances where the victim is unconscious, mentally incapable of consent or intoxicated.

11. Restitution for the cost of the sexual assault forensic examination may be pursued by the CVR office.

12. Payment for sexual assault forensic examinations shall be considered for the following:

a. Fees for the collection of evidence, for forensic documentation only, to include:

- i. history;
- ii. physical; and
- iii. collection of specimens and wet mount for sperm.

b. Emergency department services to include:

- i. emergency room, clinic room or office room fee;
- ii. cultures for gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomonas, and tests for other sexually transmitted disease;
- iii. serum blood test for pregnancy;
- iv. morning after pill or high dose oral contraceptives for the prevention of pregnancy; and
- v. treatment for the prevention of sexually transmitted disease up to four weeks.

13. The victim of a sexual assault that is requesting payment by CVR for services needed or rendered beyond the sexual assault forensic examination needs to submit an application for compensation to the CVR office.

R270-1-23. Loss of Support Awards.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(g), loss of support awards shall be covered on death claims only.

B. Except as provided in Subsection (C), loss of support awards are available only to minor children of the deceased victim. Payment of the award may be made to the parent or guardian of the minor child on behalf of the minor child.

C. The Crime Victim Reparations Board may approve loss of support awards to persons who are not minor children, but were physically and financially dependent on the deceased victim.

R270-1-24. Rent Awards.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511(4)(a), victims of domestic violence or child abuse may be awarded for actual rent expenses for up to two months, not to exceed a maximum rent award of \$1500, if the following conditions apply:

1. The perpetrator was living with the victim at the time of the crime or the rent assistance appears directly related to the victim's ability to distance herself/himself from the perpetrator.

2. It appears reasonable that the perpetrator was assisting or was solely responsible for rent.

3. The victim agrees that the perpetrator is not allowed on the premises.

4. The need for rent assistance is directly related to and caused by the crime upon which the claim is based.

B. No victim shall receive more than one rent award in their lifetime.

R270-1-25. Secondary Victim.

Secondary victims who are not primary victims pursuant to Subsections 63M-7-502(37) and who are traumatically affected by criminally injurious conduct shall be eligible for compensation as prescribed by the CVR Board. Secondary victims include only immediate family members (spouse, father, mother, stepparents, child, brother, sister, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, or legal guardian) and anyone residing in the household at the time of the crime who was traumatically affected by the crime. The CVR Board may review requests by other individuals who are not immediate family members or do not reside in the household.

R270-1-26. Victim Services.

A. Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-506(1)(i), there is established a Victim Services Grant Program.

B. For purposes of Subsection 63M-7-506(1)(i), "sufficient reserve" means enough funds to sustain the operation of the Office of Crime Victim Reparations, including administrative costs and reparations payments, for one year.

C. The CVR Board shall annually determine whether a sufficient reserve exists in the Crime Victim Reparation Fund. If a sufficient reserve does not exist, the CVR Board shall not authorize the Victim Services Grant Program for that year. If a sufficient reserve does exist, the CVR Board may authorize the Victim Services Grant Program for that year.

D. When the Victim Services Grant Program is authorized, the CVR Board:

1. shall determine the amount available for the Victim Services Grant Program for that year;

2. shall announce the availability of grant funds through a request for proposals or other similar competitive process approved by the Board; and

3. may establish funding priorities and shall include any priorities in the announcement of grant funds.

E. Requests for funding shall be submitted on a form approved by the CVR Board.

F. The CVR Board shall establish a process to review requests for funding and shall make final decisions regarding the approval, modification, or denial of requests for funding. The CVR Board may award less than the amount determined in Subsection (D)(1). The decisions of the CVR Board may not be appealed.

G. All awards shall be for a period of not more than one year. An award by the CVR Board shall not constitute a commitment for funding in future years. The CVR Board may limit funding for ongoing projects.

H. Award recipients shall submit quarterly reports to the Office of Crime Victim Reparations on forms established by the Director. The CVR staff shall monitor all victim services grants and provide regular reports to the CVR Board.

R270-1-27. Nontraditional Cultural Services.

Cultural services rendered in accordance with recognized spiritual or religious methods of healing, legally available in the state of Utah, may be considered for payment. Since a reasonable and customary schedule of charges has not been established, the reparation officer may require the following: a written itemized description of each procedure, function and/or activity performed and an explanation of its benefit to the victim; the location and time involved to perform such services; and a summary of qualifications and experience which allows the service provider to perform the services. Services shall be requested in lieu of traditional treatment methods. Awards shall be deducted from the claimant's outpatient mental health award and shall remain within the allowed limits set upon that benefit. The fund will not pay for intoxicating or psychotropic substances unless prescribed by a medical practitioner licensed to do so. Claim will be denied if no healing benefit can be identified.

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R270. Crime Victim Reparations, Administration.**R270-2. Crime Victim Reparations Adjudicative Proceedings.****R270-2-1. Contested Determinations.**

Pursuant to Section 63M-7-515(1), the Director shall review contested determinations by a reparation officer or designate the CVR Board to review the contested determination. The Director will keep the CVR Board apprised of all contested determinations. The decision of the Director or the CVR Board is final and may not be appealed.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-478. Block Grant Funding.****R277-478-1. Definitions.**

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Core Curriculum (Core)" means minimum academic standards provided through courses as established by the Board which shall be mastered by all students K-12 as a requisite for graduation from Utah's secondary schools.

C. "Fiscal Year (FY)" means the twelve month period from July 1 through June 30 during which state funds are distributed.

D. "Limited English proficient (LEP)" means a student who:

(1) is aged 3 through 21;

(2) was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English and comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; or

(3) is a Native American or Alaska Native or who is a native resident of the outlying areas and comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on such individual's level of English language proficiency; or

(4) is migratory and whose native language is other than English and comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; and

(5) has sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language and whose difficulties may deny such individual the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where the language of instruction is English or to participate fully in our society.

E. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-478-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria and procedures for distributing block grant funds and to provide for appropriate monitoring, reporting, and accountability.

R277-478-3. Local Discretionary Block Grant Programs.

A. Districts and charter schools shall use Local Discretionary Block Grant funds for:

- (1) maintenance and operation costs;
- (2) capital outlay; and
- (3) debt service.

B. Local Discretionary Block Grant funds shall be distributed using the following formula:

(1) Eight percent of the total local discretionary block grant appropriation shall be divided into 41 equal shares.

(2) Each district shall receive one share.

(3) One share shall be divided equally among all charter schools except charter schools which were once existing district schools.

(4) The remaining portion of the local discretionary block grant appropriation (ninety two percent) shall be divided among the districts and charters based upon their total WPU's in K-12, and the necessarily existent small schools portion of the Minimum School Basic program.

C. Local discretionary program expenditures shall:

(1) meet criteria and accountability standards consistent with the purposes of this rule.

(2) be reported to the Board in annual budget and financial reports.

R277-478-4. Interventions for Student Success Block Grant.

A. Districts and charter schools shall use Interventions for

Student Success Block Grant funds to improve student academic success, with priority given to interventions on behalf of students not performing to standards as determined by U-PASS test results.

B. Each school district and charter school governing board shall develop a plan for the expenditure of Interventions for Student Success Block Grant funds. In developing the plan, districts should consider involving educators from Core areas identified in R277-700.

C. The plan shall specify anticipated results; it may include continuing existing programs to improve students' academic success for which funds were appropriated before FY 2003.

D. Each local school board and charter school governing board shall approve its plan for the expenditure of the block grant funds in an open public meeting under Sections 52-4-1 through 10 before the funds are designated for specific programs.

E. By September 1 of each year, each local school board and charter school governing board shall submit a copy of its plan, a letter of assurance to the Board that its plan was approved in an open and public meeting, and a copy of the local board minutes of the meeting in which the plan was approved.

F. If a local school board or charter school governing board fails to submit the documents specified in R277-478-4E to the Board by September 1, the Board shall withhold the distribution of Interventions for Student Success Block Grant funds until documentation required under this rule is provided.

G. Interventions for Student Success Block Grant funds shall be distributed using the following formula:

(1) Seventy seven percent of the total student success block grant appropriation shall be allocated using the Local Discretionary Block Grant formula as outlined in R277-478-3B.

(2) The remaining portion of the Interventions for Student Success Block Grant funds (twenty three percent) shall be allocated on the basis of the number of LEP students as determined by Title IX, Part A, Section 9101(25) in each district or charter school for the prior fiscal year.

R277-478-5. Quality Teaching Block Grant.

A. Districts and charter schools shall use Quality Teaching Block Grant funds to implement school and school district comprehensive, long-term professional development plans required under Section 53A-3-701.

B. Each local school board shall, as provided by Section 53A-3-701, review and either approve or recommend modifications for each school's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan within the district so that each school's plan is compatible with the district's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan.

C. Each local school board and charter school governing board shall approve in an open public meeting a plan to spend Quality Teaching Block Grant funds to implement the school district's or charter school's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan. In developing the plan, districts and charter schools should consider involving educators from every core area.

D. By September 1 of each year, the local school board and charter school governing board shall submit a copy of its plan, a letter of assurance to the Board that the plan was approved in an open and public meeting, and a copy of the local board minutes of the meeting in which the plan was approved.

E. If a local school board or charter school governing board fails to submit the documents specified in R277-478-5D to the Board by September 1, the Board shall withhold the distribution of Quality Teaching Block Grant funds until documentation required under this rule is provided.

F. Career Ladder Programs

(1) Districts and charter schools may choose to implement

a career ladder program of their own design with money received under the Quality Teaching Block Grant.

(2) If a career ladder program is funded, districts and charter schools shall ensure that their school and district professional development plans are consistent with Section 53A-3-701(2)(iv).

(3) Districts and charters shall also report to the Board how the career ladder funds were spent consistent with Section 53A-9-106.

G. Quality Teaching Block Grant funds shall be distributed using the following formula: thirty percent of the total Quality Teaching Block Grant funds shall be distributed on the basis of the number of full-time equivalent teachers employed by the district or charter school for the immediately previous school year. The remaining seventy percent of the funds shall be distributed on the basis of the number of WPU's in the basic programs of the Minimum School Program for the immediately previous school year.

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R277. Education Administration.**R277-479. Expenditure of Appropriation for District Services.****R277-479-1. Definitions.**

- A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.
- B. "District Services" means the following programs: Regional Service Centers, Contingency Fund, Reading Improvement Scholarship Program, and Board Staff Development Funding.
- C. "Regional Service Centers" means the four area centers designated to serve school districts in cooperative projects such as purchasing, media services, in-service, and special education. These centers service small and rural districts or both in the northeast, southeast, southwest, and central areas of Utah.
- D. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-479-2. Authority and Purpose.

- A. This rule is authorized by Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and supervision of the public schools under the Board, Section 53A-1-402(1)(f) which directs the Board to adopt rules regarding the minimum school program, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.
- B. The purpose of this rule is to specify the amount of funds to be spent by the USOE for the programs designated as District Services.

R277-479-3. Regional Service Centers.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services for the Regional Service Centers.
- B. Each Regional Service Center shall receive an equal amount of the total funds allocated by the USOE.
- C. Funds shall be distributed to an agent district designated by each Regional Service Center.
- D. Regional Service Centers shall follow accounting and reporting procedures established by the Board.

R277-479-4. Contingency Fund.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services as a contingency fund for any or all of the following:
- (1) to stabilize the value of the weighted pupil unit;
 - (2) to maintain program levels in districts that may experience unanticipated and unforeseen losses of students;
 - (3) to equalize programs in districts where a strict application of the law provides inequity;
 - (4) to pay the added costs when Utah students attend school out of state;
 - (5) to assist in the operation of the laboratory school at Utah State University, through the allocation of monies for a teacher career ladder program at the school; or
 - (6) other uses as approved by the Board.

R277-479-5. Reading Improvement Scholarship Program.

The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services to implement the Reading Improvement Scholarship Program as outlined in R277-476, Incentives for Elementary Reading Program.

R277-479-6. Staff Development.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services for Staff Development for school teachers, including instruction in methods which incorporate the Core Curriculum, with emphasis on language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and other areas, the use of technology as an instructional tool, and the development of teacher skills in the use of new assessment tools that demonstrate student competency.

B. The office shall use the appropriation to improve access to schooling for all students by training teachers to provide a personalized education plan to meet the needs of each child.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-717. Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA).****R277-717-1. Definitions.**

A. "Annual report" means information and data identified under R277-717-3E provided by funding recipients to the Utah State Office of Education by June 30 of each year as a requirement for continued funding of the school or school district program.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)" program means a course or courses offered during the regular school day or a club or activities held after school that involves identified students and addresses identified school district/charter school objectives with underserved ethnic minority and all female students consistent with funding purposes and the purposes of this rule. MESA programs, activities, and courses or classes may be offered at all grade levels. Programs should be coordinated among secondary schools/charter schools and their feeder schools.

D. "MESA Public Education Funding Application Review Committee (Committee)" means a funding advisory committee to the Board composed of nine members as follows:

(1) four Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC) representatives who are not employed by applicant districts;

(2) three school district/charter school representatives or any combination of MESA community advocates, identified by the USOE, and school district representatives from districts that do not receive MESA funds; and

(3) two higher education representatives with expertise in mathematics, engineering, science or technology. USOE staff shall facilitate the funding application review process but shall not vote in any Committee decisions.

E. "Minority Students" means African American students, Asian students, American Indian students, Alaskan Native students, Native Hawaiian students, Hispanic students, Latino students, Pacific Islander students or other underserved ethnic minority students as proposed by the applicant.

F. "School District/Charter School or School Proposal" means a written proposal, including budget and evaluation components, developed by each school district/charter school applying for MESA funding or, if so determined by the district, by each recipient school.

G. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-717-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, Section 53A-4-205 which assigns to the Board the responsibility for developing standards and administering funds for programs promoting educational excellence, Section 53A-1-401(3) which permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and Section 53A-17a-121 which appropriates funding for programs for at-risk youth. The USOE shall provide statewide supervision of the program and budget and shall recommend funding for MESA programs based on MESA objectives and Board funding priorities.

B. This rule establishes standards and procedures to direct recipient public school districts/traditional schools or charter schools to develop proposals that encourage the participation of underserved ethnic minority and all female students who traditionally have not participated in mathematics, engineering, and science classes and programs proportionately to white males.

R277-717-3. Proposal Criteria.

A. School district/traditional school or charter school

proposals shall identify objectives and activities to address MESA and Board objectives.

B. The objectives of the MESA program are:

(1) to increase the number of underserved ethnic minority and all female students who pursue course work, advanced study and possible careers in mathematics, engineering, and science areas, including teaching of mathematics and science;

(2) to provide a program and activities designed to motivate underserved ethnic minority and all female students to take better advantage of all existing educational opportunities;

(3) to facilitate an increase in high school graduation rates of MESA-involved students;

(4) to strengthen the confidence of underserved ethnic minority and all female students relating to their success in mathematics and science courses, and to provide them with skills and opportunities to become successful role models for other students;

(5) to provide underserved ethnic minority and all female students the opportunity to relate to and associate with successful role models;

(6) to coordinate the efforts of public schools, colleges and universities, the USOE, industries, professional and community groups, and others in the development and maintenance of academic support programs to increase the participation of underserved ethnic minority and all female students in academic and career pursuits in mathematics and science; and

(7) to provide more information about MESA opportunities and participation criteria to parents of minority students and to actively involve minority students' parents in school activities and programs.

C. Courses shall include secondary courses that place underserved ethnic minority and all female students on a college preparation track for post high school opportunities in mathematics and science. MESA courses may include:

(1) CTE classes;

(2) community school classes;

(3) concurrent enrollment;

(4) advanced placement classes; or

(5) classes offered through higher education institutions.

D. MESA activities may include:

(1) regularly scheduled after-school guest presenters;

(2) tutoring sessions, particularly in mathematics and science, including study aids;

(3) field trips;

(4) practical activities designed to introduce students to career possibilities, curriculum options or additional courses of study;

(5) meaningful experiences and opportunities to discuss career opportunities in mathematics, engineering, and science, including teaching in these fields as a potential career;

(6) academic service learning designed to address school interest and attendance issues as well as to introduce underserved ethnic minority and all female students to mathematics, engineering-related businesses/activities, science and opportunities for high school and post-secondary classes and the future;

(7) internships or work experiences in identified areas which may be encouraged by student stipends or academic credit or both;

(8) science fairs;

(9) math competitions; and

(10) extracurricular math/science activities.

E. A school district or school/charter school proposal shall include a report of the previous year's courses and activities from the funding cycle.

(1) The proposal shall also include:

(a) a program narrative;

(b) a plan to coordinate program activities with MESA objectives;

- (c) a projected budget; and
- (d) an evaluation plan.
- (2) The annual report shall include:
 - (a) an accounting of MESA funds spent in the previous year consistent with objectives identified in the proposal;
 - (b) descriptions and examples of materials or activities that encouraged participation of underserved ethnic minority and all female students in MESA-funded courses and activities;
 - (c) specific numbers or examples of increased participation or success in mathematics, science, engineering courses/activities by underserved ethnic minority and all female students;
 - (d) the number of ethnic minority teachers added to math/science departments;
 - (e) data on the course taking patterns of ethnic minority and female students;
 - (f) number of MESA participants who began college programs; and
 - (g) number of MESA participants who took the ACT/SAT exams.

R277-717-4. Budget.

- A. Proposed expenditures shall be specific to program objectives.
- B. The budget may include payments to compensate schools for school fees directly related to participation by underserved ethnic minority and all female students in identified MESA courses or activities.
- C. School districts or schools are encouraged to consider additional and creative course alternatives for identified students.

R277-717-5. Board Funding Priorities.

- The Board shall fund school district or school programs based on priorities and criteria including:
- A. programs that clearly address all MESA objectives;
 - B. programs that provide matching funds from school districts or federal sources, or both;
 - C. programs that show an increase in MESA participants over the previous year;
 - D. increased participation of MESA students in college preparation classes;
 - E. increased rate of graduation among MESA students;
 - F. innovative and effective counseling and tutoring models; and
 - G. total number of targeted students in the school district or school's population.

R277-717-6. Proposal Applications and Timeline.

- A. Proposals shall be submitted tri-annually beginning June 15, 2006 by school districts or schools/charter schools with approval of their governing board to the Committee no later than June 30 of each designated year together with the required program report(s).
- B. The USOE may request more information, additional data or budget information if annual reports or student assessments indicate that MESA funding is being used ineffectively, for ineligible students, or inconsistently with the school district/school/charter school plan or the intent of this rule.
- C. Proposals shall be submitted to the USOE on forms provided by the USOE and consistent with state and federal laws and USOE timelines.
- D. State funding may require matching funding from local or federal sources. Applications may require identification of matching funds.
- E. The Funding Committee may seek additional information from applicants and may assist applicants to align proposed expenditures with MESA objectives.

F. The Funding Committee shall make final recommendations to the USOE no later than July 31.

G. The USOE shall make recommendations to the Board for final approval of program funding.

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**Art X Sec 3
53A-1-401(3)
53A-4-205**

R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-202. Emission Standards: General Burning.
R307-202-1. Definitions and Exclusions.

As provided in Section 19-2-114, the provisions of R307-202 are not applicable to:

- (1) burning incident to horticultural or agricultural operations of:
 - (a) prunings from trees, bushes, and plants; or
 - (b) dead or diseased trees, bushes, and plants, including stubble;
- (2) burning of weed growth along ditch banks incident to clearing these ditches for irrigation purposes;
- (3) controlled heating of orchards or other crops to lessen the chances of their being frozen so long as the emissions from this heating do not violate minimum standards set by the board; and
- (4) the controlled burning of not more than two structures per year by an organized and operating fire department for the purpose of training fire service personnel when the United States Weather Service clearing index is above 500.

See also Section 11-7-1(2)(a).

R307-202-2. Community Waste Disposal.

No open burning shall be done at sites used for disposal of community trash, garbage and other wastes except as authorized through a variance or as authorized for a specific period of time by the Board on the basis of justifiable circumstances reviewed and weighed in terms of pollution effects and other relevant considerations at an appropriate hearing following written application.

R307-202-3. General Prohibitions.

No person shall burn any trash, garbage or other wastes, or shall conduct any salvage operation by open burning except in conformity with the provisions of R307-202-4 and 5.

R307-202-4. Permissible Burning - Without Permit.

When not prohibited by other laws or by other officials having jurisdiction and provided that a nuisance as defined in Section 76-10-803 is not created, the following types of open burning are permissible without the necessity of securing a permit:

- (1) in devices for the primary purpose of preparing food such as outdoor grills and fireplaces;
- (2) campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes where such fires are under control of a responsible person;
- (3) in indoor fireplaces and residential solid fuel burning devices except as provided in R307-302-2;
- (4) properly operated industrial flares for combustion of flammable gases; and
- (5) burning, on the premises, of combustible household wastes generated by occupants of dwellings of four family units or less in those areas only where no public or duly licensed disposal service is available.

R307-202-5. Permissible Burning - With Permit.

(1) Open burning is authorized by the issuance of a permit as specified in (3) below when not prohibited by other laws or other officials having jurisdiction, and when a nuisance as defined in Section 76-10-803 is not created.

(2) Individual permits for the types of burning listed in (3) below may be issued by an authorized local authority under the "clearing index" system approved and coordinated by the Department of Environmental Quality.

(3) Types of burning for which a permit may be granted are:

- (a) open burning of tree cuttings and slash in forest areas where the cuttings accrue from pulping, lumbering, and similar

operations, but excluding waste from sawmill operations such as sawdust and scrap lumber;

(b) open burning of trees and brush within railroad rights-of-way provided that dirt is removed from stumps before burning, and that tires, oil more dense than #2 fuel oil or other materials which can cause severe air pollution are not used to start fires or keep fires burning;

(c) open burning of solid or liquid fuels or structures for removal of hazards or eyesores;

(d) open burning, in remote areas, of highly explosive or other hazardous materials, for which there is no other known practical method of disposal;

(e) open burning of clippings, bushes, plants and prunings from trees incident to property clean-up activities provided that the following conditions have been met:

(i) in any area of the state, the local county fire marshal has established a 30 day period between March 1 and May 30 for such burning to occur and notified the executive secretary of the open burning period prior to the commencement of the 30 day period, or, in areas which are located outside of Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Utah Counties, the local county fire marshal has established, if allowed by the state forester under Section 65A-8-211, a 30 day period between September 15 and October 30 for such burning to occur and has notified the executive secretary of the opening burning period prior to the commencement of the 30 day period;

(ii) such burning occurs during the period established by the local county fire marshal;

(iii) materials to be burned are thoroughly dry;

(iv) no trash, rubbish, tires, or oil are used to start fires or included in the material to be burned.

(4) The Board may grant a permit for types of open burning not specified in (3) above on written application if the Board finds that the burning is not inconsistent with the State Implementation Plan.

R307-202-6. Special Conditions.

Open burning for special purposes, or under unusual or emergency circumstances, may be approved by the executive secretary.

KEY: air pollution, open burning*, fire marshal*

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.**R307-328. Gasoline Transfer and Storage.****R307-328-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of R307-328 is to establish Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for control of gasoline vapors during the filling of gasoline cargo tank and storage tanks in Utah. The rule is based on federal control technique guidance documents. This requirement is commonly referred to as stage I vapor recovery.

R307-328-2. Applicability.

(1) Gasoline Cargo Tanks. R307-328 applies to the owner or operator of any gasoline cargo tank that loads or unloads gasoline in Utah.

(2) Gasoline Dispensing. R307-328 applies to the owner or operator of any bulk terminal, bulk plant, stationary storage container, or service station located in Utah that dispenses 10,000 gallons or more in any one calendar month.

(3) This rule applies to all gasoline cargo tanks and gasoline dispensing facilities that operate within Utah according to the compliance schedule defined in section 328-9 of this rule.

(4) All references to 40 CFR in R307-328 shall mean the version that is effective as of the date referenced in R307-101-3.

R307-328-3. Definitions.

The following additional definitions apply to R307-328.

"Bottom Filling" means the filling of a tank through an inlet at or near the bottom of the tank designed to have the opening covered by the liquid after the pipe normally used to withdraw liquid can no longer withdraw any liquid.

"Submerged Fill Pipe" means any fill pipe with a discharge opening which is entirely submerged when the liquid level is 6 inches above the bottom of the tank and the pipe normally used to withdraw liquid from the tank can no longer withdraw any liquid.

"Gasoline cargo tank" means gasoline cargo tank as defined in 40 CFR 63.421 that is hereby incorporated by reference.

R307-328-4. Loading of Tank Trucks, Trailers, Railroad Tank Cars, and Other Transport Vehicles.

(1) No person shall load or permit the loading of gasoline into any gasoline cargo tank unless the emissions from such vehicle are controlled by use of a vapor collection and control system and submerged or bottom filling. RACT shall be required and in no case shall vapor emissions to the atmosphere exceed 0.640 pounds per 1,000 gallons transferred.

(2) Such vapor collection and control system shall be properly installed and maintained.

(3) The loading device shall not leak.

(4) The loading device shall utilize the dry-break loading design couplings and shall be maintained and operated to allow no more than an average of 15 cc drainage per disconnect for 5 consecutive disconnects.

(5) All loading and vapor lines shall be equipped with fittings which make a vapor tight connection and shall automatically close upon disconnection to prevent release of the organic material.

(6) A gasoline storage and transfer installation that receives inbound loads and dispatches outbound loads ("bulk plant") need not comply with R307-328-4 if it does not have a daily average throughput of more than 3,900 gallons (15,000 or more liters) of gasoline based upon a 30-day rolling average. Such installations shall on-load and off-load gasoline by use of bottom or submerged filling or alternate equivalent methods. The emission limitation is based on operating procedures and equipment specifications using Reasonably Available Control Technology as defined in EPA documents EPA 450/2-77-026 October 1977, "Control of Hydrocarbons from Tank Truck Gasoline Loading Terminals," and EPA-450/2-77-035

December 1977, "Control of Volatile Organic Emissions from Bulk Gasoline Plants." The design effectiveness of such equipment and the operating procedures must be documented and submitted to and approved by the executive secretary.

(7) Hatches of gasoline cargo tanks shall not be opened at any time during loading operations except to avoid emergency situations or during emergency situations. Pressure relief valves on storage tanks and gasoline cargo tanks shall be set to release at the highest possible pressure, in accordance with State or local fire codes and National Fire Prevention Association guidelines. Pressure in the vapor collection system shall not exceed the gasoline cargo tank pressure relief setting.

(8) Each owner or operator of a gasoline storage or dispensing installation shall conduct testing of vapor collection systems used at such installation and shall maintain records of all tests for no less than two years. Testing procedures of vapor collection systems shall be approved by the executive secretary and shall be consistent with the procedures described in the EPA document, "Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks from Gasoline Tank Trucks and Vapor Collection Systems," EPA-450/2-78-051.

(9) Semi-annual testing shall be conducted and records maintained of such test. The frequency of tests may be altered by the executive secretary upon submittal of documentation which would justify a change.

(10) The vapor collection and vapor processing equipment shall be designed and operated to prevent gauge pressure in the gasoline cargo tank from exceeding 18 inches of water and prevent vacuum from exceeding 6 inches of water. During testing and monitoring, there shall be no reading greater than or equal to 100 percent of the lower explosive limit measured at 1.04 inches around the perimeter of a potential leak source as detected by a combustible gas detector. Potential leak sources include, but are not limited to, piping, seals, hoses, connections, pressure or vacuum vents, and vapor hoods. In addition, no visible liquid leaks are permitted during testing or monitoring.

R307-328-5. Stationary Source Container Loading.

(1) No person shall transfer or permit the transfer of gasoline from any gasoline cargo tank into any stationary storage container with a capacity of 250 gallons or greater unless such container is equipped with a submerged fill pipe that extends to no more than twelve inches from the bottom of the storage tank for fill pipes installed on or before November 9, 2006, and no more than six inches from the bottom of the storage tank for fill pipes installed after November 9, 2006, and at least 90 percent of the gasoline vapor, by weight, displaced during the filling of the stationary storage container is prevented from being released to the atmosphere. This requirement shall not apply to:

(a) the transfer of gasoline into any stationary storage container of less than 550 gallons used primarily for the fueling of implements of husbandry if such container is equipped with a permanent submerged fill pipe;

(b) the transfer of gasoline into any stationary storage container having a capacity of less than 2,000 gallons which was installed prior to January 1, 1979, if such container is equipped with a permanent submerged fill pipe;

(c) the transfer of gasoline to storage tanks equipped with floating roofs or their equivalent which have been approved by the executive secretary.

(2) The 90 percent performance standard of the vapor control system shall be based on operating procedures and equipment specifications. The design effectiveness of such equipment and the operating procedure must be documented and submitted to and approved by the executive secretary.

(3) Each owner or operator of a gasoline storage tank or the owner or operator of the gasoline cargo tank subject to (1) above shall install vapor control equipment, which includes, but

is not limited to:

(a) vapor return lines and connections sufficiently free of restrictions to allow transfer of vapor to the gasoline cargo tank or to the vapor control system, and to achieve the required recovery;

(b) a means of assuring that the vapor return lines are connected to the gasoline cargo tank, or vapor control system, and storage tank during tank filling;

(c) restrictions in the storage tank vent line designed and operated to prevent:

(i) the release of gasoline vapors to the atmosphere during normal operation; and

(ii) gauge pressure in the gasoline cargo tank from exceeding 18 inches of water and vacuum from exceeding 6 inches of water.

R307-328-6. Gasoline Cargo Tank.

(1) Gasoline cargo tanks must be designed and maintained to be vapor tight during loading and unloading operations as well as during transport, except for normal pressure venting required under United States Department of Transportation Regulations.

(2) The design of the vapor recovery system shall be such that when the gasoline cargo tank is connected to an approved storage tank vapor recovery system or loading terminal, 90% vapor recovery efficiencies are realized. The connectors of the gasoline cargo tanks shall be compatible with the fittings on the fill pipes and vapor vents at the storage containers and gasoline loading terminals where the gasoline cargo tank will service or be serviced. Adapters may be used to achieve compatibility.

(3) No person shall knowingly allow the introduction of gasoline into, dispensing of gasoline from, or transportation of gasoline in a gasoline cargo tank that does not meet the leak tight testing requirements of R307-328-7.

(4) A vapor-laden gasoline cargo tank may be refilled only at installations equipped to recover, process or dispose of vapors. Gasoline cargo tanks that only service locations with storage containers specifically exempted from the requirements of R307-328-5 need not be retrofitted to comply with R307-328-6(1)-(3) above, provided such gasoline cargo tanks are loaded through a submerged fill pipe or equivalent equipment provided the design and effectiveness of such equipment are documented and submitted to and approved by the executive secretary.

R307-328-7. Vapor Tightness Testing.

(1) Gasoline cargo tanks and their vapor collection systems shall be tested annually for leakage in accordance with the test methods and vapor tightness standards in 40 CFR 63.425(e) which are hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) Each owner or operator of a gasoline cargo tank shall have documentation in their possession demonstrating that the gasoline cargo tank has passed the annual test in (1) above within the preceding twelve months.

(3) The vapor tightness documentation described in (2), as well as record of any maintenance performed, shall be retained by the owner or operator of the gasoline cargo tank for a two year period and be available for review by the executive secretary or the executive secretary's representative.

(4) The owner or operator of a railcar gasoline cargo tank may use the testing, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements in 40 CFR 63.425(i), that is hereby incorporated by reference, as an alternative to the annual testing requirements in (1) through (3) above.

R307-328-8. Alternate Methods of Control.

(1) Any person may apply to the executive secretary for approval of an alternate test method, an alternate method of control, an alternate compliance period, an alternate emission

limit, or an alternate monitoring schedule. The application must include a demonstration that the proposed alternate produces an equal or greater air quality benefit than that required by R307-328, or that the alternate test method is equivalent to that required by these rules. The executive secretary shall obtain concurrence from EPA when approving an alternate test method, an alternate method of control, an alternate compliance period, an alternate emission limit, or an alternate monitoring schedule.

(2) Manufacturer's operational specifications, records, and testings of any control system shall use the applicable EPA Reference Methods of 40 CFR Part 60, the most recent EPA test methods, or EPA-approved state methods, to determine the efficiency of the control device. In addition, the owner or operator must meet the applicable requirements of record keeping for any control device. A record of all tests, monitoring, and inspections required by R307-328 shall be maintained by the owner or operator for a minimum of 2 years and shall be made available to the executive secretary or the executive secretary's representative upon request. Any malfunctioning control device shall be repaired within 15 calendar days after it is found by the owner or operator to be malfunctioning, unless otherwise approved by the executive secretary.

(3) For purposes of determining compliance with emission limits, volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides will be measured by the test methods identified in federal regulation or approved by the executive secretary. Where such a method also inadvertently measures compounds with negligible photochemical reactivity, an owner or operator may exclude these negligibly reactive compounds when determining compliance with an emissions standard.

R307-328-9. Compliance Schedule.

(1) Effective May 1, 2000, all Facilities located in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber Counties shall be in compliance with this rule.

(2) All other facilities located in Utah, shall be in compliance with this rule according to the following phase-in schedule:

(a) Facilities located in Box Elder, Cache, Tooele and Washington Counties shall be in compliance with this rule by April 30, 2009.

(b) Facilities located in Emery, Iron, Juab, Millard, Sevier, Summit and Uintah Counties shall be in compliance with this rule by April 30, 2010.

(c) All facilities located in Utah shall be in compliance with this rule by April 30, 2011.

(3) If this implementation schedule results in a scheduling and/or financial hardship for an individual facility, that facility may request a six-month extension from the Executive Secretary of the Utah Air Quality Board. A maximum of two six-month extensions may be granted. Regardless of extension requests submitted, all facilities must be in compliance with this rule no later than April 30, 2011.

(4) A request for an extension must be documented and contain valid reasons why a facility will not be able to meet the phase-in schedule indicated in (2)(a) or (b) above. A late start on preparation or planning is not a valid reason to grant an extension. The request for extension must also contain a proposed implementation schedule that shows compliance to this rule at the earliest possible date, but no later than April 30, 2011.

(5) The vapor tightness testing standard in R307-328-7(1) shall apply to tests conducted after June 7, 2011. All gasoline cargo tanks shall be tested using the vapor tightness testing standard in R307-328-7(1) by June 7, 2012.

R307-328-10. Authorized Contractors.

(1) All modifications performed on underground storage tanks regulated by Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 4, the Utah Underground Storage Tank Act, to bring them into compliance with R307-328, shall be performed by contractors certified under R311-201.

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R309. Environmental Quality, Drinking Water.**R309-700. Financial Assistance: State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program.****R309-700-1. Purpose.**

This rule establishes criteria for financial assistance to public drinking water systems in accordance with Title 73, Chapter 10c, Utah Code Annotated using funds made available by the Utah legislature from time to time for this purpose.

R309-700-2. Statutory Authority.

The authority for the Department of Environmental Quality acting through the Drinking Water Board to issue loans to political subdivisions to finance all or part of drinking water project costs and to enter into "credit enhancement agreements", "interest buy-down agreements", and "Hardship Grants" is provided in Title 73, Chapter 10c, Utah Code.

R309-700-3. Definitions and Eligibility.

Title 73, Chapter 10c, subsection 4(2)(a) limits eligibility for financial assistance under this section to political subdivisions.

Definitions for terms used in this rule are given in R309-110. Definitions for terms specific to this rule are given below.

"Board" means the Drinking Water Board.

"Drinking Water Project" means any work or facility that is necessary or desirable to provide water for human consumption and other domestic uses. Its scope includes collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities; and also includes studies, planning, education activities, and design work that will promote protecting the public from waterborne health risks.

"Project Costs" include the cost of acquiring and constructing any project including, without limitation: the cost of acquisition and construction of any facility or any modification, improvement, or extension of such facility; any cost incident to the acquisition of any necessary project, easement or right of way, engineering or architectural fees, legal fees, fiscal agents' and financial advisors' fees; any cost incurred for any preliminary planning to determine the economic and engineering feasibility of a proposed project; costs of economic investigations and studies, surveys, preparation of designs, plans, working drawings, specifications and the inspection and supervision of the construction of any facility; interest accruing on loans made under this program during acquisition and construction of the project; costs for studies, planning, education activities, and design work that will promote protecting the public from waterborne health risks; and any other cost incurred by the Board or the Department of Environmental Quality, in connection with the issuance of obligation to evidence any loan made to it under the law.

"Disadvantaged Communities" are defined as those communities located in an area which has a median adjusted gross income less than or equal to 80% of the State's median adjusted gross income, as determined by the Utah State Tax Commission from federal individual income tax returns excluding zero exemption returns, or where the estimated annual cost, including loan repayment costs, of drinking water service for the average residential user exceeds 1.75% of the median adjusted gross income. If, in the judgment of the Board, the State Tax Commission data is insufficient the Board may accept other measurements of the water users' income (i.e. local income survey or questionnaire when there is a significant difference between the number of service connections for a system and the number of tax filing for a given zip code or city).

"Drinking Water Project Obligation" means any bond, note or other obligation issued to finance all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, expanding, upgrading or improving a drinking water project, including, but not limited to, preliminary planning, studies, surveys, engineering or architectural fees, and

preparation of plans and specifications.

"Credit Enhancement Agreement" means any agreement entered into between the Board, on behalf of the State, and an eligible water system for the purpose of providing methods and assistance to eligible water systems to improve the security for and marketability of drinking water project obligations.

"Eligible Water System" means any community drinking water system owned by a political subdivision of the State.

"Interest Buy-Down Agreement" means any agreement entered into between the Board, on behalf of the State, and an eligible water system, for the purpose of reducing the cost of financing incurred by an eligible water system on bonds issued by the subdivision for project costs.

"Financial Assistance" means a project loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or technical assistance.

"Interest" means an assessment applied to loan recipients. The assessment shall be calculated as a percentage of principal.

"Emergency" means an unexpected, serious occurrence or situation requiring urgent or immediate action resulting from the failure of equipment or other infrastructure, or contamination of the water supply, threatening the health and / or safety of the public / water users.

R309-700-4. Application and Project Initiation Procedures.

The following procedures must normally be followed to obtain financial assistance from the Board:

(1) It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary financial, legal and engineering counsel to prepare its application and an effective and appropriate financial assistance agreement.

(2) The applicant is required to submit a completed application form, an engineering report listing the project alternatives considered and including a justification for the chosen alternative, a project financing plan that includes an evaluation of credit enhancement, interest buy-down and loan methods applicable to the project, and documents necessary to perform a financial capability assessment (when requested), and capacity assessment (when determined to be beneficial for evaluating project feasibility). Comments from the local health department and/or district engineer may accompany the application. Comments from other interested parties such as an association of governments will also be accepted. Those costs incurred subsequent to the submission of a completed funding application form to the Board and prior to the execution of a financial assistance agreement and which meet the criteria for project costs are eligible for reimbursement from the proceeds of the financial assistance agreement.

(3) Division staff will evaluate the application and supporting documentation, calculate proposed terms of financial assistance, prepare a report for review by the Board, and present said report to the Board for its consideration.

(4) The Board may authorize financial assistance for the project on the basis of the staff's feasibility report and designate whether a loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, hardship grant or any combination thereof, is to be entered into, and approve the project schedule (see R309-700-13). The Board shall authorize a hardship grant only if it determines that other financing alternatives are unavailable or unreasonably expensive to the applicant (see R309-700-5). If the applicant seeks financial assistance in the form of a loan of amounts in the security account established pursuant to Chapter 10c, Title 73 Utah Code, which loan is intended to provide direct financing of projects costs, then the Board shall authorize such loan only if it determines that credit enhancement agreements, interest buy-down agreements and other financing alternatives are unavailable or unreasonably expensive to the applicant or that a loan represents the financing alternative most economically advantageous to the state and the applicant;

provided, that for purposes of this paragraph and for purposes of Section 73-10c-4(2), Utah Code, the term "loan" shall not include loans issued in connection with interest buy-down agreements as described in R309-700-10(2) or in connection with any other interest buy-down arrangement.

(5) Planning Grant - The applicant must submit an application provided by the Division and attach a scope of work, project schedule, cost estimates, and a draft contract for planning services.

(6) Planning Loan - The applicant requesting a Planning Loan must complete an application for a Planning Loan, prepare a plan of study, satisfactorily demonstrate procurement of planning services, and prepare a draft contract for planning services including financial evaluations and a schedule of work.

(7) Design Grant or Loan - The applicant requesting a Design Grant or Loan must have completed an engineering plan meeting program requirements.

(8) The applicant must demonstrate public support for the project. As a minimum, for a loan to be secured by a revenue bond, the Sponsor must mail notices to each water user in the Sponsor's service area informing them of a public hearing. In addition to the time and location of the public hearing the notice shall inform water users of the Sponsor's intent to issue a non-voted revenue bond to the Board, shall describe the face amount of the bond, the rate of interest, the repayment schedule and shall describe the impact of the project on the user including: user rates, impact and connection fees. The notice shall state that water users may respond to the Sponsor in writing or in the public hearing within ten days after the date of the notice. A copy of all written responses and a certified record of a public hearing shall be forwarded to the Division of Drinking Water.

(9) For financial assistance mechanisms when the applicant's bond is purchased by the Board, the project applicant's bond documentation, including an opinion from legal counsel experienced in bond matters that the drinking water project obligation is a valid and binding obligation of the applicant (see R309-700-13(3)), must be submitted to the Assistant Attorney General for preliminary approval and the applicant shall publish a Notice of Intent to issue bonds in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to the Utah Code, Section 11-14-21. For financial assistance mechanisms when the applicant's bond is not purchased by the Board, the applicant shall submit a true and correct copy of an opinion from legal counsel experienced in bond matters that the drinking water project obligation is a valid and binding obligation of the applicant.

(10) Hardship Grant - The Board or its designee executes a grant agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the grant.

(11) As authorized in 19-4-106(3) of the Utah Code, the Executive Secretary may review plans, specifications, and other data pertinent to proposed or expanded water supply systems to insure proper design and construction, as specified in rule R309-500-4 General. Construction of a public drinking water project shall not begin until complete plans and specifications have been approved in writing by the Executive Secretary.

(12) If a project is designated to be financed by the Board through a loan or an interest buy-down agreement as described in R309-700-10(2) to cover any part of project costs an account supervised by the applicant and the Board will be established by the applicant to assure that loan funds are used only for qualified project costs. If financial assistance for the project is provided by the Board in the form of a credit enhancement or interest buy-down agreement as described in R309-700-10(1) all project funds will be maintained in a separate account and a quarterly report of project expenditures will be provided to the Board.

(13) If a revenue bond is to be used to secure a loan, a User Charge Ordinance must be submitted to the Board for review and approval to insure adequate provisions for debt

retirement and/or operation and maintenance. If a general obligation bond is to be used to secure a loan, a User Charge Ordinance must be submitted to the Board for review and approval to insure the system will have adequate resources to provide acceptable service.

(14) A plan of operation for the completed project, including staffing with an appropriately certified (in accordance with R309-300) operator, staff training, and procedures to assure efficient start-up, operation and maintenance of the project, must be submitted by the applicant and approved by the Board, its Executive Secretary or other designee.

(15) The applicant's contract with its engineer must be submitted to the Board for review to determine that there will be adequate engineering involvement, including project supervision and inspection, to successfully complete the project.

(16) The applicant's attorney must provide an opinion to the Board regarding legal incorporation of the applicant, valid legal title to rights-of-way and the project site, and adequacy of bidding and contract documents.

(17) CREDIT ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENT ONLY - The Board executes the credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the security or other forms of assistance provided by the agreement and notifies the applicant to sell the bonds (See R309-700-9 and -10).

(18) CREDIT ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENT ONLY - The applicant sells the bonds and notifies the Board of the terms of sale. If a credit enhancement agreement is utilized, the bonds shall contain the legend required by Section 73-10c-6(3)(d), Utah Code. If an interest buy-down agreement is utilized, the bonds shall bear a legend which makes reference to the interest buy-down agreement and states that such agreement does not constitute a pledge of or charge against the general revenues, credit or taxing powers of the state and that the holder of any such bond may look only to the applicant and the funds and revenues pledged by the applicant for the payment of interest and principal on the bonds.

(19) The applicant opens bids for the project.

(20) LOAN ONLY - The Board approves purchase of the bonds and executes the loan contract (see R309-700-4(24)).

(21) LOAN ONLY - The loan closing is conducted.

(22) A preconstruction conference shall be held.

(23) The applicant issues a written notice to proceed to the contractor.

(24) The applicant must have adopted a Water Conservation Plan prior to executing the loan agreement.

R309-700-5. Loan, Credit Enhancement, Interest Buy-Down, and Hardship Grant Consideration Policy.

(1) Board Priority Determination. In determining the priority for financial assistance the Board shall consider:

(a) The ability of the applicant to obtain funds for the drinking water project from other sources or to finance such project from its own resources;

(b) The ability of the applicant to repay the loan or other project obligations;

(c) Whether a good faith effort to secure all or part of the services needed from the private sector through privatization has been made; and

(d) Whether the drinking water project:

(i) meets a critical local or state need;

(ii) is cost effective;

(iii) will protect against present or potential hazards;

(iv) is needed to comply with the minimum standards of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 USC, 300f, et. seq. or similar or successor statute;

(v) is needed to comply with the minimum standards of the

Utah Safe Drinking Water Act, Title 19, Chapter 4 or similar or successor statute.

(vi) is needed as a result of an Emergency.

(e) The overall financial impact of the proposed project on the citizens of the community, including direct and overlapping indebtedness, tax levies, user charges, impact or connection fees, special assessments, etc., resulting from the proposed project, and anticipated operation and maintenance costs versus the median income of the community;

(f) Consistency with other funding source commitments which may have been obtained for the project;

(g) The point total from an evaluation of the criteria listed in Table 1;

TABLE 1

NEED FOR PROJECT	POINTS
1. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (SELECT ONE)	
A. There is evidence that waterborne illnesses have occurred	15
B. There are reports of illnesses which may be waterborne	10
C. No reports of waterborne illness, but high potential for such exists	5
D. No reports of possible waterborne illness and low potential for such exists	0
2. WATER QUALITY RECORD (SELECT ONE)	
A. Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violation more than 6 times in preceding 12 months	15
B. In the past 12 months violated a primary MCL 4 to 6 times	12
C. In the past 12 months violated a primary MCL 2 to 3 times or exceeded the Secondary Drinking Water Standards by double	9
D. In the past 12 months violated MCL 1 time	6
E. Violation of the Secondary Drinking Water Standards	5
F. Does not meet all applicable MCL goals	3
G. Meets all MCLs and MCL goals	0
3. VERIFICATION OF POTENTIAL SHORTCOMINGS (SELECT ONE)	
A. Has had sanitary survey within the last year	5
B. Has had sanitary survey within the last five years	3
C. Has not had sanitary survey within last five years	0
4. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EXISTING FACILITIES (SELECT ALL THOSE WHICH ARE TRUE AND PROJECT WILL REMEDY)	
A. The necessary water treatment facilities do not exist, not functioning, functioning but do not meet the requirements of the Utah Public Drinking Water Rules (UPDWR)	10
B. Sources are not developed or protected according to UPDWR	10
C. Source capacity is not adequate to meet current demands and system occasionally goes dry or suffers from low pressures	10
D. Significant areas within distribution system have inadequate fire protection	8
E. Existing storage tanks leak excessively or are structurally flawed	5
F. Pipe leak repair rate is greater than 4 leaks per 100 connections per year	2
G. Existing facilities are generally sound and meeting existing needs	0
5. ABILITY TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS (Select One)	
A. Facilities have inadequate capacity and cannot reliably meet current demands	10
B. Facilities will become inadequate within the next three years	5
C. Facilities will become inadequate within the next five to ten years	3
6. OVERALL URGENCY (Select One)	

A. System is generally out of water. There is no fire protection or water for flushing toilets	10
B. System delivers water which cannot be rendered safe by boiling	10
C. System delivers water which can be rendered safe by boiling	8
D. System is occasionally out of water	5
E. Situation should be corrected, but is not urgent	0
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS FOR NEED FOR PROJECT	100

(h) Other criteria that the Board may deem appropriate.

(2) Drinking Water Board Financial Assistance Determination. The amount and type of financial assistance offered will be based on the following considerations:

(a) An evaluation based upon the criteria in Table 2 of the applicant's financial condition, the project's impact on the community, and the applicant's commitment to operating a responsible water system.

The interest rate to be charged by the Board for its financial assistance will be computed using the number of points assigned to the project from Table 2 to reduce, in a manner determined by Board resolution from time to time, the most recent Revenue Bond Buyer Index (RBBI) as published by the Bond Buyer's Guide. The interest rate so calculated will be assigned to the financial assistance. To encourage rapid repayment of a loan the Board will increase the interest rate 0.02 per cent (0.02%) for each year the repayment period exceeds five (5.0) years.

For hardship grant consideration, exclusive of planning and design grants or loans described in Sections R309-700-6, 7 and 8, the estimated annual cost of drinking water service for the average residential user should exceed 1.75% of the median adjusted gross household income from the most recent available State Tax Commission records or the local median adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than or equal to eighty-percent (80.0%) of the State's median adjusted gross income. When considering funding for planning and design grants and loans described in Sections R309-700-6, 7 and 8, the Board will consider whether or not the applicant's local MAGI meets the above criteria for hardship grant funding. If, in the judgment of the Board, the State Tax Commission data is insufficient, the Board may accept other measurements of the water users' income (i.e. local income survey or questionnaire when there is a significant difference between the number of service connections for a system and the number of tax filings for a given zip code or city). The Board will also consider the applicant's level of contribution to the project.

TABLE 2

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	POINTS
1. COST EFFECTIVENESS RATIO (SELECT ONE)	
A. Project cost \$0 to \$500 per benefitting connection	16
B. \$501 to \$1,500	14
C. \$1,501 to \$2,000	11
D. \$2,001 to \$3,000	8
E. \$3,001 to \$5,000	4
F. \$5,001 to \$10,000	1
G. Over \$10,000	0
2. CURRENT LOCAL MEDIAN ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) (SELECT ONE)	
A. Less than 70% of State Median AGI	19
B. 71 to 80% of State Median AGI	16
C. 81 to 95% of State Median AGI	13
D. 96 to 110% of State Median AGI	9
E. 111 to 130% of State Median AGI	6
F. 131 to 150% of State Median AGI	3
G. Greater than 150% of State Median AGI	0
3. APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT TO PROJECT FUNDING CONTRIBUTED BY APPLICANT (SELECT ONE)	
A. Greater than 25% of project funds	17

B. 15 to 25% of project funds	14
C. 10 to 15% of project funds	11
D. 5 to 10% of project funds	8
E. 2 to 5% of project funds	4
F. Less than 2% of project funds	0

4. ABILITY TO REPAY LOAN:

4. WATER BILL (INCLUDING TAXES) AFTER PROJECT IS BUILT RELATIVE TO LOCAL MEDIAN ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (SELECT ONE)

A. Greater than 2.50% of local median AGI	16
B. 2.01 to 2.50% of local median AGI	12
C. 1.51 to 2.00% of local median AGI	8
D. 1.01 to 1.50% of local median AGI	3
E. 0 to 1.00% of local median AGI	0

5. SPECIAL INCENTIVES: Applicant (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.)

A. Has a replacement fund receiving annual deposits of about 5% of the system's annual drinking water (DW) budget and fund has already accumulated a minimum of 10% of said annual DW budget in this reserve fund.	5
B. Has, in addition to item 5.A., accumulated an amount equal to at least 20% of its annual DW budget in its replacement fund.	5
C. Is creating or enhancing a regionalization plan	16
D. Has a rate structure encouraging conservation	6

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS FOR FINANCIAL NEED 100

- (b) Optimizing return on the security account while still allowing the project to proceed.
- (c) Local political and economic conditions.
- (d) Cost effectiveness evaluation of financing alternatives.
- (e) Availability of funds in the security account.
- (f) Environmental need.
- (g) Other criteria the Board may deem appropriate.

R309-700-6. Planning Grant.

(1) A Planning Grant can only be made to a political subdivision with a population less than 10,000 people demonstrating an urgent need to evaluate its drinking water system's technical, financial and managerial capacity, and lacks the financial means to readily accomplish such an evaluation.

(2) Qualifying for a Planning Grant will be based on the criteria listed in R309-700-5(2)(a).

(3) The applicant must demonstrate that all funds necessary to complete project planning will be available prior to commencing the planning effort. The Planning Grant will be deposited with these other funds into a supervised escrow account at the time the grant agreement between the applicant and the Board is executed or the Board may choose to provide the funds in incremental disbursements as the applicant incurs expenses on the project.

(4) Failure on the part of the recipient of a Planning Grant to implement the findings of the plan may prejudice any future applications for drinking water project funding.

(5) The recipient of a Planning Grant must first receive written approval for any cost increases or changes to the scope of work.

(6) The Planning Grant recipient must provide a copy of the planning project results to the Division. The planning effort shall conform to rules R309.

R309-700-7. Planning Loan.

(1) A Planning Loan can only be made to a political subdivision which demonstrates a financial hardship preventing the completion of project planning.

(2) A Planning Loan is made to a political subdivision with the intent to provide interim financial assistance for project planning until the long-term project financing can be secured. The Planning Loan must be repaid to the Board unless the payment obligation is waived by the Board.

(3) The applicant must demonstrate that all funds

necessary to complete project planning will be available prior to commencing the planning effort. The Planning Loan will be deposited with these other funds into a supervised escrow account at the time the loan agreement between the applicant and the Board is executed.

(4) The recipient of a Planning Loan must first receive written approval for any cost increases or changes to the scope of work.

(5) A copy of the document(s) prepared by means of the planning loan shall be submitted to the Division.

R309-700-8. Design Grant or Loan.

(1) A Design Grant or Loan can only be made to a political subdivision demonstrating financial hardship preventing completion of project design. For purposes of this Section R309-700-8, project design means engineering plans and specifications, construction contracts, and associated work.

(2) A Design Grant or Loan is made to a political subdivision with the intent to provide interim financial assistance for the completion of the project design until the long-term project financing can be secured. The Design Grant or Loan must be repaid to the Board unless the payment obligation is waived by the Board as authorized by 73-10c-4(3)(b).

(3) The applicant must demonstrate that all funds necessary to complete the project design will be available prior to commencing the design effort. The Design Grant or Loan will be deposited with these other funds into a supervised escrow account at the time the grant or loan agreement between the applicant and the Board is executed.

(4) The recipient of a Design Grant or Loan must first receive written approval from the Board before incurring any cost increases or changes to the scope of work.

R309-700-9. Credit Enhancement Agreements.

The Board will determine whether a project may receive all or part of a loan, credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement subject to the criteria in R309-700-5. To provide security for project obligations the Board may agree to purchase project obligations of applicants or make loans to the applicants to prevent defaults in payments on project obligations. The Board may also consider making loans to the applicants to pay the cost of obtaining letters of credit from various financial institutions, municipal bond insurance, or other forms of insurance or security for project obligations. In addition, the Board may consider other methods and assistance to applicants to properly enhance the marketability of or security for project obligations.

R309-700-10. Interest Buy-Down Agreements.

Interest buy-down agreements may consist of:

(1) A financing agreement between the Board and applicant whereby a specified sum is loaned or granted to the applicant to be placed in a trust account. The trust account shall be used exclusively to reduce the cost of financing for the project.

(2) A financing agreement between the Board and the applicant whereby the proceeds of bonds purchased by the Board is combined with proceeds from publicly issued bonds to finance the project. The rate of interest on bonds purchased by the Board may carry an interest rate lower than the interest rate on the publicly issued bonds, which when blended together will provide a reduced annual debt service for the project.

(3) Any other legal method of financing which reduces the annual payment amount on locally issued bonds. After credit enhancement agreements have been evaluated by the Board and it is determined that this method is not feasible or additional assistance is required, interest buy-down agreements and loans may be considered. Once the level of financial assistance

required to make the project financially feasible is determined, a cost effective evaluation of interest buy-down options and loans must be completed. The financing alternative chosen should be the one most economically advantageous for the state and the applicant.

R309-700-11. Loans.

The Board may make loans to finance all or part of a drinking water project only after credit enhancement agreements and interest buy-down agreements have been evaluated and found either unavailable or unreasonably expensive. The financing alternative chosen should be the one most economically advantageous for the state and its political subdivisions.

R309-700-12. Project Authorization (Reference R309-700-4(4)).

A project may be "Authorized" for a loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or hardship grant in writing by the Board following submission and favorable review of an application form, engineering report (if required), financial capability assessment, staff feasibility report, and capacity assessment (when determined to be beneficial for evaluating project feasibility). The engineering report shall include a cost effectiveness analysis of feasible project alternatives capable of meeting State and Federal drinking water requirements. It shall include consideration of monetary costs including the present worth or equivalent annual value of all capital costs, operation, maintenance, and replacement costs. The alternative selected must be the most economical means of meeting applicable State and Federal drinking water requirements over the useful life of the facility while recognizing environmental and other nonmonetary considerations. If it is anticipated that a project will be a candidate for financial assistance from the Board, the Staff should be contacted, and the plan of study for the engineering report (if required) should be approved before the planning is initiated.

Once the application form and other related documents have been reviewed and assessments made, the staff will prepare a project feasibility report for the Board's consideration in Authorizing a project. The project feasibility report will include a detailed evaluation of the project with regard to the Board's funding priority criteria, and will contain recommendations for the type of financial assistance which may be extended (i.e., for a loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or hardship grant).

Project Authorization is not a contractual commitment and is conditioned upon the availability of funds at the time of loan closing or signing of the credit enhancement, interest buy-down, or grant agreement and upon adherence to the project schedule approved at that time. If the project is not proceeding according to the project schedule the Board may withdraw the project Authorization so that projects which are ready to proceed can obtain necessary funding. Extensions to the project schedule may be considered by the Board, but any extension requested must be fully justified.

R309-700-13. Financial Evaluations.

(1) The Board considers it a proper function to assist and give direction to project applicants in obtaining funding from such State, Federal or private financing sources as may be available to achieve the most effective utilization of resources in meeting the needs of the State. This may also include joint financing arrangements with several funding agencies to complete a total project.

(2) Hardship Grants will be evidenced by a grant agreement.

(3) In providing any form of financial assistance in the

form of a loan, the Board may purchase bonds of the applicant only if the bonds are accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that the bonds are legal and binding under applicable Utah law (including, if applicable, the Utah Municipal Bond Act). For bonds of \$150,000 or less the Board will not require this opinion.

(a) In providing any form of financial assistance in the form of a loan, the Board may purchase either a taxable or non-taxable bonds; provided that it shall be the general preference of the Board to purchase bonds issued by the applicant only if the bonds are tax exempt and are accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that interest on the bonds is exempt from federal income taxation. Such an opinion must be obtained by the applicant in the following situations:

(i) Bonds which are issued to finance a project which will also be financed in part at any time by the proceeds of other bonds which are exempt from federal income taxation.

(ii) Bonds which are not subject to the arbitrage rebate provisions of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or successor provision of similar intent), including, without limitation, bonds covered by the "small governmental units" exemption contained in Section 148(f)(4)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any successor provision of similar intent) and bonds which are not subject to arbitrage rebate because the gross proceeds from the loan will be completely expended within six months after the issuance of such bonds.

(b) In any other situations, the Board may purchase taxable bonds if it determines, after evaluating all relevant circumstances including the applicant's ability to pay, that the purchase of the taxable bonds is in the best interests of the State and applicant.

(c) If more than 25 percent of the project is to serve industry, bond counsel must evaluate the loan to ensure the tax exempt status of the loan fund.

(d) Revenue bonds purchased by the Board shall be secured by a pledge of water system revenues, and it is the general policy of the Board that the pledge of water revenues for the payment of debt service (principal and/or interest) on a particular revenue bond be on a parity with the pledge of those water revenues as security for the debt service payments on all other bonds or other forms of indebtedness which are secured by the water revenues.

(4) The Board will consider the financial feasibility and cost effectiveness of the project in detail. The financial capability assessment must be completed as a basis for the review. The Board may require that a full capacity assessment be made for a given project. The Board will generally use these reports and assessments to determine whether a project will be Authorized to receive a loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or hardship grant (Reference R309-700-9, -10 and -11). If a project is Authorized to receive a loan, the Board will establish the portion of the construction cost to be included in the loan and will set the terms for the loan. The Board will require the applicants to repay the loan as rapidly as is reasonably consistent with the financial capability of the applicant. It is the Board's intent to avoid repayment schedules which would exceed the design life of the project facilities.

(5) Normal engineering and investigation costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Quality or Board during preliminary project investigation and prior to Board Authorization will not become a charge to the applicant if the project is found infeasible, denied by the Board, or if the applicant withdraws the Application prior to the Board's Authorization. If the credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement does not involve a loan of funds from the Board, then administrative costs will not be charged to the project. However, if the project is Authorized to receive a loan

or grant of funds from the Board, all costs from the beginning of the project will be charged to the project and paid by the applicant as a part of the total project cost. If the applicant decides not to build the project after the Board has Authorized the project, all costs accruing after the Authorization will be reimbursed by the applicant to the Board.

(6) The Board shall determine the date on which the scheduled payments of principal and interest will be made. In fixing this date, all possible contingencies shall be considered, and the Board may allow the system one year of actual use of the project facilities before the first repayment of principal is required.

(7) The applicant shall furnish the Board with acceptable evidence that the applicant is capable of paying its share of the construction costs during the construction period.

(8) **LOANS AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENTS ONLY** - The Board may require, as part of the loan or interest buy-down agreement, that any local funds which are to be used in financing the project be committed to construction prior to or concurrent with the committal of State funds.

(9) The Board will not forgive the applicant of any payment after the payment is due.

(10) The Board will require a debt service reserve account be established by the applicant at or before the loan is closed. Deposits to that account shall be made at least annually in the amount of one-tenth of the annual payment on the bond(s) purchased by the Board and shall continue until the total amount in the debt service reserve fund is equal to the annual payment. The debt service reserve account shall be continued until the bond is retired. Annual reports/statements will be required. Failure to maintain the reserve account will constitute a technical default on the bond(s) and may result in penalties being assessed. Annual reports/statements will be required.

(11) The Board will require a capital facilities replacement reserve account be established at or before the loan is closed. Deposits to that account shall be made at least annually in the amount of five percent (5%) of the applicant's annual drinking water system budget, including depreciation, unless otherwise specified by the Board at the time of loan authorization, until the loan is repaid. This fund shall not serve as security for the payment of principal or interest on the loan. The applicant shall adopt such resolutions as necessary to limit the use of the fund to construct capital facilities for its water system and to notify the Board prior to making any disbursements from the fund so the Board can confirm that any expenditure is for an acceptable purpose. The applicant will not need the consent of the Board prior to making any expenditure from the fund. Failure to maintain the reserve account will constitute a technical default on the bond(s) and may result in penalties being assessed. Annual reports/statements will be required.

(12) If the Board is to purchase a revenue bond, the Board will require that the applicant's water rates be established such that sufficient net revenue will be raised to provide at least 125% or such other amount as the Board may determine of the total annual debt service.

R309-700-14. Committal of Funds and Approval of Agreements.

After the Board has issued a Plan Approval and received the appropriate legal documents and other items required by Rule R309-700, the Board will determine whether the project loan, interest buy-down, credit enhancement, and/or grant meets the conditions of its authorization. If so, the Board will give its final approval. The Executive Secretary or designee may then execute the financial assistance agreement if no aspects of the project have changed significantly since the Board's authorization of the loan or credit enhancement, provided all conditions imposed by the Board have been met. If significant

changes have occurred the Board will then review the project and, if satisfied, the Board will then commit funds, approve the signing of the contract, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or grant agreement, and instruct the Executive Secretary to submit a copy of the signed contract or agreement to the Division of Finance.

R309-700-15. Construction.

The Division of Drinking Water staff may conduct inspections and will report to the applicant and applicant's engineer. Contract change orders must be properly negotiated with the contractor and approved in writing. Change orders in excess of \$10,000 must receive prior written approval by the Executive Secretary before execution. The applicant shall notify the Executive Secretary when the project is near completion and request a final inspection. When the project is complete to the satisfaction of the applicant, the applicant's engineer, and the Executive Secretary, written approval will be issued by the Executive Secretary in accordance with R309-500-9 to commence using the project facilities.

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R309. Environmental Quality, Drinking Water.**R309-705. Financial Assistance: Federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program.****R309-705-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria for financial assistance to public drinking water system in accordance with a federal grant established under 42 U.S.C. 300j et seq., federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

R309-705-2. Statutory Authority.

The authority for the Department of Environmental Quality acting through the Drinking Water Board to issue financial assistance for drinking water projects from a federal capitalization grant is provided in 42 U.S.C. 300j et seq., federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and Title 73, Chapter 10c, Utah Code.

R309-705-3. Definitions.

Definitions for general terms used in this rule are given in R309-110. Definitions for terms specific to this rule are given below.

"Board" means the Drinking Water Board.

"Drinking Water Project" means any work or facility that is necessary or desirable to provide water for human consumption and other domestic uses. Its scope includes collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities; and also includes studies, planning, education activities, and design work that will promote protecting the public from waterborne health risks.

"Project Costs" include the cost of acquiring and constructing any project including, without limitation: the cost of acquisition and construction of any facility or any modification, improvement, or extension of such facility; any cost incident to the acquisition of any necessary property, easement or right of way, except property condemnation cost, which are not eligible costs; engineering or architectural fees, legal fees, fiscal agents' and financial advisors' fees; any cost incurred for any preliminary planning to determine the economic and engineering feasibility of a proposed project; costs of economic investigations and studies, surveys, preparation of designs, plans, working drawings, specifications and the inspection and supervision of the construction of any facility; Hardship Grant Assessments, fees and interest accruing on loans made under this program during acquisition and construction of the project; costs for studies, planning, education activities, and design work that will promote protecting the public from waterborne health risks; and any other cost incurred by the Board or the Department of Environmental Quality, in connection with the issuance of obligation to evidence any loan made to it under the law.

"Disadvantaged Communities" are defined as those communities located in an area which has a median adjusted gross income less than or equal to 80% of the State's median adjusted gross income, as determined by the Utah State Tax commission from federal individual income tax returns excluding zero exemption returns, or where the estimated annual cost, including loan repayment costs, of drinking water service for the average residential user exceeds 1.75% of the median adjusted gross income. If, in the judgment of the Board, the State Tax Commission data is insufficient the Board may accept other measurements of the water users' income (i.e. local income survey or questionnaire when there is a significant difference between the number of service connections for a system and the number of tax filing for a given zip code or city).

"Drinking Water Project Obligation" means any bond, note or other obligation issued to finance all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, expanding, upgrading or improving a drinking water project, including, but not limited to, preliminary planning, studies, surveys, engineering or architectural fees, and preparation of plans and specifications.

"Credit Enhancement Agreement" means any agreement entered into between the Board, on behalf of the State, and an eligible water system for the purpose of providing methods and assistance to eligible water systems to improve the security for and marketability of drinking water project obligations.

"Eligible Water System" means any community drinking water system, either privately or publicly owned; and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

"Interest Buy-Down Agreement" means any agreement entered into between the Board, on behalf of the State, and an eligible water system, for the purpose of reducing the cost of financing incurred by an eligible water system on bonds issued by the subdivision for project costs.

"Financial Assistance" means a project loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or technical assistance.

"Hardship Grant Assessment" means an assessment applied to a loan. The assessment shall be calculated as a percentage of outstanding principal balance of a loan, applied on an annual basis. Hardship grant assessment funds shall be subject to the requirements of UAC R309-700 for hardship grants.

"Negative Interest" means a loan with an interest rate at less than zero percent. The repayment schedule for loans having a negative interest rate will be prepared by the Drinking Water Board.

"Principal Forgiveness" means a loan wherein a portion of the loan amount is "forgiven" upon closing the loan. The terms for principal forgiveness will be as directed by section 4 of this rule and by the Drinking Water Board.

"Interest" means an assessment applied to a loan. The assessment shall be calculated as a percentage of outstanding principal balance of a loan, applied on an annual basis.

"Emergency" means an unexpected, serious occurrence of situation requiring urgent or immediate action. With regard to a water system this would be a situation resulting from the failure of equipment or other infrastructure, or contamination of the water supply, which threatens the health and / or safety of the public / water users.

"Technical Assistance" means financial assistance provided for a feasibility study or master plan, to identify and / or correct system deficiencies, to help a water system overcome other technical problems. The system receiving said technical assistance may or may not be required to repay the funds received. If repayment is required, the Board will establish the terms of repayment.

"SRF Technical Assistance Fund" means a fund (or account) that will be established for the express purpose of providing "Technical Assistance" to eligible drinking water systems.

R309-705-4. Financial Assistance Methods.**(1) Eligible Activities of the SRF.**

Funds within the SRF may be used for loans and other authorized forms of financial assistance. Funds may be used for the construction of publicly or privately owned works or facilities, or any work that is an eligible project cost as defined by 73-10c-2 of the Utah Code or as allowed by 42 U.S.C.A. 300f et seq. Those costs incurred subsequent to the submission of a funding application to the Board and prior to the execution of a financial assistance agreement and which meet the above criteria are eligible for reimbursement from the proceeds of the financial assistance agreement.

(2) Types of Financial Assistance Available for Eligible Water Systems.**(a) Loans.**

To qualify for "negative interest" or "principal forgiveness", the system must qualify as a "disadvantaged community" as defined in section 3 of this rule. Upon application, the Board will make a case by case determination

whether the system is a "disadvantaged community". To be eligible to be considered as a disadvantaged community, the system must meet the definition provided in section 3 of this rule. Additionally, the Board will consider the type of community served by the system, the economic condition of the community, the population characteristics of those served by the system, factors relating to costs, charges and operation of the water system, and other such information as the Board determines relevant to making the decision to recognize the system as a "disadvantaged community".

(i) Hardship Grant Assessment.

The assessment will be calculated based on the procedures and formulas shown in section 6 of this rule.

(ii) Repayment.

Annual repayments of principal, interest, fees and/or Hardship Grant Assessment generally commence not later than one year after project completion. Project completion shall be defined as the date the funded project is capable of operation and a notice of "beneficial occupancy" is given to the general contractor. Where a project has been phased or segmented, the repayment requirement applies to the completion of individual phases or segments.

The loan must be fully amortized not later than 20 years after project completion or not later than 30 years after project completion if the community served by the water system is determined to be a disadvantaged community. The yearly amount of the principal repayment is set at the discretion of the Board.

(iii) Principal Forgiveness.

Eligible water systems meeting the definition of "disadvantaged community" may qualify for financial assistance in the form of forgiveness of the principal loan amount. Terms for principal forgiveness will be determined by Board resolution.

Eligible applicants for "principal forgiveness" financial assistance will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Board will consider the type of community served by the system, the economic condition of the community, the population characteristics of those served by the system, factors relating to costs, charges and operation of the water system, and such other information as the Board determines relevant to making the decision to recognize the system as a disadvantaged community.

(iv) Negative Interest Rate.

Eligible water systems meeting the definition of "disadvantaged community" may qualify for financial assistance in the form of a loan with a negative interest rate, as determined by Board resolution.

Eligible applicants for "negative interest" financial assistance will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Board will consider the type of community served by the system, the economic condition of the community, the population characteristics of those served by the system, factors relating to costs, charges and operation of the water system, and such other information as the Board determines relevant to making the decision to recognize the system as a disadvantaged community.

(v) Dedicated Repayment Source and Security.

Loan recipients must establish one or more dedicated sources of revenue for repayment of the loan. As a condition of financial assistance, the applicant must demonstrate a revenue source and security, as required by the Board.

(b) Refinancing Existing Debt Obligations.

The Board may use funds from the SRF to buy or refinance municipal, inter-municipal or interstate agencies, where the initial debt was incurred and construction started after July 1, 1993. Refinanced projects must comply with the requirements imposed by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) as though they were projects receiving initial financing from the SRF.

(c) Credit Enhancement Agreements and Interest Buy-Down Agreements.

The Board will determine whether a project's funding may receive all or part of a loan, credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement. To provide security for project obligations, the Board may agree to purchase project obligations of applicants, or make loans to the applicants. The Board may also consider making loans to the applicants to pay the cost of obtaining letters of credit from various financial institutions, municipal bond insurance, or other forms of insurance or security for project obligations. The Board may also consider other methods of assistance to applicants to properly enhance the marketability of or security for project obligations.

Interest buy-down agreements may consist of any of the following:

(i) A financing agreement between the Board and applicant whereby a specified sum is loaned to the applicant. The loaned funds shall be placed in a trust account, which shall be used exclusively to reduce the cost of financing for the project.

(ii) A financing agreement between the Board and the applicant whereby the proceeds of bonds purchased by the Board is combined with proceeds from publicly issued bonds to finance the project. The rate of interest on bonds purchased by the Board may carry an interest rate lower than the interest rate on the publicly issued bonds, which when blended together will provide a reduced annual debt service for the project.

(iii) Any other legal method of financing which reduces the annual payment amount on publicly issued bonds. The financing alternative chosen should be the one most economically advantageous for the State and the applicant.

(d) Technical Assistance.

The Board may establish a fund (or account) into which the proceeds of an annual fee on loans will be placed. These funds will be used to finance technical assistance for eligible water systems.

This fund will provide low interest loans for technical assistance and any other eligible purpose as defined by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 to water systems that are eligible for Federal SRF loans. Repayment of these loans may be waived in whole or in part (grant funds) by the Board whether or not the borrower is disadvantaged.

(i) The Board may establish a fee to be assessed against loans authorized under the Federal SRF Loan Program. The revenue generated by this fee will be placed in a new fund called the "SRF Technical Assistance Fund".

(ii) The amount will be assessed as a percentage of the Principal Balance of the loan on an annual basis, the same as the annual interest and hardship grant assessment are assessed. The borrower will pay the fee annually when paying the principal and interest or hardship grant assessments.

(iii) The Board may set / change the amount of the fee from time to time as they determine meets the needs of the program.

(iv) This fee will be part of the "effective rate" calculated for the loan using Table 2, R309-705-6. This fee may be charged in lieu of or in addition to the interest rate or hardship grant assessment, but in no case will the total of the technical assistance fee, the interest rate, and hardship grant assessment exceed the "effective rate".

(v) The proceeds of the fund will be used as defined above or as modified by the Board in compliance with Section 1452 of the federal SDWA Amendments of 1996.

(3) Ineligible Projects.

Projects which are ineligible for financial assistance include:

(a) Any project for a water system in significant non-compliance, as measured by a "not approved" (R309-400)

rating, unless the project will resolve all outstanding issues causing the non-compliance.

(b) Any project where the Board determines that the applicant lacks the technical, managerial, or financial capability to achieve or maintain SDWA compliance, unless the Board determines that the financial assistance will allow or cause the system to maintain long-term capability to stay in compliance.

(c) Any project meant to finance the expansion of a drinking water system to supply or attract future population growth. Eligible projects, however, can be designed and funded at a level which will serve the population that a system expects to serve over the useful life of the facility.

(d) Projects which are specifically prohibited from eligibility by Federal guidelines. These include the following:

- (i) Dams, or rehabilitation of dams;
- (ii) Water rights, unless the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as part of a capacity development strategy;
- (iii) Reservoirs, except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located;
- (iv) Laboratory fees for monitoring;
- (v) Operation and maintenance costs;
- (vi) Projects needed mainly for fire protection.

R309-705-5. Application and Project Initiation Procedures.

The following procedures must normally be followed to obtain financial assistance from the Board:

(1) It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary financial, legal and engineering counsel to prepare its application and an effective and appropriate financial assistance agreement.

(2) A completed application form and project engineering report (facility plan) listing the project alternatives considered and including a justification for the chosen alternative, a project financing plan including an evaluation of credit enhancement, interest buy-down and loan methods applicable to the project and financial capability assessment and a history of the applicant's compliance with the SDWA are submitted to the Board. Comments from other interested parties such as an association of governments, the local health and planning departments, and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) District Engineers will also be accepted. Those costs incurred subsequent to the submission of a completed funding application form to the Board and prior to the execution of a financial assistance agreement and which meet the criteria for project costs are eligible for reimbursement from the proceeds of the financial assistance agreement.

(3) An engineering and financial feasibility report and a capacity development analysis are prepared by Division staff for presentation to and consideration by the Board. A Capacity Assessment will be made by Division staff (See rule R309-352) for "equivalency" projects, essentially, those funded by the annual federal Capitalization Grant as defined by federal regulations. A capacity assessment may be prepared for a "non-equivalency project when it is determined to be beneficial for evaluating project feasibility.

(4) The Board may authorize financial assistance for the project on the basis of the staff's feasibility report and designate whether a loan, credit enhancement agreement, interest buy-down agreement, or any combination thereof, is to be entered into, and approve the project schedule (see section 7 of this rule).

(5) The applicant must demonstrate public support for the project prior to bonding, as deemed acceptable by the Drinking Water Board. As a minimum, for a loan to be secured by a revenue bond, the Sponsor must mail notices to each water user in the Sponsor's service area informing them of a public hearing. In addition to the time and location of the public hearing the

notice shall inform water users of the Sponsor's intent to issue a non-voted revenue bond to the Board, shall describe the face amount of the bond, the "effective rate", the repayment schedule and shall describe the impact of the project on the user including: user rates, impact and connection fees. The notice shall state that water users may respond to the Sponsor in writing or in the public hearing within ten days after the date of the notice. A copy of all written responses and a certified record of the public hearing shall be forwarded to the Division of Drinking Water.

(6) For financial assistance mechanisms where the applicant's bond is purchased by the Board, the project applicant's bond documentation must include an opinion from recognized bond counsel. Counsel must be experienced in bond matters, and must include an opinion that the drinking water project obligation is a valid and binding obligation of the applicant (see section 8 of this rule). The opinion must be submitted to the Assistant Attorney General for preliminary approval and the applicant shall publish a Notice of Intent to issue bonds in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to 11-14-21 of the Utah Code. For financial assistance mechanisms when the applicant's bond is not purchased by the Board, the applicant shall submit a true and correct copy of an opinion from legal counsel, experienced in bond matters, that the drinking water project obligation is a valid and binding obligation of the applicant.

(7) As authorized in 19-4-106(3) of the Utah Code, the Executive Secretary may review plans, specifications, and other data pertinent to proposed or expanded water supply systems to insure proper design and construction, as specified in rule R309-500-4 General. Construction of a public drinking water project shall not begin until complete plans and specifications have been approved in writing by the Executive Secretary.

(8) If a project is designated to be financed by the Board through a loan or an interest buy-down agreement, an account supervised by the applicant and the Board will be established by the applicant to assure that loan funds are used only for eligible project costs. If financial assistance for the project is provided by the Board in the form of a credit enhancement or interest buy-down agreement, all project funds will be maintained in a separate account, and a quarterly report of project expenditures will be provided to the Board.

Incremental disbursement bonds will be required. Cash draws will be based on a schedule that coincides with the rate at which project related costs are expected to be incurred for the project.

(9) If a revenue bond is to be used to secure a loan, a User Charge Ordinance, or water rate structure, must be submitted to the Board for review and approval to insure adequate provisions for debt retirement and/or operation and maintenance. If a general obligation bond is to be used to secure a loan, a User Charge Ordinance must be submitted to the Board for review and approval to insure the system will have adequate resources to provide acceptable service.

(10) A "Private Company" will be required to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Board. The loan agreement will establish the procedures for disbursement of loan proceeds and will set forth the security interests to be granted to the Board by the Applicant to secure the Applicant's repayment obligations.

(a) The Board may require any of the following forms of security interest or additional/other security interests to guarantee repayment of the loan: deed of trust interests in real property, security interests in equipment and water rights, and personal guarantees.

(b) The security requirements will be established after the Board's staff has reviewed and analyzed the Applicants financial condition.

(c) These requirements may vary from project to project at the discretion of the Board

(d) The Applicant will also be required to execute a Promissory Note in the face amount of the loan, payable to the order of the lender, and file a Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code Financing Statement, Form UCC-1.

(e) The Board may specify that loan proceeds be disbursed incrementally into an escrow account for expected construction costs, or it may authorize another acceptable disbursement procedure.

(11) The applicant's contract with its engineer must be submitted to the Board for review to determine if there will be adequate engineering involvement, including project supervision and inspection, to successfully complete the project.

(12) The applicant's attorney must provide an opinion to the Board regarding legal incorporation of the applicant, valid legal title to rights-of-way and the project site, validity and quantity of water rights, and adequacy of bidding and contract documents, as required.

(13) A position fidelity bond may be required by the Board insuring the treasurer or other local staff handling the repayment funds and revenues produced by the applicant's system and payable to the State of Utah through the Drinking Water Board.

(14) CREDIT ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENT ONLY - The Board shall execute the credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the security or other forms of assistance provided by the agreement and shall notify the applicant to sell the bonds.

(15) CREDIT ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENT ONLY - The applicant shall sell the bonds and shall notify the Board of the terms of sale. If a credit enhancement agreement is utilized, the bonds shall contain the legend required by 73-10c-6(3)(d) of the Utah Code. If an interest buy-down agreement is being utilized, the bonds shall bear a legend referring to the interest buy-down agreement and state that such agreement does not constitute a pledge of or charge against the general revenues, credit or taxing powers of the state and that the holder of any such bond may look only to the applicant and the funds and revenues pledged by the applicant for the payment of interest and principal on the bonds.

(16) The applicant shall open bids for the project.

(17) LOAN ONLY - The Board shall give final approval to purchase the bonds and execute the loan contract.

(18) LOAN ONLY - The closing of the loan is conducted.

(19) A preconstruction conference shall be held.

(20) The applicant shall issue a written notice to proceed to the contractor.

R309-705-6. Applicant Priority System and Selection of Terms of Assistance.

(1) Priority Determination.

The Board may, at its option, modify a project's priority rating based on the following considerations:

(a) The project plans, specifications, contract, financing, etc., of a lesser-rated project are ready for execution.

(b) Available funding.

(c) Acute health risk.

(d) Capacity Development (financial, technical, or managerial issues needing resolution to avoid EPA intervention).

(e) An Emergency.

The Board will utilize Table 1 to prioritize loan applicants as may be modified by (a), (b), (c), or (d) above.

TABLE 1

Priority System	Points Received
Deficiency Description	Points Received
Source Quality/Quantity	
Health Risk (select one)	

A. There is evidence that waterborne illnesses have occurred.	25
B. There are reports of illnesses which may be waterborne.	20
C. High potential for waterborne illness exists.	15
D. Moderate potential for waterborne illness	8
E. No evidence of potential health risks	0
Compliance with SDWA (select all that apply)	
A. Source has been determined to be under the influence of surface water.	25
B. System is often out of water due to inadequate source capacity.	20
-or-	
System capacity does not meet the requirements of UPDWR.	10
C. Source has a history of three or more confirmed microbiological violations within the last year.	10
D. Sources are not developed or protected according to UPDWR.	10
E. Source has confirmed MCL chemistry violations within the last year.	10
Total	100

Treatment

Deficiency Description	Points Available
Health Risk/Compliance with SDWA (select all that apply)	
A. Treatment system cannot consistently meet log removal requirements, turbidity standards, or other enforceable drinking water quality standards.	25
B. The required disinfection facilities are not installed, are inadequate, or fail to provide adequate water quality.	25
C. Treatment system is subject to impending failure, or has failed.	25
-or-	
Treatment system equipment does not meet demands of UPDWR including the lead and/or copper action levels.	20
-or-	
System equipment is projected to become inadequate without upgrades.	5
Total	75

Storage

Deficiency Description	Points Available
Health Risk / Compliance with SDWA (select all that apply)	
A. Storage system is subject to impending failure, or has failed.	25
-or-	
System is old, cannot be easily cleaned, or subject to contamination.	15
B. Storage system is inadequate for existing demands.	20
-or-	
Storage system demand exceeds 90% of storage capacity.	10
C. Applicable contact time requirements cannot be met without an upgrade.	15
D. System suffers from low static pressures.	15
Total	75

Distribution

Deficiency Description	Points Available
Health Risk/Compliance with SDWA (select all that apply)	
A. Distribution system equipment is deteriorated or inadequate for existing demands.	20
-or-	
Distribution system is inadequate to meet 5 year projected demands.	10
B. Applicable disinfectant residual maintenance requirements are not met or high backflow contamination potential exists.	20
C. Project will replace pipe containing unsafe materials (lead, asbestos, etc).	15
D. Minimum dynamic pressure requirements are not met.	10
E. System experiences a heavy leak rate in the distribution lines.	10
Total	75

Emergencies

Upon the Board finding of an emergency as required by R309-705-9.	Total 100
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Priority Rating = (Average Points Received) x (Rate Factor) x (AGI Factor)

Where:

* Rate Factor = (Average System Water Bill/Average State Water Bill)

** AGI Factor = (State Median AGI/System Median AGI)

(2) Financial Assistance Determination. The amount and type of financial assistance offered will be based upon the criteria shown in Table 2. As determined by Board resolution, disadvantaged communities may also receive zero-percent loans, or other financial assistance as described herein.

Effective rate calculation methods will be determined by Board resolution from time to time, using the Revenue Bond Buyer Index (RBBI) as a basis point, the points assigned in Table 2, and a method to reduce the interest rate from a recent RBBI rate down to a potential minimum of zero percent. To encourage rapid repayment of a loan the Board will increase the interest rate 0.02 per cent (0.02%) for each year the repayment period exceeds five (5.0) years.

TABLE 2
INTEREST, HARDSHIP GRANT FEE AND OTHER FEES REDUCTION FACTORS

	POINTS
1. COST EFFECTIVENESS RATIO (SELECT ONE)	
A. Project cost \$0 to \$500 per benefitting connection	16
B. \$501 to \$1,500	14
C. \$1,501 to \$2,000	11
D. \$2,001 to \$3,000	8
E. \$3,001 to \$5,000	4
F. \$5,001 to \$10,000	1
G. Over \$10,000	0
2. CURRENT LOCAL MEDIAN ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) (SELECT ONE)	
A. Less than 70% of State Median AGI	19
B. 71 to 80% of State Median AGI	16
C. 81 to 95% of State Median AGI	13
D. 96 to 110% of State Median AGI	9
E. 111 to 130% of State Median AGI	6
F. 131 to 150% of State Median AGI	3
G. Greater than 150% of State Median AGI	0
3. APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT TO PROJECT FUNDING CONTRIBUTED BY APPLICANT (SELECT ONE)	
A. Greater than 25% of project funds	17
B. 15 to 25% of project funds	14
C. 10 to 15% of project funds	11
D. 5 to 10% of project funds	8
E. 2 to 5% of project funds	4
F. Less than 2% of project funds	0
4. ABILITY TO REPAY LOAN:	
4. WATER BILL (INCLUDING TAXES) AFTER PROJECT IS BUILT RELATIVE TO LOCAL MEDIAN ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (SELECT ONE)	
A. Greater than 2.50% of local median AGI	16
B. 2.01 to 2.50% of local median AGI	12
C. 1.51 to 2.00% of local median AGI	8
D. 1.01 to 1.50% of local median AGI	3
E. 0 to 1.00% of local median AGI	0
5. SPECIAL INCENTIVES: Applicant (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.)	
A. Has a replacement fund receiving annual deposits of about 5% of the system's annual drinking water (DW) budget and fund has already accumulated a minimum of 10% of said annual DW budget in this reserve fund.	5
B. Has, in addition to item 5.A., accumulated an amount equal to at least 20% of its annual DW budget in its replacement fund.	5
C. Is creating or enhancing a regionalization plan	16
D. Has a rate structure encouraging conservation	6
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS FOR FINANCIAL NEED	100

R309-705-7. Project Authorization.

A project may receive written authorization for financial or technical assistance from the Board following submission and favorable review of an application form, engineering report (if

required), capacity development (including financial capability) assessment and staff feasibility report. The engineering report shall include a cost effective analysis of feasible project alternatives capable of meeting State and Federal drinking water requirements. It shall include consideration of monetary costs including the present worth or equivalent annual value of all capital costs, operation, maintenance, and replacement costs. The alternative selected must be the most economical means of meeting applicable State and Federal drinking water requirements over the useful life of the facility while recognizing environmental and other nonmonetary considerations.

Once the application submittals are reviewed, the staff will prepare a project feasibility report for the Board's consideration in Authorizing a project. The project feasibility report will include an evaluation of the project with regard to the Board's funding priority criteria, and will contain recommendations for the type of financial assistance which may be extended (i.e., for a loan, credit enhancement agreement, or interest buy-down agreement).

The Board may authorize financial assistance for any work or facility to provide water for human consumption and other domestic uses. Generally, work means planning, engineering design, or other eligible activities defined elsewhere in these rules.

Project Authorization is conditioned upon the availability of funds at the time of loan closing or signing of the credit enhancement, or interest buy-down and upon adherence to the project schedule approved at that time. The Board, at its own discretion, may require the Applicant to enter into a "Commitment Agreement" with the Board prior to execution of final loan documents or closing of the loan. This Commitment Agreement or Binding Commitment may specify date(s) by which the Applicant must complete the requirements set forth in the Project Authorization Letter. The Commitment Agreement shall state that if the Department of Environmental Quality acting through the Drinking Water Board is unable to make the Loan by the Loan Date, this Agreement shall terminate without any liability accruing to the Department or the Applicant hereunder. Also, if the project does not proceed according to the project schedule, the Board may withdraw project Authorization, so that projects which are ready to proceed can obtain necessary funding. Extensions to the project schedule may be considered by the Board, but any extension requested must be fully justified.

R309-705-8. Financial Evaluations.

(1) The Board considers it a proper function to assist project applicants in obtaining funding from such financing sources as may be available.

(2) In providing financial assistance in the form of a loan, the Board may purchase bonds of the applicant only if the bonds are accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel. Bond counsel must provide an opinion that the bonds are legal and binding under applicable Utah law (including, if applicable, the Utah Municipal Bond Act). For bonds of \$150,000 or less the Board will not require this opinion.

(3) In providing financial assistance in the form of a loan, the Board may purchase either taxable or non-taxable bonds; or a secured promissory note provided that it shall be the general preference of the Board to purchase bonds issued by the applicant only if the bonds are tax exempt. Tax-exempt bonds must be accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that the Interest and the Hardship Grant Assessment, or a fee (also interest) on the bonds is exempt from federal income taxation. Such an opinion must be obtained by the applicant in the following situations:

(a) Bonds which are issued to finance a project which will

also be financed in part at any time by the proceeds of other bonds which are exempt from federal income taxation.

(b) Bonds which are not subject to the arbitrage rebate provisions of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or successor provision of similar intent), including, without limitation, bonds covered by the "small governmental units" exemption contained in Section 148(f)(4)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any successor provision of similar intent) and bonds which are not subject to arbitrage rebate because the gross proceeds from the loan will be completely expended within six months after the issuance of such bonds.

(4) If more than 25 percent of the project is to serve industry, bond counsel must evaluate the loan to ensure the tax exempt status of the loan fund.

(5) Revenue bonds purchased by the Board shall be secured by a pledge of water system revenues, and it is the general policy of the Board that the pledge of water revenues for the payment of debt service (principal and/or Hardship Grant Assessment) on a particular revenue bond be on a parity with the pledge of those water revenues as security for the debt service payments on all other bonds or other forms of indebtedness which are secured by the water revenues.

(6) If a project is Authorized to receive a loan, the Board will establish the portion of the construction cost to be included in the loan and will set the terms for the loan. It is the Board's intent to avoid repayment schedules exceeding the design life of the project facilities.

(7) Normal engineering and investigation costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) or Board during preliminary project investigation and prior to Board Authorization will not become a charge to the applicant if the project is found infeasible, denied by the Board, or if the applicant withdraws the Application prior to the Board's Authorization.

If the credit enhancement agreement or interest buy-down agreement does not involve a loan of funds from the Board administrative costs will not be charged to the project. However, if the Board Authorizes a loan for the project, all costs incurred by the DEQ or Board on the project will be charged against the project and paid by the applicant as a part of the total project cost. Generally, this will include all DEQ and Board costs incurred from the beginning of the preliminary investigations through the end of construction and close-out of the project. If the applicant decides not to build the project after the Board has Authorized the project, all costs accrued after the Authorization date will be reimbursed by the applicant to the Board.

(8) The Board shall determine the date on which the scheduled payments of principal, Hardship Grant Assessment, and interest will be made. In fixing this date, all possible contingencies shall be considered, and the Board may allow the system up to one year of actual use of the project facilities before the first repayment of principal is required.

(9) The applicant shall furnish the Board with acceptable evidence that the applicant is capable of paying its share of the construction costs during the construction period.

(10) **LOANS AND INTEREST BUY-DOWN AGREEMENTS ONLY** - The Board may require, as part of the loan or interest buy-down agreement, that any local funds which are to be used in financing the project be committed to construction prior to or concurrent with the committal of State funds.

(11) The Board will not forgive the applicant of any payment after the payment is due.

(12) The Board will require that a debt service reserve account be established by the applicant at or before the time that the loan is closed. Deposits to that account shall be made at least annually in the amount of one-tenth of the annual payment on the bond(s) purchased by the Board and shall continue until the total amount in the debt service reserve fund is equal to the

annual payment. The debt service reserve account shall be continued until the bond is retired. Failure to maintain the reserve account will constitute a technical default on the bond(s).

(13) The Board will require a capital facilities replacement reserve account be established at or before the loan is closed. Deposits to that account shall be made at least annually in the amount of five percent (5%) of the applicant's annual drinking water system budget, including depreciation, unless otherwise specified by the Board at the time of loan authorization, until the loan is repaid. This fund shall not serve as security for the payment of principal or Hardship Grant Assessment on the loan. The applicant shall adopt such resolutions as necessary to limit the use of the fund to construct capital facilities for its water system. The applicant will not need the consent of the Board prior to making any expenditure from the fund. Failure to maintain the reserve account will constitute a technical default on the bond(s) and may result in penalties being assessed.

(14) If the Board is to purchase a revenue bond, the Board will require that the applicant's water rates be established such that sufficient net revenue will be raised to provide at least 125% or such other amount as the Board may determine of the total annual debt service.

(15) The applicant must have adopted a Water Management and Conservation Plan prior to executing the loan agreement.

R309-705-9. Emergency Assistance.

(1) Authority: Title 73, Chapter 10c of State Statute and the SDWA Amendment of 1996 give the Board authority to provide emergency assistance to drinking water systems.

(2) Eligibility: Generally, any situation occurring as defined in Section R309-705-3 would qualify for consideration for emergency funding. However, prior to authorizing funds for an emergency, the Board may consider one or more of the various factors listed below:

(i) Was the emergency preventable? Did the utility / water system have knowledge that this emergency could be expected? If not. Should it have been aware of the potential for this problem? Did its management take reasonable action to either prevent it or to be as prepared as reasonably possible to correct the problem when it occurred (prepared financially and technically for the event causing the problem)?

(ii) Has the utility / system established a capital improvement replacement reserve fund? Has the utility / system been charging reasonably high rates in order to establish a reserve fund to cover normal infrastructure replacement and emergencies?

(iii) Is the community a disadvantaged (hardship) community?

(iv) Is the potential for illness, injury, or other harm to the public or system operators sufficiently high that the value of providing financial assistance outweighs other factors that would preclude providing this assistance. (Even though the State does not have any legal obligation to provide financial assistance to help correct the problem.)

(3) Requirements for the Applicant: The applicant will be required to do the following as a condition of receiving financial assistance to cope with a drinking water emergency:

(i) To the extent feasible, the utility / system shall first use its own resources, e.g. capital improvement replacement fund, to correct the problem.

(ii) If the utility / system is not placing funds into a reserve fund on a regular basis and / or is charging relatively low water rates it shall be required to examine its current rate structure and policies for placing funds into a reserve account. The Board may require the utility / system to establish a reserve account and / or to revise its rate structure (increasing its rate) as a condition of the loan.

(iii) The Board may place other requirements on the utility / system.

(4) Financial Agreements, Bonding, etc: The State will work with the Applicant to help secure obligating documents. For example, the Board:

(i) Could waive the 30-day notice period, if legally possible.

(ii) Could accept a generic bond.

(iii) Could accept an unsecured loan or bond.

(5) Funding Alternatives: An Applicant may be authorized to receive a loan by any of the financial assistance methods specified in R309-705-4 for funding an emergency project. The Board may set and revise the methodology and factors to be considered when determining the terms of financial assistance it provides including assigning a priority it deems appropriate. The terms of the loan, including length of repayment period, interest or hardship grant assessment, and principal forgiveness (grant) or repayment waivers will be determined at the time the emergency funding is authorized.

(6) Funding Process - The Board must find that an emergency exists according to the criteria in R309-705-9(2). It is anticipated that under normal emergency conditions time restraints will not allow a request for emergency funding to be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Board meeting or adoption and advertisement of a project priority list. Therefore, the following procedures will be followed in processing a loan application for emergency assistance:

(i) Division staff will evaluate each application for emergency funding according to the criteria listed in R309-705-9(2). Staff will solicit recommendations from the LHD and District Engineer about the proposed project to mitigate the emergency. Staff will submit a report of its findings to the Board Chairperson or designee.

(ii) The Board Chairperson or designee will arrange for a timely meeting of the Board to consider authorizing assistance for the emergency. This meeting may be conducted by telephone.

R309-705-10. Committal of Funds and Approval of Agreements.

After the Board has issued a Plan Approval, the loan, credit enhancement, interest buy-down, or hardship grant will be considered by the Board for final approval. The Board will determine whether the agreement is in proper order. The Executive Secretary, or designee, may then execute the loan or credit enhancement agreement if no aspects of the project have changed significantly since the Board's authorization of the loan or credit enhancement, provided all conditions imposed by the Board have been met. If significant changes have occurred the Board will then review the project and, if satisfied, the Board will then commit funds, approve the signing of the contract, credit enhancement agreement, or interest buy-down agreement, and instruct the Executive Secretary to submit a copy of the signed contract or agreement to the Division of Finance.

R309-705-11. Construction.

The Division of Drinking Water staff may conduct inspections and will report to the applicant and applicant's engineer. Contract change orders must be properly negotiated with the contractor and approved in writing. Change orders in excess of \$10,000 must receive prior written approval by the Executive Secretary before execution. When the project is complete to the satisfaction of the applicant, the applicant's engineer, and the Executive Secretary, written approval will be issued by the Executive Secretary in accordance with R309-500-9 to commence using the project facilities.

R309-705-12. Compliance with Federal Requirements.

(1) Applicants must show the legal, institutional,

managerial, and financial capability to construct, operate, and maintain the drinking water system(s) that the project will serve.

(2) Applicant(s) shall require its contractors to comply with federal provisions for disadvantaged business enterprises and exclusions for businesses under suspension and/or debarment. Any bidder not complying with these requirements shall be considered a non-responsive bidder.

(3) As required by Federal Code, applicants may be subject to the following federal requirements (all assessments shall consider the impacts of the project twenty (20) years into the future):

Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, Pub. L. 86-523, as amended

Clean Air Act, Pub. L. 84-159, as amended

Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Pub. L. 97-348

Coastal Zone Management Act, Pub. L. 92-583, as amended

Endangered Species Act, Pub. L. 92-583

Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898

Floodplain Management, Executive Order 11988 as amended by Executive Order 12148

Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990

Farmland Protection Policy Act, Pub. L. 97-98

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Pub. L. 85-624

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Pub. L. 91-190

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, PL 89-665, as amended

Safe Drinking Water Act, Pub. L. 93-523, as amended

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Pub. L. 90-542, as amended

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Pub. L. 94-135

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-352

Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-500 (the Clean Water Act)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-112 (including Executive Orders 11914 and 11250)

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-690 (applies only to the capitalization grant recipient)

Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246

Women's and Minority Business Enterprise, Executive Orders 11625, 12138 and 12432

Section 129 of the Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Amendment Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-590

Anti-Lobbying Provisions (40 CFR Part 30)

Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, Pub. L. 89-754, as amended

Procurement Prohibitions under Section 306 of the Clean Water Act and Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, including Executive Order 11738, Administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants, or Loans

Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, Pub. L. 91-646, as amended

Debarment and Suspension, Executive Order 12549

Accounting procedures, whereby applicants agree to maintain a separate project account in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and Utah State Uniform Accounting requirements.

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R315. Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste.**R315-12. Administrative Procedures.****R315-12-1. Application of Rule.**

(a) This rule applies to proceedings under Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 1 (Solid and Hazardous Waste Act), Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 5 (Solid Waste Management Act), Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 6 (Lead Acid Battery Disposal), Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 7 (Used Oil Management Act), Title 26, Chapter 32a (Waste Tire Recycling), and Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 10 (Mercury Switch Removal Act).

(b) For purposes of these rules, an appeal under the Used Oil Management Act shall mean the process of agency decision making under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA), Section 63G-4-101 through 63G-4-209, and the standards, deadlines, procedures, and other requirements for an appeal shall be same as the standards, deadlines, procedures, and other requirements for contesting the validity of an initial order or violation under R315-12.

R315-12-2. Orders, NOVs, and Other Decisions by the Executive Secretary.**2.1 INITIAL PROCEEDINGS EXEMPT FROM UAPA**

Proceedings that culminate in the issuance of an initial order or a notice of violation under the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Act are not governed by the provisions of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA) as specified in Section 63G-4-102(2)(k). This includes initial proceedings regarding: approval, modification, denial, termination, transfer, revocation, or reissuance of permits; approval for equivalent testing or analytical methods; notices of violation and orders associated with notices of violation; orders for corrective action; and consent orders.

2.2 INITIAL ORDERS AND NOTICES OF VIOLATION ISSUED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(a) The initial orders and notices described in R315-12-2.1 shall be issued by the Executive Secretary.

(b) An initial order or notice shall become final in 30 days if not contested as described in R315-12-3. Failure to contest an initial order or notice waives any right of administrative review or judicial appeal.

R315-12-3. Contesting the Validity of an Initial Order or Notice of Violation Issued by the Executive Secretary.**3.1 CONTESTING THE VALIDITY OF AN INITIAL ORDER OR NOTICE OF VIOLATION -- REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION**

(a) The validity of initial orders or notices of violation described in R315-12-2 may be contested by filing a written Request for Agency Action with the Board:

Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
288 North 1460 West
PO Box 144880
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4880.

(b) Any such request is governed by and shall comply with the requirements of Section 63G-4-201(3) of UAPA, and shall be received for filing within 30 days of the issuance of the Executive Secretary's order or notice of violation.

3.2 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR AGENCY ACTION

Notice of the time and place for a hearing shall be provided in the response to a request for agency action, or shall be provided promptly after the hearing is scheduled.

3.3 UAPA GOVERNS SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS

A Request for Agency Action, and all subsequent proceedings acting on that request, are governed by UAPA, Section 63G-4-102(2)(k) of UAPA.

R315-12-4. Parties and Intervention.**4.1 WHO IS A PARTY?**

(a) The following persons are Parties to a proceeding governed by this Rule:

(1) The person to whom an initial order or notice of violation is directed, such as a person who submitted a permit application that was approved or disapproved by order of the Executive Secretary;

(2) The Executive Secretary; and

(3) All persons whose legal rights or interests are substantially affected by the proceeding, who have standing to participate in the proceeding, and to whom intervention rights have been granted under R315-12-4.2.

(b) In a proceeding requested by the person to whom an initial order or notice of violation is directed, that person shall be the Petitioner and the Executive Secretary shall be the Respondent.

(c) In a proceeding requested by a person requesting intervention, the Intervenor shall be the Petitioner, provided that Intervention is granted, and the Executive Secretary and the person to whom an initial order or notice of violation is directed shall be the Respondents.

4.2 INTERVENTION

(a) A person who is not a party to a proceeding may request intervention under Section 63G-4-207 of UAPA for the purpose of filing a Request for Agency Action, and may simultaneously file that Request. Any such Requests for Intervention and Agency Action must be received by the Board for filing as provided in R315-12-3.1 within 30 days of the date of the challenged order or notice of violation.

(b) Any Party may, within 20 days or such earlier time as established by the Presiding Officer(s), respond to a Request for Intervention. The Chair of the Board may act as Presiding Officer for purposes of this paragraph.

4.3 Amicus curiae (Friend of the Court)

Persons may be permitted by the Presiding Officer(s) to enter an appearance as Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court), subject to conditions established by the Presiding Officer(s).

4.4 APPEARANCES AND REPRESENTATION

(a) An individual who is a participant to a proceeding, or an officer designated by a partnership, corporation, association, or governmental entity which is a participant to a proceeding, may represent his or its interest in the proceeding.

(b) Any participant may be represented by an attorney at law.

R315-12-5. Conduct of Proceedings.**5.1 ROLE OF BOARD**

(a) The Board is the "agency head" as that term is used in UAPA. The Board is also the "presiding officer," as that term is used in UAPA, except:

(1) The Chair of the Board shall be considered the Presiding Officer to the extent that these rules allow; and

(2) The Board may by order appoint a Presiding Officer to preside over all or a portion of the proceedings.

(b) The Chair of the Board may delegate his/her authority as specified in this Rule to another Board member.

5.2 APPOINTED PRESIDING OFFICERS

Unless otherwise explicitly provided in an order of appointment, any appointment of a Presiding Officer or Presiding Officers shall be for the purpose of conducting all aspects of an adjudicative proceeding, except issuance of the final order. See also R315-12-7.2 regarding orders of Presiding Officers.

5.3 DESIGNATION OF PROCEEDINGS AS FORMAL OR INFORMAL

(a) Proceedings pursuant to a Request for Agency Action shall be conducted formally if the Request for Agency Action is made to contest the validity of the following:

(1) An order regarding approval, modification, denial, termination, transfer, revocation, or reissuance of a permit;

(2) An order regarding approval, denial, or modification of a corrective action, clean-up, or closure plan;

(3) A notice of violation or order associated with a notice of violation; or

(4) A consent order.

(b) The Board may convert proceedings which are designated to be formal to informal, and proceedings which are designated as informal to formal if conversion is in the public interest and rights of all parties are not unfairly prejudiced. See Section 63G-4-202(3) of UAPA.

5.4 PRE-HEARING CONFERENCES

The Presiding Officer(s) may direct the Parties to appear at a specified time and place for a pre-hearing conference(s) for the purposes of clarifying the issues, simplifying the evidence, facilitating discovery, expediting proceedings, or encouraging settlement.

5.5 BRIEFS

(a) Unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer(s), parties to the proceeding may submit a pre-hearing brief at least five business days before the hearing. Post-hearing briefs will be allowed only as authorized by the Board. Parties are not required to submit pre-hearing or post-hearing briefs unless directed to do so by the Presiding Officer(s). Pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs shall not exceed 15 pages unless otherwise provided by the Presiding Officer for all Parties.

(b) Response briefs may not be filed unless permitted by the Presiding Officer(s).

5.6 PARTIES MAY PROPOSE SCHEDULE

Parties to a proceeding are encouraged to prepare a joint proposed schedule addressing the matters specified in R315-12-5.7. If the parties cannot agree on a joint proposed schedule, the Presiding Officer(s) may consider proposals by any party.

5.7 PRESIDING OFFICER(S) SHALL ESTABLISH SCHEDULES

The Presiding Officer(s) shall establish schedules for discovery and other pre-hearing proceedings, for the hearing, and for any post-hearing proceedings.

5.8 EXTENSIONS OF TIME

Except as otherwise provided by statute, the Presiding Officer(s) may approve extensions of time limits established by this rule, and may extend time limits adopted in schedules established under R315-12-5.7. The Presiding Officer(s) may also postpone hearings. The Chair of the Board may act as Presiding Officer for purposes of this paragraph.

5.9 COMPUTATION OF TIME

Time shall be computed as provided in Rule 6(a) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. No additional time shall be allowed for service by mail.

5.10 MOTIONS

All motions shall be filed a minimum of ten days before a scheduled hearing, unless otherwise allowed or required by the Presiding Officer(s). A memorandum in opposition to a motion may be filed within eight days of the filing of the motion, or at least one day before any scheduled hearing, whichever is earlier. Memoranda in support of or in opposition to motions may not exceed 15 pages unless otherwise provided by the Presiding Officer.

5.11 FILING AND COPIES OF SUBMISSIONS

The original of any motion, brief, request for intervention, or other submission shall be filed with the Executive Secretary. In addition, the submitter shall provide a copy to each Presiding Officer and, through counsel of record if applicable, to each party.

R315-12-6. Hearings.

6.1 CONDUCT OF HEARING

The Presiding Officer(s) shall govern the conduct of a hearing, and may establish reasonable limits on the length of witness testimony and cross-examination, and on the length of

argument.

6.2 ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer(s), the Petitioner shall present its case first, followed by the Executive Secretary, unless the Executive Secretary is the petitioner, and any other Parties. Rebuttal, if any, shall follow the same order.

R315-12-7. Orders.

7.1 PROPOSED ORDERS BY PARTIES

Unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer(s), each party may provide proposed orders for the Presiding Officer(s) within three days of the conclusion of the hearing.

7.2 DRAFT ORDERS OF APPOINTED PRESIDING OFFICERS

(a) A Presiding Officer or Presiding Officers appointed for the purpose of conducting all aspects of an adjudicative proceeding, except issuance of the final order, shall prepare a draft order. A copy of the draft order shall be provided to all Parties.

(b) Any Party may, within 10 days of the date the draft order is mailed, delivered, or published, comment on the draft order. Such comments shall be limited to 15 pages, and shall cite to specific parts of the record which support the comments.

(c) The Board shall review the draft order, comments on the draft order, and those specific parts of the record cited by the Parties in any comments. The Board shall then determine whether to accept or modify the draft order, to remand the matter to an appointed Presiding Officer or Presiding Officers for further proceedings, or to act as Presiding Officers for further proceedings.

(d) The Board may modify this procedure with notice to all Parties.

7.3 CONTENT OF ORDERS

An order shall include the information required by Sections 63G-4-208 or 63G-4-203(1)(i) of UAPA.

R315-12-8. Stays of Orders.

8.1 STAY OF THE ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(a) A Party seeking a Stay of the Order of the Executive Secretary shall file a motion with the Presiding Officer(s). A Stay, if granted, would suspend the effect of the challenged Order.

(b) The Presiding Officer(s) may order a stay of the Executive Secretary's Order if the Party seeking the Stay demonstrates that:

(1) The Party seeking the Stay will suffer irreparable harm unless the stay issues;

(2) The threatened injury to the Party seeking the Stay outweighs whatever damage the proposed stay is likely to cause the Party restrained or enjoined;

(3) The Stay, if issued, would not be adverse to the public interest; and

(4) There is substantial likelihood that the Party seeking the Stay will prevail on the merits of the underlying claim, or the case presents serious issues on the merits which should be the subject of further evaluation by the Presiding Officer(s).

8.2 STAY OF THE ORDER OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER(S)

The Board as Presiding Officer may grant a stay of its order (or the Order of its appointed Presiding Officer) during the pendency of judicial review if the standards of 8.1(b) are met.

R315-12-9. Reconsideration.

No agency review under Section 63G-4-301 of UAPA is available. A Party may request reconsideration of an order of the Presiding Officer(s) as provided in Section 63G-4-302 of UAPA.

R315-12-10. Disqualification of Presiding Officer(s).**10.1 DISQUALIFICATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

A member of the Board or other Presiding Officer shall disqualify him/herself from performing the functions of the Presiding Officer regarding any matter in which:

(a) He/she, or his/her spouse, or a person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person:

(1) Is a party to the proceeding, or an officer, director, or trustee of a Party;

(2) Has acted as an attorney in the proceeding or served as an attorney for, or otherwise represented a Party concerning the matter in controversy;

(3) Knows that he/she has a financial interest, either individually or as a fiduciary, in the subject matter in controversy or in a Party to the proceeding;

(4) Knows that he/she has any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding; or

(5) Is likely to be a material witness in the proceeding.

(b) The Presiding Officer is subject to disqualification under principles of due process and administrative law.

10.2 MOTIONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

A motion for disqualification shall be made first to the Presiding Officer or Presiding Officers. If the Presiding Officer is or Presiding Officers are appointed, any determination of the Presiding Officer or Presiding Officers upon a motion for disqualification may be appealed to the Board.

R315-12-11. Other Forms of Address.

Nothing in these rules shall prevent any person from requesting an opportunity to address the Board as a member of the public, rather than as a party. An opportunity to address the Board shall be granted at the discretion of the Board. However, addressing the Board in this manner does not constitute a request for agency action under R315-12-3.

R315-12-12. Requests for Records.

Requests for records under the Utah Government Record Access and Management Act, Title 63G, Chapter 2, Utah Code Ann., are not governed by R315. See R305-1, U.A.C.

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R317. Environmental Quality, Water Quality.
R317-7. Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program.
R317-7-0. Effective Date and Applicability of Rules.

The effective date of these rules is January 19, 1983 (40 C.F.R. 147.2250). Class II wells are administered by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, whose primacy became effective October 8, 1982 (40 C.F.R. 147.2251).

R317-7-1. Incorporation By Reference.

1.1 Underground Injection Control Program - 40 C.F.R. 144.7, 144.13(d), 144.14, 144.16, 144.23(c), 144.32, 144.34, 144.36, 144.38, 144.39, 144.40, 144.41, 144.51(a)-(o) and (q), 144.52, 144.53, 144.54, 144.55, 144.60, 144.61, 144.62, 144.63, 144.64, 144.65, 144.66, 144.70, and 144.87, July 1, 2003 ed., are adopted and incorporated by reference with the following exceptions:

A. "Director" is hereby replaced with "Executive Secretary".

B. "one quarter mile" is hereby replaced with "two miles".

1.2 Underground Injection Control Program - Criteria and Standards - 40 C.F.R. 146.4, 146.6, 146.7, 146.8, 146.12, 146.13(d), 146.14, 146.32, 146.34, 146.61, 146.62, 146.63, 146.64, 146.65, 146.66, 146.67, 146.68, 146.69, 146.70, 146.71, 146.72, and 146.73, July 1, 2003 ed., are adopted and incorporated by reference with the following exceptions:

A. "Director" is hereby replaced with "Executive Secretary";

B. "one quarter (1/4) mile" and "one-fourth (1/4) mile" are each hereby replaced with "two miles".

1.3 Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions - 40 C.F.R. Part 148, July 1, 2003 ed., is adopted and incorporated by reference with the exception that "Director" is hereby replaced with "Executive Secretary".

1.4 Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste - 40 C.F.R. Part 261, July 1, 2003 ed., is adopted and incorporated by reference.

1.5 National Primary Drinking Water Regulations - 40 C.F.R. Part 141, July 1, 2003 ed., is adopted and incorporated by reference.

1.6 Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants - 40 C.F.R. Part 136 Table 1B, July 1, 2003 ed., is adopted and incorporated by reference.

1.7 Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Standards for Protection Against Radiation - 10 C.F.R. Part 20 Appendix B, Table 2 Column 2, January 1, 2003 ed., is adopted and incorporated by reference.

1.8 Procedures for Decision Making - 40 C.F.R. 124.3(a); 124.5(a), (c), (d) and (f); 124.6(a), (c), (d) and (e); 124.8; 124.10(a)(1)ii, iii, and (a)(1)(V); 124.10(b), (c), (d), and (e); 124.11; 124.12(a); and 124.17(a) and (c), July 1, 2003 ed., are adopted and incorporated by reference with the exception that "Director" is hereby replaced by "Executive Secretary".

R317-7-2. Definitions.

2.1 "Abandoned Well" means a well whose use has been permanently discontinued or which is in a state of disrepair such that it cannot be used for its intended purpose or for observation purposes.

2.2 "Application" means standard forms for applying for a permit, including any additions, revisions or modifications.

2.3 "Aquifer" means a geologic formation or any part thereof that is capable of yielding significant water to a well or spring.

2.4 "Area of Review" means the zone of endangering influence or fixed area radius determined in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. 146.6.

2.5 "Background Data" means the constituents or parameters and the concentrations or measurements which describe water quality and water quality variability prior to

surface or subsurface discharge.

2.6 "Barrel" means 42 (U.S.) gallons at 60 degrees F and atmospheric pressure.

2.7 "Casing" means a pipe or tubing of appropriate material, of varying diameter and weight, lowered into a borehole during or after drilling in order to support the sides of the hole and thus prevent the walls from caving, to prevent loss of drilling mud into porous ground, or to prevent water, gas, or other fluid from entering or leaving the hole.

2.8 "Casing Pressure" means the pressure within the casing or between the casing and tubing at the wellhead.

2.9 "Catastrophic Collapse" means the sudden and utter failure of overlying "strata" caused by removal of underlying materials.

2.10 "Cementing" means the operation whereby a cement slurry is pumped into a drilled hole and/or forced behind the casing.

2.11 "Cesspool" means a "drywell" that receives untreated sanitary waste containing human excreta, and which sometimes has an open bottom and/or perforated sides.

2.12 "Confining Bed" means a body of impermeable or distinctly less permeable material stratigraphically adjacent to one or more aquifers.

2.13 "Confining Zone" means a geological formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that is capable of limiting fluid movement above an injection zone.

2.14 "Contaminant" means any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

2.15 "Conventional Mine" means an open pit or underground excavation for the production of minerals.

2.16 "Disposal Well" means a well used for the disposal of fluids into a subsurface stratum.

2.17 "Drilling Mud" means mud of not less than 36 viscosity (A.P.I. Full Funnel Method) and a weight of not less than nine pounds per gallon.

2.18 "Drywell" means a well, other than an improved sinkhole or subsurface fluid distribution system, completed above the water table so that its bottom and sides are typically dry except when receiving fluids.

2.19 "Exempted Aquifer" means an aquifer or its portion that meets the criteria in the definition of "underground source of drinking water" but which has been exempted according to the procedures of 40 C.F.R. 144.7.

2.20 "Existing Injection Well" means an "injection well" other than a "new injection well."

2.21 "Experimental Technology" means a technology which has not been proven feasible under the conditions in which it is being tested.

2.22 "Fault" means a surface or zone of rock fracture along which there has been a displacement.

2.23 "Flow Rate" means the volume per time unit given to the flow of gases or other fluid substance which emerges from an orifice, pump, turbine or passes along a conduit or channel.

2.24 "Fluid" means material or substance which flows or moves whether in a semisolid, liquid, sludge, gas, or any other form or state.

2.25 "Formation" means a body of rock characterized by a degree of lithologic homogeneity which is prevailing, but not necessarily, tabular and is mappable on the earth's surface or traceable in the subsurface.

2.26 "Formation Fluid" means "fluid" present in a "formation" under natural conditions as opposed to introduced fluids, such as drilling mud.

2.27 "Generator" means any person, by site location, whose act or process produces hazardous waste identified or listed in 40 C.F.R. Part 261.

2.28 "Groundwater" means water below the ground surface in a zone of saturation.

2.29 "Ground water protection area" refers to the drinking

water source protection zones for ground water sources delineated by the Utah Division of Drinking Water according to Utah Administrative Code R309-600 - Drinking Water Source Protection For Ground-Water Sources.

2.30 "Hazardous Waste" means a hazardous waste as defined in R315-2-3.

2.31 "Hazardous Waste Management Facility" means all contiguous land, structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste. A facility may consist of several treatment, storage, or disposal operational units (for example, one or more landfills, surface impoundments, or combination of them).

2.32 "Improved sinkhole" means a naturally occurring karst depression or other natural crevice found in volcanic terrain and other geologic settings which have been modified by man for the purpose of directing and emplacing fluids into the subsurface.

2.33 "Injection Well" means a well into which fluids are being injected for subsurface emplacement of the fluids.

2.34 "Injection Zone" means a geological "formation," group of formations, or part of a formation receiving fluids through a well.

2.35 "Large underground domestic wastewater disposal system" means a large underground domestic wastewater disposal system (as defined in R317-1-1.16) for emplacing treated domestic wastewater into the subsurface and which is designed for a capacity of greater than 5,000 gallons per day

2.36 "Lithology" means the description of rocks on the basis of their physical and chemical characteristics.

2.37 "Monitoring Well" means a well used to measure groundwater levels and to obtain water samples for water quality analysis.

2.38 "New Injection Well" means an injection well which began injection after January 19, 1983.

2.39 "Packer" means a device lowered into a well to produce a fluid-tight seal within the casing.

2.40 "Plugging" means the act or process of stopping the flow of water, oil, or gas into or out of a formation through a borehole or well penetrating that formation.

2.41 "Plugging Record" means a systematic listing of permanent or temporary abandonment of water, oil, gas, test, exploration and waste injection wells, and may contain a well log, description of amounts and types of plugging material used, the method employed for plugging, a description of formations which are sealed and a graphic log of the well showing formation location, formation thickness, and location of plugging structures.

2.42 "Point of injection" means the last accessible sampling point prior to waste fluids being released into the subsurface environment through a Class V injection well. For example, the point of injection of a Class V septic system might be the distribution box - the last accessible sampling point before the waste fluids drain into the underlying soils. For a dry well, it is likely to be the well bore itself.

2.43 "Pressure" means the total load or force per unit area acting on a surface.

2.44 "Project" means a group of wells in a single operation.

2.45 "Professional Engineer" means any person qualified to practice engineering before the public in the state of Utah and professionally registered as required under the Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act Rules (UAC R156-22).

2.46 "Professional Geologist" means any person qualified to practice geology before the public in the state of Utah and professionally registered as required under the Professional Geologist Licensing Act Rules (UAC R156-76).

2.47 "Radioactive Waste" means any waste which contains radioactive material in concentrations which exceed those listed

in 10 C.F.R. Part 20, Appendix B, Table II Column 2.

2.48 "Sanitary waste" means liquid or solid wastes originating solely from humans and human activities, such as wastes collected from toilets, showers, wash basins, sinks used for cleaning domestic areas, sinks used for food preparation, clothes washing operations, and sinks or washing machines where food and beverage serving dishes, glasses, and utensils are cleaned. Sources of these wastes may include single or multiple residences, hotels and motels, restaurants, bunkhouses, schools, ranger stations, crew quarters, guard stations, campgrounds, picnic grounds, day-use recreation areas, other commercial facilities, and industrial facilities provided the waste is not mixed with industrial waste.

2.49 "Septic system" means a "well" that is used to emplace sanitary waste below the surface and is typically comprised of a septic tank and subsurface fluid distribution system or disposal system.

2.50 "Stratum" (plural strata) means a single sedimentary bed or layer, regardless of thickness, that consists of generally the same kind of rock material.

2.51 "Subsidence" means the lowering of the natural land surface in response to earth movements; lowering of fluid pressure; removal of underlying supporting material by mining or solution of solids, either artificially or from natural causes; compaction due to wetting (Hydrocompaction); oxidation of organic matter in soils; or added load on the land surface.

2.52 "Subsurface fluid distribution system" means an assemblage of perforated pipes, drain tiles, or other similar mechanisms intended to distribute fluids below the surface of the ground.

2.53 "Surface Casing" means the first string of well casing to be installed in the well.

2.54 "Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)" means the total residue (filterable) as determined by use of the method specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 Table 1B.

2.55 "Transferee" means the owner or operator receiving ownership and/or operational control of the well.

2.56 "Transferor" means the owner or operator transferring ownership and/or operational control of the well.

2.57 "Underground Injection" means a "well injection".

2.58 "Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDW)" means an aquifer or its portion which:

A. Supplies any public water system, or which contains a sufficient quantity of ground water to supply a public water system; and

1. currently supplies drinking water for human consumption; or

2. contains fewer than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids (TDS); and

B. is not an exempted aquifer. (See Section 7-4).

2.59 "Well" means a bored, drilled or driven shaft whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension; or a dug hole whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension; or an improved sinkhole; or a subsurface fluid distribution system.

2.60 "Well Injection" means the subsurface emplacement of fluids through a well.

2.61 "Well Monitoring" means the measurement, by on-site instruments or laboratory methods, of the quality of water in a well.

2.62 "Well Plug" means a watertight and gas-tight seal installed in a borehole or well to prevent movement of fluids.

2.63 "Well Stimulation" means several processes used to clean the well bore, enlarge channels, and increase pore space in the interval to be injected thus making it possible for wastewater to move more readily into the formation, and includes:

(1) surging;

(2) jetting;

(3) blasting;

- (4) acidizing; and
- (5) hydraulic fracturing.

R317-7-3. Classification of Injection Wells.

Injection wells are classified as follows:

3.1 Class I

A. **Hazardous Waste Injection Wells:** wells used by generators of hazardous wastes or owners or operators of hazardous waste management facilities to inject hazardous waste beneath the lowermost formation containing, within two miles of the well bore, an underground source of drinking water;

B. **Nonhazardous Injection Wells:** other industrial and municipal waste disposal wells which inject nonhazardous fluids beneath the lowermost formation containing, within two miles of the well bore, an underground source of drinking water; this category includes disposal wells operated in conjunction with uranium mining activities.

C. **Radioactive waste disposal wells** which inject fluids below the lowermost formation containing an underground source of drinking water within two miles of the well bore.

3.2 Class II. Wells which inject fluids:

A. which are brought to the surface in connection with conventional oil or natural gas production and may be commingled with wastewaters from gas plants which are an integral part of production operations, unless those waters are classified as a hazardous waste at the time of injection;

B. for enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas; and

C. for storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and pressure.

Class II injection wells are regulated by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining under Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules, R649-5.

3.3 Class III. Wells which inject for extraction of minerals, including:

A. mining of sulfur by the Frasch process;

B. in situ production of uranium or other metals. This category includes only in situ production from ore bodies which have not been conventionally mined. Solution mining of conventional mines such as stopes leaching is included in Class V; and

C. solution mining of salts or potash.

3.4 Class IV

A. Wells used by generators of hazardous wastes or of radioactive wastes, by owners or operators of hazardous waste management facilities, or by owners or operators of radioactive waste disposal sites to dispose of hazardous wastes or radioactive wastes into a formation which, within two miles of the well, contains an underground source of drinking water;

B. wells used by generators of hazardous wastes or of radioactive wastes, by owners or operators of hazardous waste management facilities, or by owners or operators of radioactive waste disposal sites to dispose of hazardous wastes or radioactive wastes above a formation which, within two miles of the well, contains an underground source of drinking water;

C. wells used by generators of hazardous wastes or by owners or operators of hazardous waste management facilities, to dispose of hazardous wastes which cannot be classified under Section 7-3.1(A) or 7-3.4(A) and (B) of these rules (e.g. wells used to dispose of hazardous wastes into or above a formation which contains an aquifer which has been exempted).

3.5 Class V. Injection wells not included in Classes I, II, III, or IV. Class V wells include:

A. air conditioning return flow wells used to return to the supply aquifer the water used for heating or cooling in a heat pump;

B. large capacity cesspools, including multiple dwelling, community or regional cesspools, or other devices that receive untreated sanitary wastes, containing human excreta, which have an open bottom and sometimes have perforated sides. The UIC

requirements do not apply to single family residential cesspools nor to non-residential cesspools which receive solely sanitary wastes and have a design flow rate of less than or equal to 5,000 gallons per day;

C. cooling water return flow wells used to inject water previously used for cooling;

D. drainage wells used to drain surface fluid, primarily storm runoff, into a subsurface formation;

E. dry wells used for the injection of wastes into a subsurface formation;

F. recharge wells used to replenish the water in an aquifer;

G. salt water intrusion barrier wells used to inject water into a fresh water aquifer to prevent the intrusion of salt water into the fresh water;

H. sand backfill and other backfill wells used to inject a mixture of water and sand, mill tailings or other solids into mined out portions of subsurface mines, whether what is injected is radioactive waste or not;

I. large underground domestic wastewater disposal systems (as defined in R317-1-1.16) used to inject effluent from a domestic wastewater treatment system associated with a multiple family dwelling, business establishment, community, or regional business establishment. The UIC requirements do not apply to single family residential onsite wastewater systems (as defined in R317-1-1.13), nor to non-residential onsite wastewater systems which are used solely for the disposal of treated domestic waste and have a design flow rate of less than or equal to 5,000 gallons per day. Any subsurface fluid distribution system or other type of injection well designed for any flow rate and used to dispose of industrial wastewater is not an underground wastewater disposal system as defined by R317-1-1.32.

J. subsidence control wells (not used for the purpose of oil or natural gas production) used to inject fluids into a non-oil or gas producing zone to reduce or eliminate subsidence associated with the overdraft of fresh water;

K. stopes leaching, geothermal and experimental wells;

L. brine disposal wells for halogen recovery processes;

M. injection wells associated with the recovery of geothermal energy for heating, aquaculture and production of electric power; and

N. injection wells used for in situ recovery of lignite, coal, tar sands, and oil shale.

O. motor vehicle waste disposal wells that receive or have received fluids from vehicular repair or maintenance activities, such as an auto body repair shop, automotive repair shop, new and used car dealership, specialty repair shop (e.g., transmission and muffler repair shop), or any facility that does any vehicular repair work. Fluids disposed in these wells may contain organic and inorganic chemicals in concentrations that exceed the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) established by the primary drinking water regulations (see 40 CFR Part 141 and Utah Primary Drinking Water Standards R309-200-5). These fluids also may include waste petroleum products and may contain contaminants, such as heavy metals and volatile organic compounds, which pose risks to human health.

R317-7-4. Identification of USDW'S and Exempted Aquifers.

The Executive Secretary shall identify USDW's and exempt aquifers following the procedures and based on the requirements outlined in 40 C.F.R. 144.7 and 40 C.F.R. 146.4.

R317-7-5. Prohibition of Unauthorized Injection.

5.1 Any underground injection is prohibited except as authorized by permit or as allowed under these rules.

5.2 No authorization by permit or by these rules for underground injection shall be construed to authorize or permit any underground injection which endangers a drinking water

source.

5.3 Underground injections are prohibited which would allow movement of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation (40 C.F.R. Part 141 and Utah Primary Drinking Water Standards R309-200-5), or which may adversely affect the health of persons. Underground injections shall not be authorized if they may cause a violation of any ground water quality rules that may be promulgated by the Utah Water Quality Board. Any applicant for a permit shall have the burden of showing that the requirements of this paragraph are met.

5.4 For Class I and III wells, if any monitoring indicates the movement of injection or formation fluids into underground sources of drinking water, the Executive Secretary shall prescribe such additional requirements for construction, corrective action, operation, monitoring, or reporting, including closure of the injection well, as are necessary to prevent such movement. In the case of wells authorized by permit, these additional requirements shall be imposed by modifying the permit or the permit may be terminated, or appropriate enforcement action may be taken if the permit has been violated.

5.5 For Class V wells, if at any time the Executive Secretary determines that a Class V well may cause a violation of primary drinking water rules under R309-200, the Executive Secretary shall:

- A. require the injector to obtain an individual permit;
- B. order the injector to take such actions, including closure of the injection well, as may be necessary to prevent the violation; or
- C. take appropriate enforcement action.

5.6 Whenever the Executive Secretary determines that a Class V well may be otherwise adversely affecting the health of persons, the Executive Secretary may require such actions as may be necessary to prevent the adverse effect.

5.7 Class IV Wells

A. Prohibitions. The construction, operation or maintenance of any Class IV well is prohibited except as specified in 40 C.F.R. 144.13 (c) and 144.23(c) as limited by the definition of Class IV wells in Section 7-3.4 of these rules.

B. Plugging and abandonment requirements. Prior to abandoning a Class IV well, the owner or operator shall close the well in a manner acceptable to the Executive Secretary. At least 30 days prior to abandoning a Class IV well, the owner or operator shall notify the Executive Secretary of the intent to abandon the well.

5.8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Executive Secretary may take emergency action upon receipt of information that a contaminant which is present in, or is likely to enter a public water system, may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of persons.

5.9 Records. The Executive Secretary may require, by written notice on a selective well-by-well basis, an owner or operator of an injection well to establish and maintain records, make reports, conduct monitoring, and provide other information as is deemed necessary to determine whether the owner or operator has acted or is acting in compliance with these rules.

R317-7-6. Permit and Compliance Requirements - New and Existing Wells.

6.1 The owner or operator of any new injection well is required to obtain a permit from the Executive Secretary prior to construction unless excepted by R317-7-6.3. Compliance with construction plans and standards is required prior to commencing injection operations. Changes in construction plans require approval of the Executive Secretary.

6.2 Owners or operators of existing underground injection wells are required to obtain a permit from the Executive

Secretary unless specifically excepted by Section 7-6.3 of these rules.

6.3

A. Existing and new Class V injection wells are authorized by rule, subject to the conditions in Section 7-6.5 of these rules.

B. Well authorization under this Section 7-6.3 expires upon the effective date of a permit issued in accordance with these rules or upon proper closure of the well.

C. An owner or operator of a well which is authorized by rule under this Section 7-6.3 is prohibited from injecting into the well:

1. Upon the effective date of a permit denial.
2. Upon failure to submit a permit application in a timely manner if requested by the Executive Secretary under Section 7-6.4 of these rules.
3. Upon failure to submit inventory information in a timely manner in accordance with Section 7-6.4(C) of these rules.

6.4

A. The Executive Secretary may require any owner or operator of a Class I, III or V well authorized under Section 7-6.3 to apply for and obtain an individual or area permit. Cases where permits may be required include:

1. The injection well is not in compliance with the applicable rules.
2. The injection well is not or no longer is within the category of wells and types of well operations authorized by Section 7-6.3.
3. Protection of an USDW.

B. Any owner or operator authorized under Section 7-6.3 may request a permit and hence be excluded from coverage under Section 7-6.3.

C. Owners or operators of all injection wells regulated by Section 7-6.3 shall submit the following inventory information to the Executive Secretary:

1. facility name and location;
2. name and address of legal contact;
3. ownership of facility;
4. nature and type of injection wells; and
5. operating status of injection wells.

Inventory information shall be submitted no later than January 19, 1984 for existing injection wells and before injection begins for new injection wells.

6.5 Additional requirements for large-capacity cesspools and motor vehicle waste disposal wells (see Class V well descriptions in Sections 7-3.5(B) and 7-3.5(O), respectively).

A. All existing large-capacity cesspools (operational or under construction by April 5, 2000) must close by April 5, 2005. See closure requirements in Section 7-6.6.

B. All new or converted large-capacity cesspools (construction not started before April 5, 2000) are prohibited.

C. All existing motor vehicle waste disposal wells (operational or under construction by April 5, 2000) must either be closed or their owners or operators must obtain a UIC permit.

1. For those wells located within a ground water protection area as designated by the Utah Division of Drinking Water (DDW), closure or permit application submittal must take place within one year of completion of DDW's ground water protection area assessment for the pertinent area.

2. All motor vehicle waste disposal wells statewide located outside a ground water protection area must either be closed or their owners or operators must submit a UIC permit application by January 1, 2007.

3. If well closure is the option chosen, the closure requirements in Section 7-6.6 must be followed. The closure deadline may be extended by the Executive Secretary for up to one year under certain conditions, such as intent to connect to a sanitary sewer.

4. If obtaining a UIC permit is the option chosen, Utah Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's), Utah

Ground Water Quality Standards, and EPA Adult Lifetime Health Advisories must be met at the point of injection while the permit application is under review. These standards must also be met at the point of injection under the terms of the permit, when issued. Utah Ground Water Protection Levels may be required to be met at downgradient ground water monitoring wells, if required to be installed. Such a permit may require pretreatment of the wastewater, and will require adherence to best management practices and monitoring of the quality of the injectate and any sludge generated.

D. All new or converted motor vehicle waste disposal wells (construction not started before April 5, 2000) are prohibited.

6.6 Class V well plugging and abandonment requirements.

A. Prior to abandoning a Class V well, the owner or operator shall close the well in a manner that prevents the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into an underground source of drinking water, if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under 40 CFR Part 141 or Utah Primary Drinking Water Standards R309-200-5, or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons.

B. The owner or operator shall dispose of or otherwise manage any soil, gravel, sludge, liquids, or other materials removed from or adjacent to the well in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations and requirements.

C. The owner or operator must notify the Executive Secretary of intent to close the well at least 30 days prior to closure.

6.7 Conversion of motor vehicle waste disposal wells. In limited cases, the Executive Secretary may authorize the conversion (reclassification) of a motor vehicle waste disposal well to another type of Class V well. Motor vehicle wells may only be converted if: all motor vehicle fluids are segregated by physical barriers and are not allowed to enter the well; and, injection of motor vehicle waste is unlikely based on a facility's compliance history and records showing proper waste disposal. The use of a semi-permanent plug as the means to segregate waste is not sufficient to convert a motor vehicle waste disposal well to another type of Class V well.

6.8 Time for Application for Permit. Any person who performs or proposes an underground injection for which a permit is or will be required shall submit a complete application to the Executive Secretary in accordance with Section 7-9 a reasonable time before construction is expected to begin, except for new wells covered by an existing area permit.

6.9 All applications for a Utah UIC permit, including any required Technical Report that addresses the technical requirements of R317-7-10 or R317-7-11, any technical information necessary for the adequate evaluation of any permit application, or any permit renewal applications and Technical Reports that are significantly different from the original permit application, must be prepared by or under the direction, and bear the seal, of a professional geologist or professional engineer.

R317-7-7. Area Permits.

A. The Executive Secretary may issue a permit on an area basis, rather than for each well individually, provided that the permit is for injection wells:

1. described and identified by location in permit application, if they are existing wells, except that the Executive Secretary may accept a single description of wells with substantially the same characteristics;
2. within the same well field, facility site, reservoir, project, or similar unit in the State;
3. operated by a single owner or operator; and
4. used to inject other than hazardous waste.

B. Area permits shall specify:

1. the area within which underground injections are authorized; and

2. the requirements for construction, monitoring, reporting, operation, and abandonment, for all wells authorized by the permit.

C. The area permit may authorize the permittee to construct and operate, convert, or plug and abandon injection wells within the permit area provided that:

1. the permittee notifies the Executive Secretary at such time as the permit requires, when and where the new well has been or will be located;

2. the additional well meets the area permit criteria; and

3. the cumulative effects of drilling and operation of additional injection wells are considered by the Executive Secretary during evaluation of the area permit application and are acceptable to the Executive Secretary.

D. If the Executive Secretary determines that any additional well does not meet the area permit requirements, the Executive Secretary may modify or terminate the permit or take appropriate enforcement action.

E. If the Executive Secretary determines the cumulative effects are unacceptable, the permit may be modified.

F. The requirements of R317-7-6.9 apply to area permits.

R317-7-8. Emergency Permits.

A. Notwithstanding any provision in this Part 7, the Executive Secretary is authorized to issue emergency permits for specific underground injections provided the conditions and requirements of 40 C.F.R. 144.34 are met.

B. The requirements of R317-7-6.9 apply to emergency permits.

R317-7-9. Permitting Procedures and Conditions.

9.1 Application for a Permit

A. Any person who is required to have a permit shall complete, sign and submit an application to the Executive Secretary.

B. When the owner and operator are different, it is the operator's duty to obtain a permit.

C. The application must be complete before the permit is issued.

D. All applicants shall provide the following information:

1. activities conducted by the applicant which require a permit;

2. name, mailing address and location of facility;

3. up to four Standard Industrial Code (SIC) codes which best reflect the principal products or services provided;

4. operator's name, address, telephone number, ownership status, and status as Federal, State, private, public or other entity;

5. whether the facility is located on Indian lands;

6. list of State and Federal environmental permits or construction approvals received or applied for and other relevant environmental permits;

7. topographic map (or other map if the topographic map is unavailable) extending one mile beyond the property boundary; depicting the facility and its intake and discharge structures, any hazardous waste, treatment, storage and disposal facilities; each injection well; and wells, springs, surface water bodies, and drinking water wells listed in public records or otherwise known;

8. a brief description of the nature of the business;

9. a map showing the injection well for which a permit is sought and the applicable area of review. Within the area of review, the map must show a number, or name, and location of all producing wells, injection wells, abandoned wells, dry holes, surface bodies of water, springs, mines, (surface and subsurface), quarries, water wells and other pertinent surface features including residences and roads. The map should also

show faults, if known or suspected. Only information of public record is required to be included on this map;

10. a tabulation of data on all wells within the area of review which penetrates into the proposed injection zone. Such data shall include a description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, depth, record of plugging and/or completion, any available water quality data, and any additional information the Executive Secretary may require;

11. maps and cross sections indicating the vertical limits of all underground sources of drinking water within the area of review, their position relative to the injection formation and the direction of water movement, where known, in each underground source of drinking water which may be affected by the proposed injection;

12. maps and cross sections detailing the geologic structure and lithology of the local area;

13. generalized maps and cross sections illustrating the regional geologic and hydrologic setting;

14. proposed operating data:

(a) average and maximum daily rate and volume of the fluid to be injected;

(b) average and maximum injection pressure; and

(c) source and an appropriate analysis of the chemical, physical, radiological and biological characteristics of injection fluids;

15. proposed formation testing program to obtain an analysis of the chemical, physical and radiological characteristics of and other information on the receiving formation;

16. proposed stimulation program;

17. proposed injection procedure;

18. schematic or other appropriate drawings of the surface and subsurface construction details of the system;

19. contingency plans to cope with all shut-ins or well failures to prevent migration of fluids into any underground source of drinking water;

20. plans (including maps) for meeting the monitoring requirements;

21. for wells within the area of review which penetrate the injection zone but are not properly completed or plugged, the corrective action proposed to be taken;

22. construction procedures, as follows:

(a) For Class I Nonhazardous Wells: a cementing and casing program, logging procedures, deviation checks, and a drilling, testing, and coring program, which comply with Section 7-10.1(A) or 40 C.F.R. 146.12;

(b) For Class I Hazardous Waste Wells: cementing and casing program, well materials specifications and their life expectancy, logging procedures, deviation checks, and a drilling, testing and coring program, which comply with 40 C.F.R. 146.65 and 146.66;

(c) For Class III wells: cementing and casing program, logging procedures, deviation checks, and a drilling, testing, and coring program, which comply with section 7-10.1(B) or 40 C.F.R. 146.32.

23. A plan for plugging and abandoning the well, as follows:

(a) Class I Nonhazardous Well plans shall include information required by 40 C.F.R. 146.14(c) and Section 7-10.5 of these rules;

(b) Class I Hazardous Waste Well plans shall include information required by 40 C.F.R. 146.71(a)(4) and 146.72(a);

(c) Class III well plans shall include information required by 40 C.F.R. 146.34(c) and Section 7-10.5 of these rules.

24. A certificate that the applicant has assured, through a performance bond or other appropriate means, the resources necessary to close, plug or abandon the well. Class I Hazardous Waste wells shall also demonstrate financial responsibility pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 144.60 through 144.70;

25. such other information as may be required by the Executive Secretary.

9.2 Applicants shall keep records of all data used to complete permit applications and supplemental information for at least three years from the date of permit approval.

9.3 Permit applications and reports required under these regulations shall be signed in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Section 144.32.

9.4 Permit Provisions, Conditions and Schedules of Compliance.

Any permit issued by the Executive Secretary is subject to the conditions and requirements and shall be issued in accordance with the procedures outlined in 40 C.F.R. 144.51 (a)-(o) and (q), 144.52, 144.53, 144.54, 144.55 and 146.7, and 40 C.F.R. 124.3(a), 124.5(a),(c),(d) and (f), 124.6(a),(c),(d) and (e), 124.8, 124.10(a)(1)ii, and iii, (a)(1)(v), 124.10(b),(c),(d) and (e), 124.11, 124.12(a) and 124.17(a) and (c). The permit may specify schedules of compliance which require compliance not later than three years after the effective date of the permit.

9.5 Duration of Permits. Permits for Class I and Class V wells shall be effective for a fixed term not to exceed ten years. Permits for Class III wells shall be issued for a period up to the operating life of the facility. Each issued Class III well permit shall be reviewed by the Executive Secretary at least once every five years to determine whether it should be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated. The Executive Secretary may issue any permit for a duration that is less than the full allowable term under this section.

9.6 Transfer, Modification, and Termination. Permits may be transferred, modified, revoked, reissued, or terminated by the Executive Secretary under the conditions and following the procedures outlined in 40 C.F.R. 144.36, 144.38, 144.39, 144.40, and 144.41.

9.7 Confidentiality of Information. The following information when submitted as required by these rules cannot be claimed confidential:

A. name and address of permit applicant or permittee; and

B. information which deals with the existence, absence or level of contaminants in drinking water.

9.8 Waivers of Requirements

A. The Executive Secretary may waive the requirements of these rules only under the conditions and circumstances outlined in 40 C.F.R. Section 144.16.

B. The "two mile" distance provisions in Sections 7-3.1(B), 7-3.4, 7-10.1(A)(1), and 7-11 of these rules may be reduced by the Board on a case-by-case basis to less than two miles but in no event to less than 1/4 mile upon a finding by the Board that the distance reduction will not pose a threat to any USDW. The burden shall be on the applicant to demonstrate that hydrogeologic conditions, ground water quality in the area, and other environmental studies and information support the finding.

R317-7-10. Technical Requirements for Class I Nonhazardous and Class III Wells.

10.1 Construction Requirements

A. Class I Nonhazardous Well Construction Requirements

1. All Class I Nonhazardous wells as defined in Section 7-3.1(B) shall be sited so they inject beneath the lowermost formation containing, within two miles of the well bore, an USDW.

2. All Class I Nonhazardous wells shall be cased and cemented to prevent the movement of fluids into or between USDW's. The casing and cement used in the construction of each newly drilled well shall be designed for the life expectancy of the well. In determining and specifying casing and cementing requirements the following factors shall be considered:

a. depth to the injection zone;

- b. injection pressure, external pressure, internal pressure, and axial loading;
- c. hole size;
- d. size and grade of all casing strings (wall thickness, diameter, nominal weight, length, joint specification, and construction material);
- e. corrosiveness of injected fluid, formation fluids, and temperatures;
- f. lithology of injection and confining intervals; and
- g. type or grade of cement.

3. All Class I Nonhazardous injection wells (except for municipal wells injecting noncorrosive wastes) shall inject through tubing with a packer set immediately above the injection zone or tubing with an approved fluid seal. Alternatives may be used with the written approval of the Executive Secretary if they provide a comparable level of protection.

The following factors shall be considered in determining and specifying requirements for tubing, packer or alternatives:

- a. depth of setting;
- b. characteristics of injected fluid;
- c. injection pressure;
- d. annular pressure;
- e. rate, temperature and volume of injected fluid; and
- f. size of casing.

4. Appropriate logs and other tests shall be conducted during the drilling and construction of new wells and a descriptive report interpreting the results of such logs and tests shall be prepared by a qualified log analyst and submitted to the Executive Secretary. At a minimum, such logs and tests shall include:

a. deviation checks on holes constructed by drilling a pilot hole, and then enlarging the pilot hole;

b. Such other logs and tests as may be required by the Executive Secretary. In determining which logs and tests shall be required, the following shall be considered for use in the following situations:

(1) for surface casing intended to protect USDW's:

(a) electric and caliper logs (before casing is installed);

(b) cement bond, temperature or density log (after casing is set and cemented);

(2) for intermediate and long strings of casing intended to facilitate injection:

(a) electric, porosity and gamma ray logs (before casing is installed);

(b) fracture finder logs;

(c) cement bond, temperature or density log (after casing is set and cemented).

5. At a minimum, the following information concerning the injection formation shall be determined or calculated for new wells:

- a. fluid pressure;
- b. temperature;
- c. fracture pressure;
- d. physical and chemical characteristics of the injection matrix; and
- e. physical and chemical characteristics of the formation fluids.

B. Class III Construction Requirements

1. All new Class III wells shall be cased and cemented to prevent the migration of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water. The Executive Secretary may waive the cementing requirement for new wells in existing projects or portions of existing projects where he has substantial evidence that no contamination of underground sources or drinking water would result. The casing and cement used in the construction of each newly drilled well shall be designed for the life expectancy of the well. In determining and specifying casing and cementing requirements, the following factors shall be considered:

- a. depth to the injection zone;
- b. injection pressure, external pressure, internal pressure, and axial loading;
- c. hole size;
- d. size and grade of all casing strings (wall thickness, diameter, nominal weight, length, joint specification, and construction material);
- e. corrosiveness of injected fluids and formation fluids;
- f. lithology of injection and confining zones; and
- g. type and grade of cement.

2. Appropriate logs and other tests shall be conducted during the drilling and construction of new Class III wells. A descriptive report interpreting the results of such logs and tests shall be prepared by a qualified log analyst and submitted to the Executive Secretary. The logs and tests appropriate to each type of Class III well shall be determined based on the intended function, depth, construction and other characteristics of the well, availability of similar data in the area of the drilling site, and the need for additional information that may arise from time to time as the construction of the well progresses. Deviation checks shall be conducted on all holes where pilot holes and reaming are used, unless the hole will be cased and cemented by circulating cement to the surface. Where deviation checks are necessary they shall be conducted at sufficiently frequent intervals to assure that vertical avenues for fluid migration in the form of diverging holes are not created during drilling.

3. Where the injection zone is a formation which is naturally water-bearing the following information concerning the injection zone shall be determined or calculated for new Class III wells or projects:

- a. fluid pressure;
- b. fracture pressure; and
- c. physical and chemical characteristics of the formation fluids.

4. Where the injection zone is not a water bearing formation, only the fracture pressure must be submitted.

5. Where injection is into a formation which contains water with less than 10,000 mg/l TDS, monitoring wells shall be completed into the injection zone and into any USDW above the injection zone.

6. Where injection is into a formation which does not contain water with less than 10,000 mg/l TDS, no monitoring wells are necessary in the injection stratum.

7. Where the injection wells penetrate an USDW in a area subject to subsidence or catastrophic collapse, an adequate number of monitoring wells shall be completed into the USDW.

10.2 Operation Requirements

A. For Class I Nonhazardous and Class III wells it is required that:

1. Except during stimulation, the injection pressure at the wellhead shall not exceed a maximum which shall be calculated to assure that the pressure in the injection zone during injection does not initiate new fractures or propagate existing fractures in the injection zone. In no case shall the injection pressure initiate fractures in the confining zone or cause the movement of injection or formation fluids into an USDW.

2. Injection between the outermost casing protecting USDW's and the well bore is prohibited.

B. For Class I Nonhazardous wells, unless an alternative to tubing and packer has been approved, the annulus between the tubing and the long string of casings shall be filled with a fluid approved by the Executive Secretary and a pressure approved by the Secretary shall be maintained on the annulus.

10.3 Monitoring. The permittee shall identify types of tests and methods used to generate the monitoring data:

A. Class I Nonhazardous well monitoring shall, at a minimum, include:

- 1. the analysis of the injected fluids with sufficient frequency to yield representative data of their characteristics;

2. installation and use of continuous recording devices to monitor injection pressure, flow rate and volume, and the pressure on the annulus between tubing and the long string of casing;

3. a demonstration of mechanical integrity pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 146.8 at least once every five years during the life of the well; and

4. the type, number and location of wells within the area of review to be used to monitor any migration of fluids into and pressure in the USDW, the parameters to be measured and the frequency of monitoring.

5. Ambient monitoring requirements for Class I Nonhazardous wells found in 40 C.F.R. 146.13(d).

B. Class III monitoring shall, at a minimum, include:

1. the analyses of the physical and chemical characteristics of the injected fluid with sufficient frequency to yield representative data on its characteristics;

2. monitoring of injection pressure and either flow rate or volume semi-monthly, or metering and daily recording of injected and produced fluid volumes as appropriate;

3. demonstration of mechanical integrity pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 146.8 at least once every five years during the life of the well for salt solution mining;

4. monitoring of the fluid level in the injection zone semi-monthly, where appropriate and monitoring of the parameters chosen to measure water quality in the monitoring wells required by Section 7-10.2 of these rules, semi-monthly;

5. quarterly monitoring of wells required by Section 7-10.1(B)(7).

6. All Class III wells may be monitored on a field or project basis rather than an individual well basis by manifold monitoring. Manifold monitoring may be used in cases of facilities consisting of more than one injection well, operating with a common manifold. Separate monitoring systems for each well are not required, provided the owner/operator demonstrates that manifold monitoring is comparable to individual well monitoring.

7. In determining the number, location, construction and frequency of monitoring of the monitoring wells, the criteria in 40 C.F.R. 146.32(h) shall be considered.

10.4 Reporting Requirements

A. For Class I Nonhazardous injection wells reporting shall, at a minimum, include:

1. quarterly reports to the Executive Secretary on:

a. the physical, chemical and other relevant characteristics of injection fluids;

b. monthly average, maximum and minimum values for injection pressure, flow rate and volume, and annular pressure; and

c. the results of monitoring of wells in the area of review.

2. Reporting the results, with the first quarterly report after the completion of:

a. periodic tests of mechanical integrity;

b. any other test of the injection well conducted by the permittee if required by the Executive Secretary; and

c. any well work over.

B. For Class III injection wells reporting shall, at a minimum, include:

1. quarterly reporting to the Executive Secretary on required monitoring;

2. results of mechanical integrity and any other periodic test required by the Executive Secretary reported with the first regular quarterly report after the completion of the test; and

3. monitoring may be reported on a project or field basis rather than individual well basis where manifold monitoring is used.

10.5 Plugging and Abandonment Requirements

A. Prior to abandoning Class I Nonhazardous and Class III wells, the well shall be plugged with cement in a manner which

will not allow the movement of fluid either into or between underground sources of drinking water. The Executive Secretary may allow Class III wells to use other plugging materials if he is satisfied that such materials will prevent movement of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water.

B. Placement of the cement plugs shall be accomplished by one of the following:

1. the Balance Method;

2. the Dump Bailer Method;

3. the Two-Plug Method; or

4. an alternative method approved by the Executive Secretary which will reliably provide a comparable level of protection to USDW's.

C. The well to be abandoned shall be in a state of static equilibrium with the mud weight equalized top to bottom, either by circulating the mud in the well at least once, or by a comparable method prescribed by the Executive Secretary, prior to the placement of the cement plug.

D. The plugging and abandonment plan required in Section 7-9 shall, in the case of a Class III well field which underlies or is in an aquifer which has been exempted, also demonstrate adequate protection of USDW's. The Executive Secretary shall prescribe aquifer cleanup and monitoring where he deems it necessary and feasible to insure adequate protection of USDW's.

10.6 Information to be Considered by the Executive Secretary. Requirements for information from well owners or operators and evaluations by the Executive Secretary for the issuance of permits, approval of well operation or well plugging and abandonment of Class I Nonhazardous injection wells are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.14 and Class III injection wells are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.34.

R317-7-11. Technical Requirements for Class I Hazardous Waste Injection Wells.

11.1 Applicability. Statements of applicability and definitions are described in 40 C.F.R. 146.61.

11.2 Minimum Siting Criteria. Minimum siting requirements for Class I hazardous waste wells are described in 40 C.F.R. 146.62.

11.3 Area of Review. The area of review is defined for Class I hazardous waste injection wells in 40 C.F.R. 146.63.

11.4 Corrective Action for Wells in the Area of Review. Corrective action requirements for wells found within the area of review are located in 40 C.F.R. 146.64.

11.5 Construction Requirements. Construction requirements for all Class I hazardous waste injection wells are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.65.

11.6 Logging, Sampling, and Testing Prior to New Well Operation. Pre-operation requirements for logging, sampling, and testing of new wells are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.66.

11.7 Operating Requirements. Operation requirements for Class I hazardous waste injection wells are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.67.

11.8 Testing and Monitoring Requirements. Testing and monitoring requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.68.

11.9 Reporting Requirements. Reporting requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.69.

11.10 Information to be Evaluated by the Executive Secretary. Requirements for information from well owners or operators and evaluations by the Executive Secretary for the issuance of permits, approval of well operation or well plugging and abandonment are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.70.

11.11 Closure. Well closure requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.71.

11.12 Post-closure Care. Post-closure care requirements for Class I hazardous waste injection wells and facilities are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.72.

11.13 Financial Responsibility for Post-closure Care. Financial responsibility requirements for care of a Class I hazardous waste injection well during post-closure are found in 40 C.F.R. 146.73.

11.14 Requirements for Wells Injecting Hazardous Waste. Requirements for injection of waste accompanied by a manifest are found in 40 C.F.R. 144.14.

R317-7-12. Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions.

12.1 Purpose, Scope, and Applicability. Standards are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.1.

12.2 Definitions. Definitions are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.2.

12.3 Dilution Prohibited as a Substitute for Treatment. The prohibition is found in 40 C.F.R. 148.3.

12.4 Procedures for Case-by-case Extensions to an Effective Date. Requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.4.

12.5 Waste Analysis. Requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.5.

12.6 Waste Specific Prohibitions - Solvent Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.10.

12.7 Waste Specific Prohibitions - Dioxin - Containing Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.11.

12.8 Waste Specific Prohibitions - California List Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.12.

12.9 Waste Specific Prohibitions - First Third Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.14.

12.10 Waste Specific Prohibitions - Second Third Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.15.

12.11 Waste Specific Prohibitions - Third Third Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.16.

12.12 Waste Specific Prohibitions - Newly Listed Wastes. Prohibitions and requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.17.

12.13 Petitions to Allow Injection of a Waste Prohibited Under Sections 7.11 and 7.12. Requirements for petitions to allow injection of prohibited wastes are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.20.

12.14 Information to be Submitted in Support of Petitions. Requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.21.

12.15 Requirements for Petition Submission, Review and Approval or Denial. Requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.22.

12.16 Review of Exemptions Granted Pursuant to a Petition. Requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.23.

12.17 Termination of Approved Petition. Petition termination requirements are found in 40 C.F.R. 148.24.

R317-7-13. Public Participation.

In addition to adjudicatory hearings required under the State Administrative Procedures Act 63-46b, et seq. and proceedings otherwise outlined or referenced in these regulations, the Board or its duly appointed representative will investigate and provide written response to all citizen complaints duly submitted. In addition, the Board shall not oppose intervention in any civil or administrative proceeding by any citizen where permissive intervention may be authorized by statute or rule. The Board will publish notice of and provide at least thirty (30) days of public comment on any proposed settlement of any enforcement action.

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R317. Environmental Quality, Water Quality.**R317-11. Certification Required to Design, Inspect and Maintain Underground Wastewater Disposal Systems, or Conduct Percolation and Soil Tests for Underground Wastewater Disposal Systems.****R317-11-1. Scope.**

These certification rules apply to any person who designs, inspects, or maintains underground wastewater disposal systems, or who conducts percolation tests or soil evaluations for underground wastewater disposal systems. Certification is required by any person who performs these activities as provided below.

R317-11-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Alternative onsite wastewater system" means a system for treatment and disposal of domestic wastewater or wastes which consists of a building sewer, a septic tank or other sewage treatment or storage unit, and a disposal facility or method which is not a conventional system; but not including a surface discharge to the waters of the state.

2.2. "Board" means the Utah Water Quality Board.

2.3. "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Executive Secretary stating that the recipient has met the minimum requirements to be certified as described in this rule.

2.4. "Conventional system" means an onsite wastewater system which consists of a building sewer, a septic tank, and an absorption system consisting of a standard trench, a shallow trench with capping fill, a chambered trench, a deep wall trench, a seepage pit, or an absorption bed.

2.5. "Division" means the Utah Division of Water Quality.

2.6. "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Utah Water Quality Board.

2.7. "Training Center" means the Utah On-site Wastewater Treatment Training Center which has been designated by the Executive Secretary for training and administration of examinations for certification of persons who design, inspect, maintain, or conduct soil and percolation tests for underground wastewater disposal systems.

2.8. "Underground Wastewater Disposal System" means a system for underground disposal of domestic wastewater. It usually consists of a building sewer, a septic tank, and an absorption system. It includes onsite wastewater systems and large underground wastewater disposal systems.

R317-11-3. Classes of Certification.

3.1. There are three classes of onsite professional certification, Level 1 being the lowest and Level 3 being the highest:

A. Level 1, soil evaluation and percolation testing;

B. Level 2, design, inspection and maintenance of conventional underground wastewater disposal systems; and

C. Level 3, design, inspection and maintenance of alternative underground wastewater disposal systems.

3.2. Certification at any level also requires current certification for all lower levels.

R317-11-4. Individuals Not Required to Obtain Certification.

4.1. An individual is not required to obtain certification to maintain an underground wastewater disposal system that serves a noncommercial, private residence owned by the individual or a member of the individual's family and in which the individual or a member of the individual's family resides or an employee of the individual resides without payment of rent.

4.2. An uncertified individual may conduct percolation or soil tests for an underground wastewater disposal system that serves a noncommercial, private residence owned by the individual and in which the individual resides or intends to reside, or which is intended for use by an employee of the

individual without payment of rent, if the individual:

A. Has the capability of properly conducting the tests, as determined by the local health department and

B. Is supervised by a certified individual when conducting the tests.

4.3. A person involved in the pumping of an underground wastewater disposal system does not have to be certified under this rule, although licensing by the local health department is required under R317-550.

4.4. Licensed plumbers and electricians, when maintaining electrical equipment or wastewater drainage lines leading to the underground wastewater disposal systems are not required to be certified under this rule.

4.5. Uncertified employees, subordinates or associates of a certified individual are not required to be certified under this rule when working on activities related to underground wastewater disposal systems under the supervision of a certified individual. Supervision means that a certified individual is personally responsible for the work, and reviews, corrects and approves work done by an uncertified employee, subordinate or associate. Such work must be signed by a certified individual.

R317-11-5. Qualifications for Certification.

5.1. Soil Evaluation and Percolation Testing. In order to qualify for initial Level 1 certification, a person must:

A. Attend a training course provided by the Training Center specifically for the purpose of certification at Level 1, and

B. Demonstrate knowledge of course subject matter by successfully passing an examination to be given at the conclusion of the Level 1 training course.

5.2. Design, Inspection and Maintenance of Conventional Systems. In order to qualify for initial Level 2 certification, a person must:

A. Attend a training course provided by the Training Center specifically for the purpose of certification at Level 2,

B. Demonstrate knowledge of course subject matter by successfully passing an examination to be given at the conclusion of the Level 2 training course, and

C. Be certified for soil evaluation and percolation testing at Level 1.

5.3. Design, Inspection and Maintenance of Alternative Systems. In order to qualify for initial Level 3 certification, a person must:

A. Attend a training course provided by the Training Center specifically for the purpose of certification at Level 3,

B. Demonstrate knowledge of course subject matter by successfully passing an examination to be given at the conclusion of the Level 3 training course, and

C. Be certified for soil evaluation and percolation testing at Level 1, and certified for design, inspection and maintenance of conventional systems at Level 2.

5.4. An environmental health scientist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 20a, Environmental Health Scientist Act, may waive attendance at the respective training course and elect to be tested as required in this section to obtain certification for Level 1, 2, or 3. In order to qualify for waiver of training, the Environmental Health Scientist must provide to the Executive Secretary evidence of current licensure in Utah and 2 years experience appropriate to the class of certification requested.

5.5. A professional engineer licensed under Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act, may waive attendance at the respective training course and elect to be tested as required in this section to obtain certification for Level 1, 2, or 3. In order to qualify for waiver of training the professional engineer must provide to the Executive Secretary evidence of current Utah licensure.

5.6. A person who is a licensed contractor in Utah, may

waive attendance at the respective training course and elect to be tested as required in this section to obtain certification for Level 1 or 2. In order to qualify for waiver of training the licenced contractor must provide evidence of at least five years of experience in constructing onsite systems.

5.7. Evidence of current licensure and experience appropriate to the class of certification must be provided to the Executive Secretary prior to eligibility to test.

R317-11-6. Application for Certification.

6.1. In order to become certified at any level, a person must:

A. Complete the relevant training course(s) with the Training Center (See R317-11-5.4 - 5.6 above for alternate requirements for licensed environmental health scientists, engineers, and contractors);

B. Pass the corresponding test(s); and

C. Submit an application to the Executive Secretary on forms approved by the Division, along with payment of applicable fees.

R317-11-7. Training and Examinations.

Training will be provided by the Training Center. Examinations will be given at the conclusion of each training session. Training will be provided at least twice per year, but may be given more often at the discretion of the Training Center.

R317-11-8. Certificates.

8.1. Certificates will be issued by the Executive Secretary upon receipt of the completed application, required fees, and evidence that the requirements of R317-11-5 above have been met.

8.2. Date of issuance of an initial certificate will be determined by the date the exam is passed.

8.3. Certificates will expire on December 31 of the appropriate calendar year, in accordance with R317-11-9.

R317-11-9. Renewal of Certification.

9.1. For those certified at Level 1 for soil evaluation and percolation testing, or Level 2 for design, inspection and maintenance of conventional underground wastewater disposal systems, certification will be valid for a period of up to five years from the date of issuance of a certificate under R317-11-8 above. For those certified at Level 3 for design, inspection and maintenance of alternative underground wastewater disposal systems, certification will be valid for a period of up to two years from the date of issuance of a certificate under R317-11-8 above. Certificate renewal is required for all levels of certification.

9.2. Eligibility for renewal of certificates is based on continuous certification.

9.3. Renewal of a certificate may be obtained by:

A. Making application to the Executive Secretary along with payment of applicable fees;

B. Showing evidence of successfully completing the refresher course(s) as provided by the Training Center, or other training approved by the Executive Secretary, within twelve months prior to certificate expiration; and

C. Maintaining all lower level certifications.

R317-11-10. Suspension, Revocation, or Annulment of Certification.

10.1. Grounds for suspending, revoking, or annulling a person's certificate may be, but are not limited to, any of the following:

A. Demonstrated disregard for the public health and safety;

B. Misrepresentation or falsification of information or reports submitted to the Division;

C. Cheating on a certification exam;

D. Falsely obtaining or altering a certificate; or

E. Incompetence, misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of work done pursuant to the certification.

10.2. Disciplinary action such as suspension, revocation, or annulment of certificate by the Executive Secretary may result where it is shown that the circumstances and events relative to the work done pursuant to the certification were under the individual's jurisdiction and control. Circumstances beyond the control of the individual shall not be grounds for disciplinary action.

10.3. Any certificate not issued through due process of this rule will be annulled.

10.4. Recommendations may be made to the Executive Secretary regarding the suspension, revocation, or annulment of a certificate. Prior to making any such recommendation, the individual shall be informed in writing of the reasons for such a recommendation. The individual shall be allowed an opportunity for an informal hearing before a review committee appointed by the Executive Secretary. Any request for an informal hearing shall be made within 30 days of the date the notification is mailed.

10.5. Following an informal hearing, or the expiration of the period for requesting a hearing, the Executive Secretary shall be notified of the final recommendation.

10.6. A challenge to the Executive Secretary's determination may be made as provided in R317-9-3.

R317-11-11. Certification Requirements and Effective Dates.

After January 1, 2002, no person shall design, inspect, maintain, or conduct percolation or soil tests for an underground wastewater disposal system unless they hold current certification from the Executive Secretary, except as exempted in R317-11-4.

R317-11-12. Noncompliance.

12.1. Noncompliance with these Certification rules is a violation of Section 19-5-121 Utah Code Annotated.

12.2. Cases of noncompliance with this rule shall be referred to the Executive Secretary.

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R357. Governor, Economic Development.**R357-5. Motion Picture Incentive Fund.****R357-5-1. Authority.**

(1) Subsection 63M-1-1804 requires the office to make rules establishing the standards that a motion picture company, and digital media, company must meet to qualify for a motion picture incentive and the criteria for determining the amount of the motion picture incentive under Part 18 of the Utah Code Annotated.

R357-5-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms in these rules are used as defined in UCA 63M-1-1802.

R357-5-3. Motion Picture Incentive Conditions -- Motion Picture Company.

(1) A motion picture company may qualify for a motion picture incentive under Part 18 only if:

(a) the motion picture company is producing a production within the state that is:

- (i) a television series; or
- (ii) a made-for-television movie; or
- (iii) a motion picture, including feature films and independent films; and

(b) the motion picture company has obtained financing and financing is in place for the production; and

(c) the economic impact of the production's dollars left in the state represents new incremental economic activity in the state; and

(d) as of the motion picture incentive application date, as determined the office, has not started principle photography of the production in the state; and

(e) is a state-approved production.

(2) The office may give preference to a production that:

(a) stimulates economic activity in rural areas of the state;

or

(b) has Utah content, such as recognizing that a production was made in the state or uses Utah as Utah in the production.

(3) The office, with advice from the board, may enter into an agreement with a motion picture company authorizing a motion picture incentive if the motion picture company meets the standards under subsection (1) and:

(a) the motion picture incentive does not exceed 20% of the dollars left in the state by the motion picture company; and

(b) if post-performance cash, the post-performance cash motion picture incentive does not exceed \$500,000 per production under Part 18 and is issued in accordance with Part 18; and

(c) if a post-performance refundable tax credit, the post-performance refundable tax credit certificate is issued in accordance with Part 18 and Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108; and

(d) the motion picture incentive amount approved for the motion picture production follows the motion picture incentive application policy established by the office, which shall be posted on the office's public website.

(4) A motion picture company may be eligible for an additional 5% post-performance refundable tax credit motion picture incentive, in addition to the 20% post-performance refundable tax credit motion picture incentive under subsection (3) if:

(a) the motion picture company employs a significant, as determined by the office, percentage of cast and crew from Utah; or

(b) highlights the State of Utah and the Utah Film Commission in the motion picture production credits; or

(c) other promotional opportunities as agreed upon by the office and the motion picture company; and

(d) the total motion picture incentive granted to the motion

picture company for a state-approved motion picture production does not exceed 25% of the dollars left in state.

(5) A motion picture company is eligible for a motion picture incentive only if the office has entered into an agreement under subsection (3) with the motion picture company under Part 18.

R357-5-4. Motion Picture Incentive Conditions -- Digital Media Company.

(1) A digital media company may qualify for a motion picture incentive under Part 18 only if:

(a) the digital media project is producing all or part of production within the state that is:

- (i) an interactive entertainment production; or
- (ii) an animated production; and

(b) the digital media company has obtained financing and financing is in place for the production; and

(c) the economic impact of the digital media project's new state revenue represents new incremental economic activity in the state; and

(d) is produced for distribution in commercial or education markets, which shall include projects intended for Internet or wireless distribution; and

(e) as of the motion picture incentive application date, as determined the office, has not started project production in the state; and

(f) is a state-approved production.

(2) The office, with advice from the board, may enter into an agreement with a digital media company authorizing a motion picture incentive if the digital media company meets the standards under subsection (1) and (2) and:

(a) the motion picture incentive does not exceed 20% of the new state revenue paid by the digital media company; and

(b) does not exceed 20% of the dollars left in state by the digital media company; and

(c) is in the form of a post-performance refundable tax credit certificate under Part 18 and under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108; and

(d) economic modeling is considered to evaluate the costs and benefits of the digital media project to the state and local governments in determining the motion picture incentive amount; and

(e) the motion picture incentive amount approved for the digital media production follows the motion picture incentive application policy established by the office, which shall be posted on the office's public website.

(3) A digital media company is eligible for a motion picture incentive only if the office has entered into an agreement under subsection (2) with the digital media company under Part 18.

R357-5-5. Funding -- Post-Performance Refundable Tax Credit.

(1) The office may issue up to \$6,793,700 in post-performance refundable tax credit certificates under 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108 in a fiscal year to either a motion picture, or digital media, company.

(2) If the office does not issue post-performance refundable tax credit certificates in a fiscal year totaling the amount authorized under Part 18, it may carry over that amount for issuance in subsequent fiscal years.

(3) Post-performance refundable tax credits are nontransferable and can only be issued to the state-approved motion picture, or digital media, company who submits the motion picture incentive application and is approved by the office with advice from the Board.

R357-5-6. Funding -- Post-Performance Cash.

(1) The office may only issue funds appropriated by the

state legislature to the restricted account created with the general fund known as the Motion Picture Incentive Account to a motion picture company.

(2) Post-performance cash is nontransferable and can only be issued to the state-approved motion picture company who submits the motion picture incentive application and is approved by the office with advice from the Board.

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R382. Health, Children's Health Insurance Program.**R382-1. Benefits and Administration.****R382-1-1. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule implements the Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as adopted in the state under Title 26, Chapter 40. It is authorized by Section 26-40-103.

R382-1-2. Definitions.

The definitions found in Title 26, Chapter 40 apply to this rule. In addition,

(1) "Applicant" means a child under the age of 19 on whose behalf an application has been made for benefits under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but who is not an enrollee.

(2) "Department" means the Utah Department of Health.

(3) "Enrollee" means a child under the age of 19 who has applied for and has been found eligible for benefits under CHIP.

R382-1-3. Nature of Program and Benefits.

(1) CHIP provides reimbursement to medical providers for the services they render to a child who meets the eligibility and application requirements of Rule R382-10. CHIP provides limited benefits as described in this rule. The Department provides reimbursement coverage under the program only for benefits and levels of coverage for each program benefit:

(a) as provided in rule governing CHIP;

(b) as described and limited in Section 6.2 of the State Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program, April 17, 2009 ed., which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(2) CHIP is not health insurance. A relationship with the Department as the insurer and the enrollee as the insured does not exist under this program.

R382-1-4. Limitation of Abortion Benefits.

The Department may only cover abortion in accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1397ee.

R382-1-5. Providers.

The Department requires a child to enroll in one of the managed care organizations (MCO) that contracts with the Department under the program.

R382-1-6. Reimbursement.

(1) The Department shall reimburse only for benefits as limited in its contracts with the MCOs.

(2) Payment for services by the contracted MCO and enrollee co-payment, if any, constitutes full payment for services. A provider may not bill or collect any additional monies for services rendered.

R382-1-7. Cost Sharing.

A provider may require an enrollee to pay a co-payment equal to that listed in Section 8 of the State Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program, April 17, 2009 ed., which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R382-1-8. Agency Conferences, Fair Hearings and Appeals.

(1) An applicant or enrollee may request an agency conference in accordance with Section R414-301-5 at any time to resolve a problem without requesting an agency action under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA).

(2) The applicant or enrollee, parent, legal guardian, or authorized representative may request an agency action, also called a fair hearing, if he disagrees with an agency decision regarding the individual's eligibility. The request for a fair hearing must be in accordance with the provisions and time limits of Section R414-301-6.

(3) The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) shall

conduct fair hearings on eligibility in accordance with the provisions of Section R414-301-6.

(4) If an enrollee disagrees with a decision of the MCO regarding a covered benefit or service, the enrollee may appeal the decision through the MCO.

(a) An enrollee must exhaust grievance remedies with the MCO before he requests an agency action from the Department.

(b) The enrollee may file an appeal with the Department if the enrollee disagrees with the MCO's resolution. The enrollee must file the appeal within 60 days of the date that the MCO sends the resolution notice.

(c) The Department shall conduct a review of the MCO's decision in accordance with the provisions of 42 CFR 438.408 and issue a final decision to the enrollee and the MCO.

(d) The Department shall conduct all appeals in accordance with UAPA.

(e) The enrollee may continue to receive benefits if the enrollee meets the conditions of 42 CFR 438.420.

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R392. Health, Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Services.**R392-110. Home-based Child Care Food Service.****R392-110-1. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule establishes food service inspection standards for certified or licensed child care providers that provide care for 16 or fewer children. It is authorized by Sections 26-15-2 and 26-39-104.

R392-110-2. Applicability.

This rule applies to food service provided in certified or licensed child care facilities, including residences, that provide care for 16 or fewer children, notwithstanding the provisions of R392-100. R392-100 governs food service provided in facilities that care for more than 16 children.

R392-110-3. Inspection Request, Report.

After request and payment of the fee established by the local health department, a local health department shall inspect a child care provider's food service based on the standards established in this rule and using an inspection form approved by the Department. Upon satisfactory inspection, the local health department shall issue a report to the child care provider stating that the food service provided by the child care provider poses no serious sanitation or health hazard to children.

R392-110-4. Standards.

(1) Food is obtained from sources that comply with law and are approved as outlined in R392-100 3-2.

(2) Food in a hermetically sealed container is obtained from a food processing plant that is regulated by the food regulatory agency that has jurisdiction over the plant.

(3) Food is protected from contamination by storing the food in a clean, dry location where it is not exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination and stored above the floor.

(4) Food is not stored in toilet rooms or mechanical rooms, under sewer lines, under leaking water lines or under any source of contamination.

(5) Food brought in by parents to serve to other children in the facility is from approved sources that comply with law and are approved as outlined in R392-100 3-2

(6) Food brought in by a parent or guardian for specific use of that person's child is labeled with the name of the child.

(7) Bottled or canned baby food, upon opening, is labeled on the outside of the container with the date and time of opening.

(8) Canned or bottled opened baby food containers, except for dry products, are refrigerated and kept at 41 degrees F or below.

(9) Canned or bottled baby food, except for dry products, is discarded if not used within 24 hours of opening.

(10) Infant formula or breast milk is discarded after feeding or within two hours of initiating a feeding.

(11) Refrigerators used to store food for children are maintained and cleaned to prevent contamination of stored food.

(12) Food products stored inside refrigerator are stored at 41 degrees F or below as outlined by R392-100 3-5.

(13) A calibrated thermometer is stored in the refrigerator to verify the temperature of food products.

(14) Food prepared at the day care facility meets the critical cooking, hot holding, cold holding, and cooling temperatures as outlined in R392-100, 3-4 and 3-5.

(15) Each caregiver who prepares or serves food is trained in food safety and has a copy of a current food handler permit on file at the facility.

(16) Food is served on clean plates, single service plates, or a clean and sanitized high chair tray.

(17) If napkins are used at meals or snacks, then they must be single service.

(18) Clean cups or single service cups are provided at each beverage service.

(19) Before each use, reusable food holders, utensils, and preparation surfaces are washed with hot water and detergent solutions, rinsed with clean water, and sanitized as outlined in R392-100 4-501.114.

(20) Food employees clean their hands and exposed portions of their arms:

(a) immediately before engaging in food preparation including working with exposed food, clean equipment and utensils, and unwrapped single service and single use articles;

(b) after touching bare human body parts other than clean hands and clean exposed portions of arms;

(c) after using the toilet room;

(d) after caring for or handling any animal, including service animals;

(e) when switching between working with raw food and ready to eat food; and

(f) as often as necessary to remove soil and contamination and to prevent cross contamination when changing tasks.

(21) Hand washing facilities are located to allow convenient use by employees in food preparation, food dispensing, and ware washing areas; and in or immediately adjacent to toilet rooms.

(22) When preparing food, employees wear hair restraints, such as hats, hair coverings or nets, beard restraints, and clothing that covers body hair, that effectively keep their hair from contacting exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens, and unwrapped single service and single use articles.

(23) Food employees wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single service and single use articles.

(24) Poisonous or toxic chemicals are identified.

(25) Procedures are in place to ensure that poisonous or toxic chemicals are safely stored to prevent access by children

(26) Poisonous or toxic materials are stored so they can not contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single service and single use articles.

(27) Only those poisonous or toxic materials that are required for the operation and maintenance of food storage, preparation, and service areas such as for the cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and utensils and the control of insects and rodents are in the food storage, preparation, and service areas.

(28) Menus for the current week are posted in plain sight and accessible for public review.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-304. Income and Budgeting.****R414-304-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is established under the authority of Section 26-18-3.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish the income eligibility criteria for determining eligibility for medical assistance programs.

R414-304-2. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in R414-1 and R414-301 apply to this rule. In addition:

(a) "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) means a State Plan for aid that was in effect on June 16, 1996.

(b) "Allocation for a spouse" means an amount of income that is the difference between the Social Security Income (SSI) federal benefit rate for a couple minus the federal benefit rate for an individual.

(c) "Arrearages" means payments that the Department did not collect for past months or years.

(d) "Basic maintenance standard" or "BMS" means the income level for eligibility for Family Medicaid coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, and for coverage of the medically needy based on the number of family members who are counted in the household size.

(e) "Benefit month" means a month or any portion of a month for which an individual is eligible for medical assistance.

(f) "Best estimate" means that income is calculated for the upcoming certification period based on current information about income being received, expected income deductions, and household size.

(g) "Deeming" or "deemed" means a process of counting income from a spouse or a parent, or the sponsor of a qualified alien, to decide what amount of income after certain allowable deductions, if any, must be considered income to the applicant or recipient.

(h) "Department" means the Utah Department of Health.

(i) "Dependent" means earning less than \$2,000 a year, not being claimed as a dependent by any other individual, and receiving more than half of one's annual support from the client or the client's spouse.

(j) "Eligibility agency" means the Department of Workforce Services that determines eligibility for Medicaid under contract with the Department.

(k) "Eligible spouse" means the member of a married couple who is either aged, blind or disabled.

(l) "Factoring" means that the eligibility agency calculates the monthly income by prorating income to account for months when an individual receives a fifth payment when paid weekly, or a third paycheck with paid every other week. Weekly income is factored by multiplying the weekly income amount by 4.3 to obtain a monthly amount. Income paid every other week is factored by multiplying the bi-weekly income by 2.15 to obtain a monthly amount.

(m) "Family Medicaid" means medical assistance for families caring for dependent children. It may be used to refer to family Medicaid coverage for the medically needy or family Medicaid for Low-Income Family and Child Medicaid.

(n) "Family member" means a son, daughter, parent, or sibling of the client or the client's spouse who lives with the spouse.

(o) "Full-time employment" means an average of 100 or more hours of work a month or an average of 23 hours a week.

(p) "Full-time student" means a person enrolled for the number of hours defined by the particular institution as fulfilling full-time requirements.

(q) "Income annualizing" means using total income earned during one or more past years, or a shorter applicable time

period, and anticipating any future changes, to estimate the average annual income. That estimated annual income is then divided by 12 to determine the household's average monthly income.

(r) "Income averaging" means using a history of past income and expected changes, and averaging it over a determined period of time that is representative of future monthly income.

(s) "Income anticipating" means using current facts regarding rate of pay and number of working hours to anticipate future monthly income.

(t) "In-kind support donor" means an individual who provides food or shelter without receiving full market value compensation in return.

(u) "Low-Income Family and Child Medicaid" is Medicaid coverage required by Subsection 1931(a), (b), and (g) of the Compilation of Social Security Laws. It may be referred to as Low-Income Family and Child Medicaid or LIFC Medicaid.

(v) "Prospective budgeting" is the process of calculating income and determining eligibility and spenddown for future months based on the best estimate of income, deductions, and household size.

(w) "School attendance" means enrollment in a public or private elementary or secondary school, a university or college, vocational or technical school or the Job Corps, for the express purpose of gaining skills that lead to gainful employment.

(x) "Presumed maximum value" means the allowed maximum amount an individual is charged for the receipt of food and shelter. This amount will not exceed 1/3 of the SSI federal benefit rate plus \$20.

(y) "Temporarily absent" means a member of a household is living away from the home for a period of time but intends to return to the home when the reason for the temporary absence is accomplished. Reasons for a temporary absence may include an absence for the purpose of education, medical care, visits, military service, temporary religious service or other volunteer service such as the Peace Corps.

R414-304-3. Aged, Blind and Disabled Non-Institutional and Institutional Medicaid Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 42 CFR 435.811 and 435.831, 2010 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1102, 416.1103, 416.1120 through 416.1124, 416.1140 through 416.1148, 416.1150, 416.1151, 416.1157, 416.1163 through 416.1166, and Appendix to Subpart K of 416, 2010 ed. The Department also incorporates by reference Subsections 404(h)(4) and 1612(b)(24) and (25) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2011, to determine income and income deductions for Medicaid eligibility. The Department may not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) The following definitions apply to this section:

(3) The eligibility agency may not count Veteran's Administration (VA) payments for aid and attendance or the portion of a VA payment that an individual makes because of unusual medical expenses. Other VA income based on need is countable income, but is not subject to the \$20 general income disregard.

(4) The eligibility agency may only count as income the portion of a VA check to which the client is legally entitled. If the payment includes an amount for a dependent, that amount counts as income for the dependent. If the dependent does not live with the veteran or surviving spouse, the portion for the dependent counts as the dependent's income unless the dependent applies to VA to receive the payment directly, VA denies that request, and the dependent does not receive the payment. In that case, the eligibility agency shall also count the

amount for a dependent as income of the veteran or surviving spouse who receives the payment.

(5) The eligibility agency may not count Social Security Administration (SSA) reimbursements as income of Medicare premiums.

(6) The eligibility agency may not count as income the value of special circumstance items if the items are paid for by donors.

(7) For aged, blind and disabled Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall count as income two-thirds of current child support that an individual receives in a month for the disabled child. It does not matter if the payments are voluntary or court-ordered. It does not matter if the child support is received in cash or in-kind. If there is more than one child for whom the payment is made, the amount is divided equally among the children unless a court order indicates a different division.

(8) The eligibility agency shall count as income child support payments that a parent or guardian owes for past months or years. The agency shall use countable income of the parent to determine the amount of income that will be deemed from the parent to the child to determine the child's eligibility.

(9) For aged, blind and disabled Institutional Medicaid, court-ordered child support payments collected by the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) for a child who resides out-of-home in a Medicaid 24-hour care facility are not counted as income to the child. If ORS allows the parent to retain up to the amount of the personal needs allowance for the child's personal needs, that amount is counted as income for the child. All other current child support payments received by the child or guardian that are not subject to collection by ORS count as unearned income to the child.

(10) The eligibility agency shall count as unearned income the interest earned from a sales contract on either or both the lump sum and installment payments when the interest is received or made available to the client.

(11) If the client, or the client and spouse do not live with an in-kind support donor, in-kind support and maintenance is the lesser of the value or the presumed maximum value of food or shelter received. If the client, or the client and spouse live with an in-kind support donor and do not pay a prorated share of household operating expenses, in-kind support and maintenance is the difference between the prorated share of household operating expenses and the amount the client, or the client and spouse actually pay, or the presumed maximum value, whichever is less.

(12) Payments under a contract that provide for payments at set intervals or after completion of the contract period are not lump sum payments. The payments are subject to regular income counting rules. Retroactive payments from SSI and SSA reimbursements of Medicare premiums are not lump sum payments.

(13) The eligibility agency may not count as income educational loans, grants, and scholarships received from Title IV programs of the Higher Education Act or from Bureau of Indian Affairs educational programs, and may not count any other grants, scholarships, fellowships, or gifts that a client uses to pay for education. The eligibility agency shall count as income, in the month that the client receives them, any amount of grants, scholarships, fellowships, or gifts that the client uses to pay for non-educational expenses. Allowable educational expenses include:

- (a) tuition;
- (b) fees;
- (c) books;
- (d) equipment;
- (e) special clothing needed for classes;
- (f) travel to and from school at a rate of 21 cents a mile, unless the grant identifies a larger amount; and
- (g) child care necessary for school attendance.

(14) Except for an individual eligible for the Medicaid Work Incentive (MWI) program, the following provisions apply to non-institutional medical assistance:

(a) For aged, blind and disabled Medicaid, the eligibility agency may not count income of a spouse or a parent to determine Medicaid eligibility of a person who receives SSI or meets 1619(b) criteria. SSI recipients and 1619(b) status individuals who meet all other Medicaid eligibility factors are eligible for Medicaid without spending down.

(b) If an ineligible spouse of an aged, blind or disabled person has more income after deductions than the allocation for a spouse, the eligibility agency shall deem the spouse's income to the aged, blind or disabled spouse to determine eligibility.

(c) The eligibility agency shall determine household size and whose income counts for aged, blind and disabled Medicaid as described below.

(i) If only one spouse is aged, blind or disabled:

(A) the eligibility agency shall deem income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. The eligibility agency shall compare the combined income to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. If the combined income exceeds that amount, the eligibility agency shall compare the combined income, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for two to calculate the spenddown.

(B) If the ineligible spouse's income does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, the eligibility agency may not count the ineligible spouse's income and may not include the ineligible spouse in the household size. Only the eligible spouse's income is compared to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for one. If the income exceeds that amount, it is compared, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for one to calculate the spenddown.

(ii) If both spouses are either aged, blind or disabled, the eligibility agency shall combine the income of both spouses and compare to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. SSI income is not counted.

(A) If the combined income exceeds that amount and one spouse receives SSI, the eligibility agency may only compare the income of the non-SSI spouse, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for a one-person household to calculate the spenddown.

(B) If neither spouse receives SSI and their combined income exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline, the eligibility agency shall compare the income of both spouses, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for a two-person household to calculate the spenddown.

(C) If neither spouse receives SSI and only one spouse will be covered under the applicable program, the eligibility agency shall deem income of the non-covered spouse to the covered spouse when that income exceeds the spousal allocation. If the non-covered spouse's income does not exceed the spousal allocation, the eligibility agency may only count the covered spouse's income. In both cases, the countable income is compared to 100% of the two-person poverty guideline. If the countable income exceeds the limit, the eligibility agency shall compare the income, after allowable deductions, to the BMS.

(I) If the non-covered spouse has income to deem to the covered spouse, the eligibility agency shall compare the countable income, after allowable deductions, to a two-person BMS to calculate a spenddown.

(II) If the non-covered spouse does not have income to deem to the covered spouse, the eligibility agency may only compare the covered spouse's income, after allowable deductions, to a one-person BMS to calculate the spenddown.

(iii) In determining eligibility under (c) for an aged or disabled person whose spouse is blind, both spouses' income is combined.

(A) If the combined income after allowable deductions is under 100% of the federal poverty guideline, the aged or disabled spouse will be eligible under the 100% poverty group defined in 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act, and the blind spouse is eligible without a spenddown under the medically needy group defined in 42 CFR 435.301.

(B) If the combined income after allowable deductions is over 100% of poverty, both spouses are eligible with a spenddown under the medically needy group defined in 42 CFR 435.301.

(iv) If one spouse is disabled and working, the other is aged, blind or disabled and not working, and neither spouse is an SSI recipient nor a 1619(b) eligible individual, the working disabled spouse may choose to receive coverage under the MWI program. If both spouses want coverage, however, the eligibility agency shall first determine eligibility for them as a couple. If a spenddown is owed for them as a couple, they must meet the spenddown to receive coverage for both of them.

(e) Except when determining countable income for the 100% poverty-related Aged and Disabled Medicaid programs, the eligibility agency shall not deem income from a spouse who meets 1619(b) protected group criteria.

(f) The eligibility agency shall determine household size and whose income counts for QMB, SLMB, and QI assistance as described below:

(i) If both spouses receive Part A Medicare and both want coverage, the eligibility agency shall combine income of both spouses and compare it to the applicable percentage of the poverty guideline for a two-person household.

(ii) If one spouse receives Part A Medicare and the other spouse is aged, blind or disabled and does not receive Part A Medicare or does not want coverage, then the eligibility agency shall deem income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. If the income of the ineligible spouse does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, then only the income of the eligible spouse is counted. In both cases, the eligibility agency shall compare the countable income to the applicable percentage of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household.

(iii) If one spouse receives Part A Medicare and the other spouse is not aged, blind or disabled, the eligibility agency shall deem income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. The agency shall combine countable income to the applicable percentage of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. If the deemed income of the ineligible spouse does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, only the eligible spouse's income is counted and compared to the applicable percentage of the poverty guideline for a one-person household.

(iv) The eligibility agency may not count SSI income to determine eligibility for QMB, SLMB or QI assistance.

(g) If any parent in the home receives SSI or is eligible for 1619(b) protected group coverage, the eligibility agency may not count the income of either parent to determine a child's eligibility for B or D Medicaid.

(h) Payments for providing foster care to a child are countable income. The portion of the payment that represents a reimbursement for the expenses related to providing foster care is not countable income.

(15) For Institutional Medicaid that includes home and community-based waiver programs, the eligibility agency may only count the client in the household size and income and deemed income from an alien client's sponsor to determine the cost of care contribution.

(16) The eligibility agency shall deem any unearned and earned income from an alien's sponsor and the sponsor's spouse when the sponsor signs an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act after December 18, 1997.

(17) The eligibility agency shall end sponsor deeming when the alien becomes a naturalized United States (U.S.) citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act, or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. After December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(18) The eligibility agency may not apply sponsor deeming to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(19) If retirement income has been divided between divorced spouses by the divorce decree pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the eligibility agency may only count as income the amount that is paid to the individual.

(20) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the additional \$25 a week payment to a recipient of unemployment insurance provided under Section 2002 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115. The recipient may only receive this weekly payment from March 2009 through June 2010.

(21) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the one-time economic recovery payments that an individual receives under Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement, or Veteran's benefits under the provisions of Section 2201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115. It further may not count refunds that a government retiree receives pursuant to the provisions of Section 2202 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(22) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) premium subsidy provided under Section 3001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(23) The eligibility agency may not count as income any payments that an individual receives pursuant to the Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 291, 124 Stat. 3064.

(24) The eligibility agency may not count as income any federal tax refund and refundable credit that an individual receives between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2012, pursuant to the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 312, 124, Stat 3296.

R414-304-4. Medicaid Work Incentive Program Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 20 CFR 416.1102, 416.1103, 416.1120 through 416.1124, 416.1140 through 416.1148, 416.1150, 416.1151, 416.1157 and Appendix to Subpart K of 416, 2010 ed. The Department also adopts Subsections 404(h)(4) and 1612(b)(24) and (25) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws. The Department may not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) The eligibility agency shall allow the provisions found in Subsection R414-304-3(3) through (13), and (16) through (24).

(3) The eligibility agency shall determine income from an ineligible spouse or parent by the total of the earned and unearned income using the appropriate exclusions in 20 CFR 416.1161, except that court ordered support payments are not allowed as an income deduction.

(4) For the MWI program, the income of a spouse or parent is not considered in determining eligibility of a person who receives SSI. SSI recipients who meet all other MWI

program eligibility factors are eligible without paying a Medicaid buy-in premium.

(5) The eligibility agency shall determine household size and whose income counts for the MWI program as described below:

(a) If the MWI program individual is an adult and is not living with a spouse, the eligibility agency may only count the income of the individual. The eligibility agency shall include in the household size, any dependent children under the age of 18, or who are 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students. These dependent children must be living in the home or be temporarily absent. After allowable deductions, the eligibility agency shall compare the countable income to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

(b) If the MWI program individual is living with a spouse, the eligibility agency shall combine their income before allowing any deductions. The eligibility agency shall include in the household size the spouse and any children under the age of 18, or who are 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students. These dependent children must be living in the home or be temporarily absent. After allowable deductions, the eligibility agency shall compare the countable income of the MWI program individual and spouse to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

(c) If the MWI program individual is a child living with a parent, the eligibility agency shall combine the income of the MWI program individual and the parents before allowing any deductions. The eligibility agency shall include in the household size the parents, any minor siblings, and siblings who are age 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students, who are living in the home or temporarily absent. After allowable deductions, the eligibility agency shall compare the countable income of the MWI program individual and the individual's parents to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

R414-304-5. Family Non-Institutional Medicaid and Institutional Family Medicaid Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 42 CFR 435.811 and 435.831, 2010 ed., and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(1), 233.20(a)(3)(iv), 233.20(a)(3)(vi)(A), and 233.20(a)(4)(ii), 2010 ed. The Department also incorporates by reference Subsection 404(h)(4) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2011. The Department may not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) The eligibility agency may not count as income money loaned to the individual if the individual proves the money is from a loan that the individual is expected to repay.

(3) The eligibility agency may not count as income support and maintenance assistance provided in-kind by a non-profit organization certified by the Department of Human Services.

(4) The eligibility agency may not count as income the value of food stamp assistance, USDA food donations or WIC vouchers received by members of the household.

(5) The eligibility agency may not count income that is received too irregularly or infrequently to count as regular income, such as cash gifts, up to \$30 a calendar quarter per household member. Any amount that exceeds \$30 a calendar quarter per household member counts as income when received. Irregular or infrequent income may be divided equally among all members of the household.

(6) The eligibility agency may not count as income the amount deducted from benefit income to repay an overpayment.

(7) The eligibility agency may not count as income the value of special circumstance items paid for by donors.

(8) The eligibility agency may not count as income payments for home energy assistance.

(9) The eligibility agency may not count payments from

any source that are to repair or replace lost, stolen or damaged exempt property. If the payments include an amount for temporary housing, the eligibility agency may only count the amount that the client does not intend to use or that is more than what is needed for temporary housing.

(10) The eligibility agency may not count as income SSA reimbursements of Medicare premiums.

(11) The eligibility agency may not count as income payments from the Department of Workforce Services under the Family Employment program, the Working Toward Employment Program, and the Refugee Cash Assistance program. To determine eligibility for Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall count income that the client uses to determine the amount of these payments, unless the income is an excluded income under other laws or regulations.

(12) The eligibility agency may not count as income interest or dividends earned on countable resources. The eligibility agency may not count as income interest or dividends earned on resources that are specifically excluded by federal laws from being counted as available resources to determine eligibility for federally-funded, means-tested medical assistance programs, other than resources excluded by 42 U.S.C. 1382b(a).

(13) The eligibility agency may not count as income the increase in pay for a member of the armed forces that is called "hostile fire pay" or "imminent danger pay," which is compensation for active military duty in a combat zone.

(14) The eligibility agency shall count as income SSI and State Supplemental payments received by children who are included in the coverage under Medicaid programs for families with children, and programs that cover only pregnant women and children.

(15) The eligibility agency shall count unearned rental income. The eligibility agency shall deduct \$30 a month from the rental income. If the amount charged for the rental is consistent with community standards, the eligibility agency shall deduct the greater of either \$30 or the following actual expenses that the client can verify:

(a) taxes and attorney fees needed to make the income available;

(b) upkeep and repair costs necessary to maintain the current value of the property, including utility costs paid by the applicant or recipient;

(c) interest paid on a loan or mortgage made for upkeep or repair; and

(d) the value of a one-person food stamp allotment, if meals are provided to a boarder.

(16) The eligibility agency shall count deferred income when the client receives the income, the client does not defer the income by choice, and the client reasonably expects to receive the income. If the client defers the income by choice, the agency shall count the income according to when the client could receive the income. The eligibility agency shall count as income the amount deducted from income to pay for benefits like health insurance, medical expenses or child care in the month that the client could receive the income.

(17) The eligibility agency shall count the amount deducted from income to pay an obligation of child support, alimony or debts in the month that the client could receive the income.

(18) The eligibility agency shall count payments from trust funds as income in the month the payment is received by the individual or made available for the individual's use.

(19) The eligibility agency may only count as income the portion of a VA check to which the client is legally entitled. If the payment includes an amount for a dependent, that amount counts as income for the dependent. If the dependent does not live with the veteran or surviving spouse, the portion for the dependent counts as the dependent's income unless the dependent applies to VA to receive the payment directly, VA

denies that request, and the dependent does not receive the payment. In that case, the eligibility agency shall also count the amount for a dependent as income of the veteran or surviving spouse who receives the payment.

(20) The eligibility agency shall count as income deposits to financial accounts jointly-owned between the client and one or more other individuals, even if the deposits are made by a non-household member. If the client disputes ownership of the deposits and provides adequate proof that the deposits do not represent income to the client, the eligibility agency may not count those funds as income. The eligibility agency may require the client to terminate access to the jointly-held accounts.

(21) The eligibility agency shall count as unearned income the interest earned from a sales contract on lump sum payments and installment payments when the interest payment is received by or made available to the client.

(22) The eligibility agency shall count current child support payments as income to the child for whom the payments are being made. If a payment is for more than one child, the agency shall divide that amount equally among the children unless a court order indicates otherwise. Child support payments made for past months or years (arrearages) are countable income to determine eligibility of the parent or guardian who receives the payments. If collects current child support, the eligibility agency shall count the child support as current even if ORS mails payment to the client after the month it is collected.

(23) The eligibility agency shall count payments from annuities as unearned income in the month that the client receives the payments.

(24) If retirement income has been divided between divorced spouses by the divorce decree pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the eligibility agency may only count the amount paid to the individual.

(25) The eligibility agency shall deem both unearned and earned income from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act after December 18, 1997.

(26) The eligibility agency shall stop deeming income from a sponsor when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. After December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(27) The eligibility agency may not apply sponsor deeming to applicants who are eligible for emergency services only.

(28) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the additional \$25 a week payment to a recipient of unemployment insurance provided under Section 2002 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115. The recipient may receive this weekly payment from March 2009 through June 2010.

(29) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the one-time economic recovery payments that an individual receives under Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement, or Veteran's benefits under the provisions of Section 2201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115. It further may not count refunds that a government retiree receives pursuant to the provisions of Section 2202 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(30) The eligibility agency may not count as unearned income the COBRA premium subsidy provided under Section 3001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(31) The eligibility agency may not count as income any

payments that an individual receives pursuant to the Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 291, 124 Stat. 3064.

(32) The eligibility agency may not count as income any federal tax refund and refundable credit that an individual receives between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2012, pursuant to the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 312, 124, Stat 3296.

R414-304-6. Aged, Blind and Disabled Non-Institutional and Institutional Medicaid Earned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 42 CFR 435.811 and 435.831, 2010 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1110 through 416.1112, 2010 ed. The Department may not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) If an SSI recipient has a plan for achieving self-support approved by the (SSA), the eligibility agency may not count income set aside in the plan that allows the individual to purchase work-related equipment or meet self-support goals. This income may include earned and unearned income.

(3) The eligibility agency may not deduct from income expenses relating to the fulfillment of a plan to achieve self-support.

(4) For Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid, the eligibility agency may not count earned income used to compute a needs-based grant.

(5) For aged, blind and disabled Institutional Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall deduct \$125 from earned income before it determines contribution towards cost of care.

(6) The eligibility agency shall include capital gains in the gross income from self-employment.

(7) To determine countable net income from self-employment, the eligibility agency shall allow a 40% flat rate exclusion off the gross self-employment income as a deduction for business expenses. For a self-employed individual who has allowable business expenses greater than the 40% flat rate exclusion amount and who also provides verification of the expenses, the eligibility agency shall calculate the self-employment net profit amount by using the deductions that are allowed under federal income tax rules.

(8) The eligibility agency may not allow deductions for the following business expenses:

- (a) transportation to and from work;
- (b) payments on the principal for business resources;
- (c) net losses from previous tax years;
- (d) taxes;
- (e) money set aside for retirement; and
- (f) work-related personal expenses.

(9) The eligibility agency may deduct net losses of self-employment from the current tax year from other earned income.

(10) The eligibility agency shall disregard earned income paid by the U.S. Census Bureau to temporary census takers to prepare for and conduct the census, for individuals defined in 42 CFR 435.120, 435.122, 435.130 through 435.135, 435.137, 435.138, 435.139, 435.211, 435.301, 435.320, 435.322, 435.324, 435.340, 435.350 and 435.541. The eligibility agency shall also exclude this income for individuals described in Subsections 1634(b), (c) and (d), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(II), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XII), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII), and 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) through (iv)(I) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The eligibility agency may not exclude earnings paid to temporary census takers from the post-eligibility process of determining the person's cost of care contribution for long-term care recipients.

(11) The eligibility agency shall count deductions from earned income that include insurance premiums, savings, garnishments, or deferred income in the month when the client could receive the funds.

(12) The eligibility agency may not count as earned income any credit or refund that an individual receives under the provisions of Section 1001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115, referred to as the Making Work Pay credit.

R414-304-7. Family Non-Institutional Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Earned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 42 CFR 435.811 and 435.831, 2010 ed. and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(6)(iii) through (iv), 233.20(a)(6)(v)(B), 233.20(a)(6)(vi) through (vii), and 233.20(a)(11), 2010 ed. The eligibility agency may not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) The eligibility agency may not count the income of a dependent child if the child is:

- (a) in school or training full-time;
- (b) in school or training part-time, which means the child is enrolled for at least half of the hours needed to complete a course, or is enrolled in at least two classes or two hours of school a day and employed less than 100 hours a month; or
- (c) is in a job placement under the federal Workforce Investment Act.

(3) For Family Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall allow the AFDC \$30 and 1/3 of earned income deduction if the wage earner receives 1931 Family Medicaid in one of the four previous months and this disregard is not exhausted.

(4) The eligibility agency shall determine countable net income from self-employment by allowing a 40 % flat rate exclusion off the gross self-employment income as a deduction for business expenses. If a self-employed individual provides verification of actual business expenses greater than the 40 % flat rate exclusion amount, the eligibility agency shall allow actual expenses to be deducted. The expenses must be business expenses allowed under federal income tax rules.

(5) Items such as personal business and entertainment expenses, personal transportation, purchase of capital equipment, and payments on the principal of loans for capital assets or durable goods, are not business expenses.

(6) For Family Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall deduct from the income of clients who work at least 100 hours in a calendar month a maximum of \$200 a month in child care costs for each child who is under the age of two and \$175 a month in child care costs for each child who is at least two years of age. The maximum deduction of \$175 shall also apply to provide care for an incapacitated adult. The eligibility agency shall deduct from the income of clients who work less than 100 hours in a calendar month a maximum of \$160 a month in child care costs for each child who is under the age of two and \$140 a month for each child who is at least two years of age. The maximum deduction of \$140 a month shall also apply to provide care for an incapacitated adult.

(7) For Family Institutional Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall deduct a maximum of \$160 in child care costs from the earned income of clients who work at least 100 hours in a calendar month. The eligibility agency shall deduct a maximum of \$130 in child care costs from the earned income of clients working less than 100 hours in a calendar month.

(8) The eligibility agency shall exclude earned income paid by the U.S. Census Bureau to temporary census takers to prepare for and conduct the census, for individuals defined in 42 CFR 435.110, 435.112 through 435.117, 435.119, 435.210 for groups defined under 201(a)(5) and (6), 435.211, 435.222, 435.223, and 435.300 through 435.310 and individuals defined

in Title XIX of the Social Security Act Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III), (IV), (VI), (VII), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVII), 1902(a)(47), 1902(e)(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), and 1931(b) and (c), 1925 and 1902(l). The eligibility agency may not exclude earnings paid to temporary census takers from the post-eligibility process of determining the person's cost of care contribution for long-term care recipients.

(9) Under 1931 Family Medicaid, for households that pass the 185% gross income test, if net income does not exceed the applicable BMS, the household is eligible for 1931 Family Medicaid. The eligibility agency may not deduct health insurance premiums or medical bills from gross income to determine net income for 1931 Family Medicaid.

(10) For Family Medicaid recipients who otherwise meet 1931 Family Medicaid criteria, who lose eligibility because of earned income that does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty guideline, the eligibility agency shall disregard earned income of the named relative for six months to determine eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid. Before the end of the sixth month, the eligibility agency shall conduct a review of the household's earned income. If the earned income exceeds 185% of the federal poverty guideline, the household is eligible to receive Transitional Medicaid under the provisions of Rule R414-303 as long as it meets all other criteria.

(11) After the first six months of disregarding earned income, if the average monthly earned income of the household does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty guideline for a household of the same size, the eligibility agency shall continue to disregard earned income for an additional six months to determine eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid. In the 12th month of receiving the income disregard, if the household continues to have earned income, the household is eligible to receive Transitional Medicaid under the provisions of Rule R414-303 as long as it meets all other criteria.

(12) The eligibility agency may not count as earned income any credit or refund that an individual receives under the provisions of Section 1001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115, referred to as the Making Work Pay credit.

R414-304-8. Aged, Blind and Disabled Non-Institutional Medicaid and Family Non-Institutional Medicaid Income Deductions.

(1) The Department shall apply the financial methodologies required by 42 CFR 435.601, and the deductions defined in 42 CFR 435.831, 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) For aged, blind and disabled individuals eligible under 42 CFR 435.301(b)(2)(iii), (iv), and (v), described more fully in 42 CFR 435.320, .322 and .324, the eligibility agency shall deduct from income an amount equal to the difference between 100% of the federal poverty guideline and the current BMS income standard for the applicable household size to determine the spenddown amount.

(3) To determine eligibility for and the amount of a spenddown under medically needy programs, the eligibility agency shall deduct from income health insurance premiums the client or a financially responsible family member pays providing coverage for the client or any family members living with the client in the month of payment. The eligibility agency shall also deduct from income the amount of a health insurance premium the month it is due when the Department pays the premium on behalf of the client as authorized by Section 1905(a) of Title XIX of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, except no deduction is allowed for Medicare premiums that the Department pays for or reimburses to recipients.

(a) The eligibility agency shall deduct the entire payment in the month it is due and may not prorate the amount.

(b) The eligibility agency may not deduct health insurance

premiums to determine eligibility for the poverty-related medical assistance programs or Family Medicaid coverage under Section 1931 of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws.

(4) To determine the spenddown under medically needy programs, the eligibility agency shall deduct from income health insurance premiums that the client or a financially responsible family member pays in the application month or during the three-month retroactive period. The eligibility agency shall allow the deduction either in the month paid or in any month after the month paid to the extent the full amount was not deducted in the month paid, but only through the month of application.

(5) To determine eligibility for medically needy coverage groups, the eligibility agency shall deduct from income medically necessary expenses that the client verifies only if the expenses meet all of the following conditions:

(a) The medical service was received by the client, a client's spouse, a parent of a dependent client, a dependent sibling of a dependent client, a deceased spouse, or a deceased dependent child;

(b) Medicaid does not cover the medical bill and it is not payable by a third party;

(c) The medical bill remains unpaid or the client receives and pays for the medical service during the month of application or during the three-month timeperiod immediately preceding the date of application. The date that the medical service is provided on an unpaid expense is irrelevant if the client still owes the provider for the service. Bills for services that the client receives and pays for during the application month or the three-month time-period preceding the date of application can be used as deductions only through the month of application.

(6) The eligibility agency may not allow a medical expense as a deduction more than once.

(7) The eligibility agency may only allow as an income deduction a medical expense for a medically necessary service. The eligibility agency shall determine whether the service is medically necessary.

(8) The eligibility agency shall deduct medical expenses in the order required by 42 CFR 435.831(h)(1). When expenses have the same priority, the eligibility agency shall deduct paid expenses before unpaid expenses.

(9) A client who pays a cash spenddown may present proof of medical expenses paid during the coverage month and request a refund of spenddown paid up to the amount of bills paid by the client. The following criteria apply:

(a) Expenses for which a refund can be made include medically necessary expenses not covered by Medicaid or any third party, co-payments required for prescription drugs covered under a Medicare Part D plan, and co-payments or co-insurance amounts for Medicaid-covered services as required under the Utah Medicaid State Plan;

(b) The expense must be for a service that the client receives during the benefit month;

(c) The Department may not refund any portion of any medical expense that the client uses to meet a Medicaid spenddown when the client assumes responsibility to pay that expense;

(d) A refund cannot exceed the actual cash spenddown amount paid by the client;

(e) The Department may not refund spenddown amounts that a client pays based on unpaid medical expenses for services that the client receives during the benefit month. The client may present to the eligibility agency any unpaid bills for non-Medicaid-covered services that the client receives during the coverage month. The client may use the unpaid bills to meet or reduce the spenddown that the client owes for a future month of Medicaid coverage to the extent that the bills remain unpaid at the beginning of the future month;

(f) The Department shall reduce the refund amount by the

amount of any unpaid obligation that the client owes the Department.

(10) For poverty-related medical assistance, an individual or household is ineligible if countable income exceeds the applicable income limit. The eligibility agency may not deduct medical costs from income to determine eligibility for poverty-related medical assistance programs. An individual may not pay the difference between countable income and the applicable income limit to become eligible for poverty-related medical assistance programs.

(11) When a client must meet a spenddown to become eligible for a medically needy program, the client must sign a statement that says:

(a) the eligibility agency told the client how spenddown can be met;

(b) the client expects his or her medical expenses to exceed the spenddown amount;

(c) whether the client intends to pay cash or use medical expenses to meet the spenddown; and

(d) that the eligibility agency told the client that the Medicaid provider may not use the provider's funds to pay the client's spenddown and that the provider may not loan the client money for the client to pay the spenddown.

(12) A client may meet the spenddown by paying the eligibility agency the amount with cash or check, or by providing proof to the eligibility agency of medical expenses that the client owes equal to the spenddown amount.

(a) The client may elect to deduct from countable income unpaid medical expenses for services that the client receives in non-Medicaid covered months to meet or reduce the spenddown.

(b) Expenses must meet the criteria for allowable medical expenses.

(c) Expenses may not be payable by Medicaid or a third party.

(d) For each benefit month, the client may choose to change the method of meeting spenddown by either presenting proof of allowable medical expenses to the eligibility agency or by presenting a cash or check payment to the eligibility agency equal to the spenddown amount.

(13) The eligibility agency may not accept spenddown payments from a Medicaid provider if the source of the funds is the Medicaid provider's own funds. In addition, the eligibility agency may not accept spenddown payments from a client if a Medicaid provider loans funds to the client to make a spenddown payment.

(14) The eligibility agency may only deduct the amount of prepaid medical expenses that equals the cost of services in a given month. The eligibility agency may not deduct from income any payments that a client makes for medical services in a month before the client receives the services.

(15) For non-institutional Medicaid programs, the eligibility agency may only deduct medically necessary expenses. The Department determines whether services for institutional care are medically necessary.

(16) The eligibility agency may not require a client to pay a spenddown of less than \$1.

(17) Medical costs that a client incurs in a benefit month may not be used to meet spenddown when the client is enrolled in a Medicaid health plan. Bills for mental health services that a client incurs in a benefit month may not be used to meet spenddown if Medicaid contracts with a single mental health provider to provide mental health services to all recipients in the client's county of residence. Bills for mental health services that a client receives in a retroactive or application month that a client pays may be used to meet spenddown only if the Medicaid-contracted mental health provider does not provide the services.

R414-304-9. Medicaid Work Incentive Program Income Deductions.

(1) To determine eligibility for the MWI program, the eligibility agency shall deduct the following amounts from income to determine countable income that is compared to 250% of the federal poverty guideline:

- (a) \$20 from unearned income. If there is less than \$20 in unearned income, the eligibility agency shall deduct the balance of the \$20 from earned income;
- (b) Impairment-related work expenses;
- (c) \$65 plus 1/2 of the remaining earned income;
- (d) A current year loss from a self-employment business can be deducted only from other earned income.

(2) For the MWI program, an individual or household is ineligible if countable income exceeds the applicable income limit. The eligibility agency may not deduct health insurance premiums and medical costs from income before comparing countable income to the applicable limit.

(3) The eligibility agency shall deduct from countable income the amount of health insurance premiums paid by the MWI-eligible individual or a financially responsible household member, to purchase health insurance for himself or other family members in the household before determining the MWI buy-in premium.

(4) An eligible individual may meet the MWI buy-in premium with cash, check or money order payable to the eligibility agency. The client may not meet the MWI premium with medical expenses.

(5) The eligibility agency may not require a client to pay a MWI buy-in premium of less than \$1.

R414-304-10. Aged, Blind and Disabled Institutional Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Income Deductions.

(1) The Department applies the financial methodologies required by 42 CFR 435.601 and the deductions defined in 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, and 435.832, 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department applies Subsections 1902(r)(1) and 1924(d) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2011, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) Health insurance premiums:

(a) For institutionalized and waiver eligible clients, the eligibility agency shall deduct from income health insurance premiums only for the institutionalized or waiver eligible client and only if paid with the institutionalized or waiver eligible client's funds. The eligibility agency shall deduct health insurance premiums in the month they are due the payment. The eligibility agency shall deduct the amount of a health insurance premium for the month it is due if the Department is paying the premium on behalf of the client as authorized by Section 1905(a) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, except no deduction is allowed for Medicare premiums that the Department pays for or reimburses to recipients.

(b) The eligibility agency shall deduct from income the portion of a combined premium, attributable to the institutionalized or waiver-eligible client if the combined premium includes a spouse or dependent family member and is paid from the funds of the institutionalized or waiver-eligible client.

(3) The eligibility agency may only deduct medical expenses from income under the following conditions:

- (a) the client receives the medical service;
- (b) Medicaid or a third party will not pay the medical bill;
- (c) a paid medical bill can only be deducted through the month of payment. No portion of any paid bill can be deducted after the month of payment.

(4) To determine the cost of care contribution for long-term care services, the eligibility agency may not deduct medical

or remedial care expenses that the Department is prohibited from paying when the client incurs the expenses for the transfer of assets for less than fair market value. The eligibility agency may not deduct medical or remedial care expenses that the Department is prohibited from paying under Section 6014 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109 171, 120 Stat. 4, when the equity value of the individual's home exceeds the limit set by law. The eligibility agency may not deduct the expenses during or after the month that the client receives the services even when the expenses remain unpaid.

(5) The eligibility agency may not allow a medical expense as an income deduction more than once.

(6) The eligibility agency may only allow as an income deduction a medical expense for a medically necessary service. The eligibility agency shall determine whether the service is medically necessary.

(7) The eligibility agency may only deduct the amount of prepaid medical expenses that equals the cost of services in a given month. The eligibility agency may not deduct from income any payments that a client makes for medical services in a month before the client receives the services.

(8) When a client must meet a spenddown to become eligible for a medically needy program or receive Medicaid under a home and community based care waiver, the client must sign a statement that says:

(a) the eligibility agency told the client how spenddown can be met;

(b) the client expects his or her medical expenses to exceed the spenddown amount;

(c) whether the client intends to pay cash or use medical expenses to meet the spenddown; and

(d) that the eligibility agency told the client that the Medicaid provider may not use the provider's funds to pay the client's spenddown and that the provider may not loan the client money for the client to pay the spenddown.

(9) A client may meet the spenddown by paying the eligibility agency the amount with cash or check, or by providing proof to the eligibility agency of medical expenses that the client owes equal to the spenddown amount.

(a) The client may elect to deduct from countable income unpaid medical expenses for services that the client receives in non-Medicaid covered months to meet or reduce the spenddown.

(b) Expenses must meet the criteria for allowable medical expenses.

(c) Expenses may not be payable by Medicaid or a third party.

(d) For each benefit month, the client may choose to change the method of meeting spenddown by either presenting proof of allowable medical expenses to the eligibility agency or by presenting a cash or check payment to the eligibility agency equal to the spenddown amount.

(10) The eligibility agency may not accept spenddown payments from a Medicaid provider if the source of the funds is the Medicaid provider's own funds. In addition, the eligibility agency may not accept spenddown payments from a client if a Medicaid provider loans funds to the client to make a spenddown payment.

(11) The eligibility agency shall require institutionalized clients to pay all countable income remaining after allowable income deductions to the institution in which they reside as their cost of care contribution.

(12) A client who pays a cash spenddown or a liability amount to the medical facility in which he resides, may present proof of medical expenses paid during the coverage month and request a refund of spenddown or liability paid up to the amount of bills. The following criteria applies:

(a) Expenses for which a refund can be made include medically necessary medical expenses not covered by Medicaid

or any third party, co-payments required for prescription drugs covered under a Medicare Part D plan, and co-payments or co-insurance amounts for Medicaid-covered services as required under the Utah Medicaid State Plan;

(b) The expense must be for a service that the client receives during the benefit month;

(c) The eligibility agency may not refund any portion of any medical expense that the client uses to meet a Medicaid spenddown or to reduce his liability to the institution when the client assumes that payment responsibility;

(d) A refund cannot exceed the actual cash spenddown or liability amount paid by the client;

(e) The eligibility agency may not refund spenddown or liability amounts paid by a client based on unpaid medical expenses for services that the client receives during the benefit month. The client may present to the eligibility agency any unpaid bills for non-Medicaid-covered services that the client receives during the coverage month. The client may use these unpaid bills to meet or reduce the spenddown that the client owes for a future month of Medicaid coverage to the extent that the bills remain unpaid at the beginning of the future month;

(f) The Department shall reduce a refund by the amount of any unpaid obligation that the client owes the Department.

(13) The eligibility agency shall deduct a personal needs allowance for residents of medical institutions equal to \$45.

(14) When a doctor verifies that a single person or a person whose spouse resides in a medical institution is expected to return home within six months of entering a medical institution or nursing home, the eligibility agency shall deduct a personal needs allowance equal to the current Medicaid Income Limit (BMS) for one person defined in Subsection R414-304-12(6), for up to six months to maintain the individual's community residence.

(15) Except for an individual who is eligible for the Personal Assistance Waiver, an individual who receives assistance under the terms of a home and community-based services waiver is eligible to receive a deduction for a non-institutionalized, non-waiver-eligible spouse and dependent family member. The Department applies the provisions of Section 1924(d) of the Compilation of Social Security Laws, or the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 435.726 or 435.832 to determine the deduction for a spouse and family members.

(16) A client is not eligible for Medicaid coverage if medical costs are not at least equal to the contribution required towards the cost of care.

(17) Medical costs that a client incurs in a benefit month may not be used to meet spenddown when the client is enrolled in a Medicaid health plan. Bills for mental health services that a client incurs in a benefit month may not be used to meet spenddown if Medicaid contracts with a single mental health provider to provide mental health services to all recipients in the client's county of residence. Bills for mental health services that a client receives in a retroactive or application month that a client pays may be used to meet spenddown only if the Medicaid-contracted mental health provider does not provide the services.

R414-304-11. Budgeting.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.640, 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department also adopts 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(iii), 233.31, and 233.33, 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The eligibility agency shall do prospective budgeting on a monthly basis.

(3) A best estimate of income based on the best available information is considered an accurate reflection of client income in that month.

(4) The eligibility agency shall use the best estimate of income to be received or made available to the client in a month

to determine eligibility and spenddown.

(5) Methods of determining the best estimate are income averaging, income anticipating, and income annualizing.

(6) The eligibility agency shall count income in the following manner:

(a) For QMB, SLMB, QI-1, MWI program, and aged, blind, disabled, and Institutional Medicaid income is counted as it is received. Income that is received weekly or every other week is not factored;

(b) For Family Medicaid programs, income that is received weekly or every other week is factored.

(7) Lump sums are income in the month received. Any amount of a lump sum remaining after the end of the month of receipt is a resource, unless otherwise excluded under statute or regulation. Lump sum payments can be earned or unearned income.

(8) Income paid out under a contract is prorated to determine the countable income for each month. The prorated amount is used instead of actual income that a client receives to determine countable income for a month. If the income will be received in fewer months than the contract covers, the income is prorated over the period of the contract. If received in more months than the contract covers, the income is prorated over the period of time in which the money is received. The prorated amount of income determined for each month is the amount used to determine eligibility.

(9) To determine the average monthly income for farm and self-employment income, the eligibility agency shall determine the annual income earned during one or more past years, or other applicable time period, and factors in any current changes in expected income for future months. Less than one year's worth of income may be used if this income has recently begun, or a change occurs making past information unrepresentative of future income. The monthly average income is adjusted during the year when information about changes or expected changes is received by the eligibility agency.

(10) Countable educational income that a client receives other than monthly income is prorated to determine the monthly countable income. This is done by dividing the total amount by the number of calendar months that classes are in session.

(11) Income from Indian trust accounts not exempt by federal law is prorated to determine the monthly countable income when the income varies from month to month, or it is received less often than monthly. This is done by dividing the total amount by the number of months it covers.

(12) Eligibility for retroactive assistance is based on the income received in the month for which retroactive coverage is sought. When income is being prorated or annualized, then the monthly countable income determined using this method is used for the months in the retroactive period, except when the income was not being received during, and was not intended to cover those specific months in the retroactive period. Income is factored for retroactive months.

R414-304-12. Income Standards.

(1) The Department adopts Subsections 1902(a)(10)(E), 1902(l), 1902(m), 1903(f), and 1905(p) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2011, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The eligibility agency shall calculate the aged and disabled poverty-related Medicaid income standard as 100% of the federal non-farm poverty guideline. If an aged or disabled person's income exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) apply unless the disabled individual or a disabled aged individual has earned income. In that case, the income standards of the MWI program apply.

(3) The income standard for the MWI for disabled individuals with earned income is equal to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of the size involved. If income

exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) apply.

(a) The eligibility agency shall charge a MWI buy-in premium for the MWI program when the countable income of the eligible individual's or the couple's income exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline for the Aged and Disabled 100% poverty-related coverage group. When the eligible individual is a minor child, the eligibility agency shall charge a MWI buy-in premium when the child's countable income, including income deemed from parents, exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a one-person household.

(b) The premium is equal to 5% of income when income is over 100% but not more than 110% of the federal poverty guideline, 10% of income when income is over 110% but not over 120% of the federal poverty guideline, or 15% of income when income is over 120% of the federal poverty guideline. The premium is calculated using only the eligible individual's or eligible couple's countable income multiplied by the applicable percentage.

(4) The income limit for pregnant women, and children under one year of age, is equal to 133% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of the size involved. If income exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) apply.

(5) The current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) are as follows:

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Household Size	Medicaid Income Standard (BMS)
1	382
2	468
3	583
4	683
5	777
6	857
7	897
8	938
9	982
10	1,023
11	1,066
12	1,108
13	1,150
14	1,192
15	1,236
16	1,277
17	1,320
18	1,364

R414-304-13. Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid, Medicaid Work Incentive, QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 Filing Unit.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.602, 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsections 1902(l)(1), (2), and (3), 1902(m)(1) and (2), and 1905(p) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2011, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The eligibility agency shall count the following individuals in the BMS for aged, blind and disabled Medicaid:

- (a) the client;
- (b) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is eligible for aged, blind and disabled Medicaid, and is included in the coverage;
- (c) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse has deemed income above the allocation for a spouse.

(3) The eligibility agency shall count the following individuals in the household size for the 100% of poverty aged or disabled Medicaid program:

- (a) the client;
- (b) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is aged, blind, or disabled, regardless of the type of income the spouse receives, or whether the spouse is included in the coverage;
- (c) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is

not aged, blind or disabled, but has deemed income above the allocation for a spouse.

(4) The eligibility agency shall count the following individuals in the household size for a QMB, SLMB, or QI-1 case:

- (a) the client;
- (b) a spouse living in the same home who receives Part A Medicare or is Aged, Blind, or Disabled, regardless of whether the spouse has any deemed income or whether the spouse is included in the coverage;
- (c) a spouse living in the same home who does not receive Part A Medicare and is not Aged, Blind, or Disabled, if the spouse has deemed income above the allocation for a spouse.

(5) The eligibility agency shall count the following individuals in the household size for the MWI program:

- (a) the client;
- (b) a spouse living in the same home;
- (c) parents living with a minor child;
- (d) children who are under the age of 18;
- (e) children who are 18, 19, or 20 years of age if they are in school full-time.

(6) Eligibility for aged, blind and disabled non-institutional Medicaid and the spenddown, if any; aged and disabled 100% poverty-related Medicaid; and QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 programs is based on the income of the following individuals:

- (a) the client;
- (b) parents living with the minor client;
- (c) a spouse who is living with the client. Income of the spouse is counted based on R414-304-3;
- (d) an alien client's sponsor, and the spouse of the sponsor, if any.

(7) Eligibility for the MWI program is based on income of the following individuals:

- (a) the client;
- (b) parents living with the minor client;
- (c) a spouse who is living with the client;
- (d) an alien client's sponsor, and the spouse of the sponsor, if any.

(8) If a person is included in the BMS, it means that the eligibility agency shall count that family member as part of the household and also count his income and resources to determine eligibility for the household, whether or not that family member receives medical assistance.

(9) If a person is included in the household size, it means that the eligibility agency shall count that family member as part of the household to determine what income limit applies, regardless of whether the agency counts that family member's income or whether that family member receives medical assistance.

R414-304-14. Family Medicaid Filing Unit.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.602, 2010 ed., 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(iii), 233.20(a)(1) and 233.20(a)(3)(vi), 2010 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) For Family Medicaid programs, if a household includes individuals who meet the U.S. citizen or qualified alien status requirements and family members who do not meet U.S. citizen or qualified alien status requirements, the eligibility agency shall include the ineligible alien family members in the household size to determine the applicable income limit for the eligible family members. The ineligible alien family members may not receive regular Medicaid coverage, but may be able to qualify for Medicaid that covers emergency services only under other provisions of Medicaid law.

(3) Except for determinations under 1931 Family Medicaid, the eligibility agency may exclude any unemancipated minor child from the Medicaid coverage group, and may exclude an ineligible alien child from the household

size at the request of the named relative who is responsible for the children. An excluded child is considered an ineligible child and is not counted as part of the household size to determine what income limit is applicable to the family. The eligibility agency may not consider income and resources of an excluded child to determine eligibility or spenddown.

(4) The eligibility agency may not use a grandparent's income to determine eligibility or spenddown for a minor child and may not count the grandparent in the household size. Nevertheless, the eligibility agency shall count as income any cash that a grandparent donates to a minor child or to the parent of a minor child.

(5) Except for determinations under 1931 Family Medicaid, if anyone in the household is pregnant, the eligibility agency shall include the unborn child in the household size. If a medical authority confirms that a pregnant woman will have more than one child, the eligibility agency shall include all of the unborn children in that household.

(6) If the parents voluntarily place a child in foster care and in the custody of a state agency, the eligibility agency shall include the parents in the household size.

(7) The eligibility agency may not include parents in the household size who have relinquished their parental rights.

(8) If a court order places a child in the custody of the state and the state temporarily places the child in an institution, the eligibility agency may not include the parents in the household size.

(9) If the eligibility agency includes or counts a person in the household size, that family member is counted as part of the household and his income and resources are counted to determine eligibility for the household, whether or not that family member receives medical assistance. The household size determines which BMS income level or, in the case of poverty-related programs, which poverty guideline income level applies to determine eligibility for the client or family.

R414-304-15. Aged, Blind and Disabled Institutional and Waiver Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Filing Unit.

(1) For aged, blind and disabled institutional, and home and community-based waiver Medicaid, the eligibility agency may not use income of the client's parents or the client's spouse to determine eligibility and the contribution to cost of care, which may be referred to as a spenddown.

(2) For Family institutional, and home and community-based waiver Medicaid programs, the Department adopts 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(vii), 2010 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

(3) The eligibility agency shall determine eligibility and the contribution to cost of care, which may be referred to as a spenddown, using the income of the client and the income deemed from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act after December 18, 1997. The eligibility agency shall end sponsor deeming when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. After December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-305. Resources.****R414-305-1. Purpose and Authority.**

This rule is established under the authority of Section 26-18-3 and establishes the resource provisions for Medicaid eligibility.

R414-305-2. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in R414-1 and R414-301 apply to this rule.

(2) The following definitions apply in this rule:

(a) "Burial plot" means a burial space and any item related to repositories customarily used for the remains of any deceased member of the household. This includes caskets, concrete vaults, urns, crypts, grave markers, and the cost of opening and closing a grave site.

(b) "Department" means the Utah Department of Health.

(c) "Eligibility agency" means the Department of Workforce Services that determines eligibility for Medicaid under contract with the Department.

(d) "Penalty period" means a period of time during which a person is not eligible for Medicaid services for institutional care or services provided under a home and community-based waiver due to a transfer of assets for less than fair market value.

(e) "Transfer" in regard to assets means a person has disposed of assets for less than fair market value.

R414-305-3. Aged, Blind and Disabled Non-Institutional and Institutional Medicaid Resource Provisions.

(1) To determine eligibility of the aged, blind or disabled, the Department incorporates by reference 42 CFR 435.840, 435.845, 2010 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1201, 416.1202, 416.1205 through 416.1224, 416.1229 through 416.1239, and 416.1247 through 416.1250, 2010 ed. The Department incorporates by reference Section 1917(d), (e), (f) and (g) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2011. The eligibility agency may not count as an available resource any assets that are prohibited under other federal laws from being counted as a resource to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) A resource is available when the individual owns it or has the legal right to sell or dispose of the resource for the individual's own benefit.

(3) Except for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the resource limit for aged, blind or disabled Medicaid is \$2,000 for a one-person household and \$3,000 for a two-person household.

(4) For an individual who meets the criteria for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the resource limit is \$15,000. This limit applies whether the household size is one or more than one.

(5) The eligibility agency shall base non-institutional and institutional Medicaid eligibility on all available resources owned by the individual, or considered available to the individual from a spouse or parent. The eligibility agency may not grant eligibility based upon the individual's intent to or action of disposing of non-liquid resources as described in 20 CFR 416.1240, 2010 ed., unless Social Security is excluding the resources for an SSI recipient while the recipient takes steps to dispose of the excess resources.

(6) The eligibility agency may not count any resource or the interest from a resource held within the rules of the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Any money from the resource that is given to the child as unearned income is a countable resource that begins the month after the child receives it.

(7) The eligibility agency shall count the resources of a ward that are controlled by a legal guardian as the ward's resources.

(8) The eligibility agency may not count lump sum

payments that an individual receives on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home if the entire proceeds are used to purchase a new exempt home within three calendar months of when the property is sold. The eligibility agency shall grant the individual one three-month extension if more than three months is needed to complete the actual purchase. Proceeds are defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds do not include interest earned on the principal.

(9) If a resource is available, but a legal impediment exists, the eligibility agency may not count the resource until it becomes available. The individual must take appropriate steps to make the resource available unless one of the following conditions as determined by a person with established expertise relevant to the resource exists:

(a) Reasonable action does not allow the resource to become available; and

(b) The cost of making the resource available exceeds its value.

(10) Water rights attached to the home and the lot on which the home sits are exempt as long as the home is the individual's principal place of residence.

(11) For an institutionalized individual, the eligibility agency may not consider a home or life estate to be an exempt resource.

(12) To determine eligibility for nursing facility or other long-term care services, the eligibility agency shall exclude the value of the individual's principal home or life estate from countable resources if one of the following conditions is met:

(i) the individual intends to return to the home;

(ii) the individual's spouse resides in the home;

(iii) the individual's child who is under the age of 21, or who is blind or disabled resides in the home; or

(iv) a reliant relative of the individual resides in the home.

(13) Even if the conditions in Subsection R414-305-3(12) are met, an individual is ineligible to receive nursing facility services or other long-term care services if the full equity value of the individual's home or life estate exceeds \$500,000, or increased value according to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1396p(f)(1)(C) unless the individual's spouse, or the individual's child who is under the age of 21 or is blind or permanently disabled lawfully resides in the home. The individual may only qualify for Medicaid to cover ancillary services.

(14) For A, B and D Medicaid, the eligibility agency may not count up to \$6,000 of equity value of non-business property used to produce goods or services essential to home use daily activities.

(15) The eligibility agency may retroactively designate for burial a previously unreported resource that meets the criteria for burial funds found in 20 CFR 416.1231, and thereby exempt the resource effective the first day of the month in which it was designated for burial or intended for burial. The eligibility agency may not exempt the funds more than two years retroactively before the date of application. The eligibility agency shall treat the resources as funds set aside for burial and the amount exempted cannot exceed the limit established for the SSI program.

(16) One vehicle is exempt if it is used for regular transportation needs of the individual or a household member.

(17) The eligibility agency may not count resources of an SSI recipient who has a plan for achieving self-support approved by the Social Security Administration when the resources are set aside under the plan to purchase work-related equipment or meet self-support goals.

(18) The eligibility agency may not count an irrevocable burial trust as a resource. Nevertheless, if the owner is institutionalized or on home and community-based waiver Medicaid, the value of the trust, which exceeds \$7,000, is considered a transferred resource.

(19) The eligibility agency may not count business

resources that are required for employment or self-employment.

(20) For the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the eligibility agency may not count the following additional resources of the eligible individual:

(a) Retirement funds held in an employer or union pension plan, retirement plan or account, including 401(k) plans, or an Individual Retirement Account, even if the funds are available to the individual.

(b) A second vehicle when it is used by a spouse or child of the eligible individual living in the household to get to work.

(21) After qualifying for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the eligibility agency may not count the resources described in Subsection R414-305-3(20) to allow the individual to qualify for other Medicaid programs for the aged, blind or disabled, and not solely the Medicaid Work Incentive, even if the individual ceases to have earned income or no longer meets the criteria for the Work Incentive Program.

(22) Assets of an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act after December 18, 1997, are considered available to the alien. The eligibility agency shall stop counting assets from a sponsor when the alien becomes a naturalized United States (U.S.) citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. After December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(23) The eligibility agency shall not consider a sponsor's assets as being available to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(24) The eligibility agency may not count as income any federal tax refund and refundable credit that an individual receives between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2012, pursuant to the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 312, 124, Stat 3296. During that time period, the eligibility agency may not count state tax refunds for 12 months after the month of receipt.

(25) The eligibility agency may not count the following resources that an individual receives after December 31, 2012:

(a) Amounts that an individual receives as a result of the Making Work Pay credit defined in Section 1001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for two months after the month of receipt;

(b) Amounts that an individual retains from the economic recovery payments defined in Section 2201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for nine months after the month of receipt;

(c) Tax credits described in 20 CFR 416.1235 that relate to child tax credits and earned income tax credits for nine months after the month of receipt;

(d) Amounts that an individual retains from the tax credit allowed to certain government employees as defined in Section 2202 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for two months after the month of receipt.

(26) The eligibility agency may not count as income, for one year after the date of receipt, any payments that an individual receives under the Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 291, 124 Stat. 3064.

(27) The eligibility agency may not count as income the following resources:

(a) The value of any reduction in Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) premiums provided to an individual under Section 3001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(b) Certain property and rights of federally-recognized

American Indians including certain tribal lands held in trust which are located on or near a reservation, or allotted lands located on a previous reservation, ownership interests in rents, leases, royalties or usage rights related to natural resources (including extraction of natural resources), and ownership interests and usage rights in personal property which has unique religious, spiritual, traditional or cultural significance, and rights that support subsistence or traditional lifestyles, as defined in Section 5006(b)(1) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(28) The eligibility agency shall count only the portion of an asset such as a retirement plan that is legally available to an individual when that asset has been divided between two divorced spouses pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order.

(29) Life estates.

(a) For non-institutional Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall count life estates as resources only when a market exists for the sale of the life estate as established by knowledgeable sources.

(b) For Institutional Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall count life estates even if no market exists for the sale of the life estate, unless the life estate can be excluded as defined in Subsection R414-305-3(12).

(c) The individual may dispute the value of the life estate by verifying the property value to be less than the established value or by submitting proof based on the age and life expectancy of the life estate owner that the value of the life estate is lower. The value of a life estate shall be based upon the age of the individual and the current market value of the property.

(d) The following table lists the life estate figure corresponding to the individual's age. This figure is used to establish the value of a life estate:

TABLE

Age	Life Estate Figure
0	.97188
1	.98988
2	.99017
3	.99008
4	.98981
5	.98938
6	.98884
7	.98822
8	.98748
9	.98663
10	.98565
11	.98453
12	.98329
13	.98198
14	.98066
15	.97937
16	.97815
17	.97700
18	.97590
19	.97480
20	.97365
21	.97245
22	.97120
23	.96986
24	.96841
25	.96678
26	.96495
27	.96290
28	.96062
29	.95813
30	.95543
31	.95254
32	.94942
33	.94608
34	.94250
35	.93868
36	.93460
37	.93026
38	.92567
39	.92083

40 .91571
 41 .91030
 42 .90457
 43 .89855
 44 .89221
 45 .88558
 46 .87863
 47 .87137
 48 .86374
 49 .85578
 50 .84743
 51 .83674
 52 .82969
 53 .82028
 54 .81054
 55 .80046
 56 .79006
 57 .77931
 58 .76822
 59 .75675
 60 .74491
 61 .73267
 62 .72002
 63 .70696
 64 .69352
 65 .67970
 66 .66551
 67 .65098
 68 .63610
 69 .62086
 70 .60522
 71 .58914
 72 .57261
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 75 .52149
 76 .50441
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 79 .45357
 80 .43659
 81 .41967
 82 .40295
 83 .38642
 84 .36998
 85 .35359
 86 .33764
 87 .32262
 88 .30859
 89 .29526
 90 .28221
 91 .26955
 92 .25771
 93 .24692
 94 .23728
 95 .22887
 96 .22181
 97 .21550
 98 .21000
 99 .20486
 100 .19975
 101 .19532
 102 .19054
 103 .18437
 104 .17856
 105 .16962
 106 .15488
 107 .13409
 108 .10068
 109 .04545

R414-305-4. Family Non-Institutional and Institutional Medicaid Resource Provisions.

(1) The Department incorporates by reference 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(i)(B)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (6), and 233.20(a)(3)(vi)(A), 2010 ed. The Department incorporates by reference Section 1917(d), (e), (f) and (g), Section 404(h) and 1613(a)(13) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2011. The eligibility agency may not count as an available resource retained funds from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as a resource to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) A resource is available when the individual owns it or has the legal right to sell or dispose of the resource for the

individual's own benefit.

(3) Except for pregnant women who meet the criteria under Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) of the Social Security Act in effect January 1, 2011, the resource limit is \$2,000 for a one-person household, \$3,000 for a two-person household and \$25 for each additional household member. For pregnant women defined above, the resource limit is defined in Section R414-303-11.

(4) Except for the exclusion for a vehicle, the eligibility agency shall use the same methodology for treatment of resources for all medically needy and categorically needy individuals.

(5) To determine countable resources for Medicaid eligibility, the eligibility agency shall consider all available resources owned by the individual. The agency may not consider a resource unavailable based upon the individual's intent or action of disposing of non-liquid resources.

(6) The eligibility agency shall count resources of a household member who has been disqualified from Medicaid for failure to cooperate with third party liability or duty of support requirements.

(7) If a legal guardian, conservator, authorized representative, or other responsible person controls any resources of an individual, the eligibility agency shall count the resources as the individual's. The arrangement may be formal or informal.

(8) If a resource is available, but a legal impediment exists, the agency may not count the resource until it becomes available. The individual must take appropriate steps to make the resource available unless one of the following conditions exist:

(a) Reasonable action does not allow the resource to become available; and

(b) The cost of making the resource available exceeds its value.

(9) Except for determining countable resources for Family Medicaid under Section 1931 of the Act, the agency shall exclude a maximum of \$1,500 in equity value of one vehicle.

(10) The eligibility agency may not count as resources the value of household goods and personal belongings that are essential for day-to-day living. The agency shall count any single household good or personal belonging with a value that exceeds \$1,000 toward the resource limit. The agency may not count as a resource the value of any item that a household member needs because of the household member's medical or physical condition.

(11) The eligibility agency may not count the value of one wedding ring and one engagement ring as a resource.

(12) For a non-institutionalized individual, the eligibility agency may not count the value of a life estate as an available resource if the life estate is the individual's principal residence. If the life estate is not the principal residence, the provision in Subsection R414-305-3(29) shall apply.

(13) The eligibility agency may not count the resources of a child who is not counted in the household size to determine eligibility of other household members.

(14) For a non-institutionalized individual, the eligibility agency may not count as a resource, the value of the lot on which the excluded home stands if the lot does not exceed the average size of residential lots for the community in which it is located. The agency shall count as a resource the value of the property in excess of an average size lot. If the individual is institutionalized, the provisions of Subsections R414-305-3(12), (13), (14), and (29) shall apply to the individual's home or life estate.

(15) The agency may not count as a resource the value of water rights attached to an excluded home and lot.

(16) The eligibility agency may not count any resource or interest from a resource held within the rules of the Uniform

Transfers to Minors Act. The agency shall count as a resource any money that a child receives as unearned income, which the child retains beyond the month of receipt.

(17) The eligibility agency may not count lump sum payments that an individual receives on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home if the entire proceeds are used to purchase a new exempt home within three calendar months of when the property is sold. The eligibility agency shall grant the individual one three-month extension, if more than three months is needed to complete the actual purchase. Proceeds are defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds do not include interest earned on the principal.

(18) The eligibility agency shall count as a resource retroactive benefits received from the Social Security Administration and the Railroad Retirement Board for the first nine months after receipt.

(19) The eligibility agency shall exclude from resources a burial and funeral fund or funeral arrangement up to \$1,500 for each household member who is counted in the household size. Burial and funeral agreements include burial trusts, funeral plans, and funds set aside expressly for the purposes of burial. The agency shall separate and clearly designate the burial funds from the non-burial funds. The agency may not count as a resource interest earned on exempt burial funds that is left to accumulate. If an individual uses exempt burial funds for some other purpose, the agency shall count the remaining funds as an available resource beginning on the date that the funds are withdrawn.

(20) Assets of an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act after December 18, 1997, are considered available to the alien. The eligibility agency shall stop counting a sponsor's assets when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. After December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(21) The eligibility agency may not consider a sponsor's assets as being available to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(22) The eligibility agency shall count business resources that are required for employment or self-employment. The agency shall treat non-business, income-producing property in the same manner as the SSI program as defined in 42 CFR 416.1222.

(23) For Family Medicaid households who are eligible under Section 1931 of the Act, the eligibility agency may only count as a resource either the equity value of one vehicle that meets the definition of a passenger vehicle as defined in Subsection 26-18-2(6) or \$1,500 of the equity of one vehicle, whichever provides the greatest disregard for the household.

(24) For eligibility under Family-related Medicaid programs, the eligibility agency may not count as a resource retirement funds held in an employer or union pension plan, a retirement plan or account including 401(k) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts of a disabled parent or disabled spouse who is not included in the coverage.

(25) The eligibility agency may not count as income any federal tax refund and refundable credit that an individual receives between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2012, pursuant to the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 312, 124, Stat 3296. During that time period, the eligibility agency may not count state tax refunds for 12 months after the month of receipt.

(26) The eligibility agency may not count the following resources that an individual receives after December 31, 2012:

(a) Funds that an individual receives from the Child Tax credit or the Earned Income Tax credit for nine months after the month of receipt. The agency may not count any remaining funds as a resource in the tenth month after receipt;

(b) Amounts that an individual receives as a result of the Making Work Pay credit defined in Section 1001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for two months after the month of receipt;

(c) Amounts that an individual retains from the economic recovery payments defined in Section 2201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for nine months after the month of receipt;

(d) Amounts that an individual retains from the tax credit allowed to certain government employees as defined in Section 2202 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115 for two months after the month of receipt.

(27) The eligibility agency may not count as income, for one year after the date of receipt, any payments that an individual receives under the Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111 291, 124 Stat. 3064.

(28) The eligibility agency may not count as income the following resources:

(a) The value of any reduction in COBRA premiums provided to an individual under Section 3001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(b) Certain property and rights of American Indians including certain tribal lands, personal property which has unique religious, spiritual, traditional or cultural significance, and rights that support subsistence or traditional lifestyles, as defined in Section 5006(b)(1) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111 5, 123 Stat. 115.

(29) The eligibility agency shall count only the portion of an asset such as a retirement plan that is legally available to an individual when that asset has been divided between two divorced spouses pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order.

R414-305-5. Spousal Impoverishment Resource Rules for Married Institutionalized Individuals.

(1) The eligibility agency shall apply the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5 to determine the value of the total joint resources of an institutionalized individual and a community spouse, and the spousal assessed share.

(2) The resource limit for an institutionalized individual is \$2,000.

(3) At the request of either the institutionalized individual or the individual's spouse and upon receipt of relevant documentation of resources, the eligibility agency shall assess and document the total value of resources using the methodology described in Subsection R414-305-5(5) as of the first continuous period of institutionalization or application for Medicaid home and community-based waiver services. The eligibility agency shall notify the requester of the results of the assessment. The agency may not require the individual to apply for Medicaid or pay a fee for the assessment.

(4) The assessment is a computation of the total value of resources in which the institutionalized individual or the community spouse has an ownership interest. The spousal share is equal to one-half of the total value computed. The eligibility agency shall count the resources for the assessment that include those the couple has on the date that one spouse becomes institutionalized or applies for Medicaid for home and community-based waiver services, and the other spouse remains in the community and is not eligible for Medicaid for home and community-based waiver services.

(a) The community spouse's assessed share of resources is

one-half of the total resources. Nevertheless, the protected resource allowance for the community spouse may be less than the assessed share.

(b) Upon application for Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall set the protected share of resources for the community spouse when countable resources equal no more than the community spouse's protected share as determined under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(f) plus the resource limit for the institutionalized spouse.

(c) The eligibility agency shall set the community spouse's protected share of resources at the community spouse's assessed share of the resources with the following exceptions:

(i) If the spouse's assessed share of resources is less than the minimum resource standard, the protected share of resources is the minimum resource standard;

(ii) If the spouse's assessed share of resources is more than the maximum resource standard, the protected share of resources is the maximum resource standard;

(iii) The eligibility agency shall use the minimum and maximum resource standards permitted under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(f) to determine the community spouse's protected share.

(d) In making a decision to modify the community spouse's protected share of resources, the eligibility agency shall apply the income first provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(6).

(5) The eligibility agency shall count any resource owned by the community spouse in excess of the community spouse's protected share of resources to determine the institutionalized individual's initial Medicaid eligibility.

(6) After the eligibility agency establishes eligibility for the institutionalized spouse, the agency shall allow a protected period for the couple to either use excess resources, or change the ownership of resources held jointly or held only in the name of the institutionalized spouse.

(a) The protected period continues until the resources held in the institutionalized spouse's name do not exceed \$2,000, or until the time of the next regularly scheduled eligibility redetermination, whichever occurs first.

(b) The institutionalized individual may do the following:

(i) use resources held in his name for his benefit or for the benefit of his spouse;

(ii) transfer resources to the community spouse to bring the resources held only in the name of the community spouse up to the amount of the community spouse's protected share of resources and to bring the resources held only in the name of the institutionalized spouse down to the Medicaid resource limit; or

(iii) a combination of both.

(7) The eligibility agency may not count resources held in the name of the community spouse as available to the institutionalized spouse beginning the month after the month in which the agency establishes eligibility.

(8) If an individual is otherwise eligible for institutional Medicaid, the eligibility agency may not count the community spouse's resources as available to the institutionalized individual due to an uncooperative spouse or because the spouse cannot be located if all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The individual assigns support rights to the agency;

(b) The individual cannot get medical care without Medicaid;

(c) The individual is at risk of death or permanent disability without institutional care.

R414-305-6. Treatment of Trusts.

(1) The eligibility agency shall apply the criteria in Section 1902(k) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, 1993 ed., to determine the availability of trusts established before August 11, 1993.

(a) A Medicaid qualifying trust is a trust, or similar legal device, established (other than by will) by an individual (or an individual's spouse) under which the individual may be the

beneficiary of all or part of the payments from the trust. The distribution of payments is determined by one or more trustees who are permitted to exercise some amount of discretion with respect to the distribution to the individual.

(b) The amount of the trust property that is counted as an available resource to the individual who established the trust (or whose spouse established the trust) is the maximum amount that the trustee is permitted to distribute under the terms of the trust for the individual's benefit. This amount of property is counted as available whether or not it is actually disbursed by the trustee or received by the beneficiary. It does not matter whether the trust is irrevocable nor whether it is established for a purpose other than to qualify for Medicaid.

(c) Payments made from the available portion of the trust do not count as income because the available portion of the trust is counted as a resource. If payments are made from any portion of the trust that is not counted as a resource, the payments are counted as income in the month received.

(2) Trust for a Disabled Person under Age 65 established in compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(A). These trusts are commonly known as a special needs trust for a disabled person. Assets held in a trust that comply with the provisions in Subsection R414-305-6(2) and (4) do not count as available resources.

(a) The individual trust beneficiary must meet the disability criteria found in 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3). The trust must be established and assets transferred to the trust before the disabled individual reaches age 65.

(b) The trust must be established solely for the benefit of the disabled individual by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian of the individual, or the court.

(c) The trust may only contain the assets of the disabled individual. The eligibility agency shall treat any additions to the trust corpus with assets not belonging to the disabled trust beneficiary as a gift to the trust beneficiary. The additions irrevocably become part of the trust corpus and are subject to all provisions of Medicaid restrictions that govern special needs trusts.

(d) The trust must be irrevocable. No one may have any right or power to alter, amend, revoke, or terminate the trust or any of its terms, except that the trust may include language that provides that the trust may be amended but only if necessary to conform with subsequent changes to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(A) or synonymous state law.

(e) The trust cannot be altered or converted from an individual trust to a "pooled trust" under 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(C).

(f) The trust must terminate upon the death of the disabled individual or exhaustion of trust corpus and must include language that specifically provides that upon the death of the beneficiary or early termination of the trust, whichever occurs first, the trustees will notify Medicaid and will pay all amounts remaining in the trust to the State up to the total amount of medical assistance the State has paid on behalf of the individual. The trust shall comply fully with this obligation to first repay the State without requiring the State to take any action except to establish the amount to be repaid.

(g) The sole lifetime beneficiary of the trust must be the disabled individual, and the Medicaid agency must be the preferred remainder beneficiary. Distributions from the trust during the beneficiary's lifetime may be made only to or for the benefit of the disabled individual.

(h) The eligibility agency shall continue to exclude assets held in the trust from countable resources after the disabled individual reaches age 65. Subsequent additions to the trust other than interest on the corpus after the person turns 65 are not assets of an individual under age 65 and the agency shall treat the transfer as a transfer of resources for less than fair market value, which may create a period of ineligibility for

certain Medicaid services.

(i) A trust that provides benefits to other persons is not an individual special needs trust and does not meet the criteria to be excluded from resources.

(j) A corporate trustee may charge a reasonable fee for services.

(k) The trust may compensate a guardian only as provided by law. The trust may not compensate the parent of a minor child from the trust as the child's guardian.

(l) Additional trusts cannot be created within the special needs trust.

(3) Pooled Trust for Disabled Individuals. A pooled trust is a specific trust for disabled individuals established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(C) that meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The trust contains the assets of disabled individuals;

(b) The trust must be established and managed by an entity that has been granted non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service. The non-profit entity must submit to the State a letter documenting the non-profit status with the trust documents;

(c) The trustees must maintain a separate account for each disabled beneficiary whose assets are placed in the pooled trust; however, for the purposes of investment and management of the funds, the trust may pool the funds from the individual accounts. If someone other than the beneficiary transfers assets to the pooled trust administrator to be used on behalf of that beneficiary of the pooled trust, the eligibility agency shall treat the assets as a gift to that beneficiary, which the administrator must add to and manage as part of the balance of the beneficiary's account and which are subject to all provisions of Medicaid restrictions that govern pooled trusts.

(d) Accounts in the trust must be established solely for the benefit of individuals who are disabled as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3).

(e) The trust must be irrevocable; accounts set up in the trust must be irrevocable.

(f) Individual accounts may be established only by the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of the individual, by the individual, or by a court.

(g) An initial transfer of funds or any additions or augmentations to a pooled trust account by an individual 65 years of age or older is a transfer of assets for less than fair market value and may create a period of ineligibility for certain Medicaid services.

(h) The disabled individual cannot control any spending by the trust.

(i) Individual trust accounts may not be liquidated before the death of the beneficiary without first making payment to the State for medical assistance paid on behalf of the individual.

(j) The trust must include language that specifically provides that upon the death of the trust account beneficiary, the trustees will notify the Medicaid agency and will pay all amounts remaining in the beneficiary's account to the State up to the total medical assistance paid on behalf of the beneficiary. The trust may retain a maximum of 50% of the amount remaining in the beneficiary's account at death to be used for other disabled individuals if the trust has established provisions by which it will assure that the retained funds are used only for individuals meeting the disability criteria found in 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3).

(k) A pooled trust that retains some portion of a deceased beneficiary's trust funds must describe how retained funds are used for other disabled persons. Any funds that are placed in an individual beneficiary's account or that are used to set up an account for an individual beneficiary who does not otherwise have funds to place in the pooled trust are subject to all of the provisions of Medicaid restrictions that govern pooled trusts. The pooled trust may include a plan for using retained funds only for incidental, one-time services to qualified disabled

individuals who do not have accounts in the pooled trust.

(4) The following provisions apply to both individual trusts and pooled trusts described in Subsection R414-305-6(2) and (3):

(a) No expenditures may be made after the death of the beneficiary before repayment to the State, except for federal and state taxes and necessary and reasonable administrative costs of the trust incurred in closing the trust;

(b) The trust must provide that if the beneficiary has received Medicaid benefits in more than one state, each state that provided Medicaid benefits shall be repaid. If the remaining balance is insufficient to repay all benefits paid, then each state will be paid its proportionate share;

(c) The trust or an attached schedule must identify the amount and source of the initial trust property. The disabled individual must report subsequent additions to the trust corpus to the eligibility agency;

(d) If the trust is funded, in whole or in part, with an annuity or other periodic payment arrangement, the State must be named in controlling documents as the preferred remainder beneficiary in the first position up to the total amount of medical assistance paid on behalf of the individual;

(i) Any funds remaining after full repayment of the medical assistance can be paid to a secondary remainder beneficiary;

(ii) The eligibility agency shall treat any provision or action that does or will divert payments or principal from the annuity or payment arrangement to someone other than the excluded trust or the Medicaid agency as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value with the exception that any remainder after the Medicaid agency has been fully repaid may be paid to a secondary beneficiary;

(e) The eligibility agency shall count cash distributions from the trust as income in the month received;

(f) The eligibility agency shall count retained distributed amounts as resources beginning the month which follows the month that the amounts are distributed. The agency shall apply the applicable resource rules to assets purchased with trust funds and given to the beneficiary as his or her personal possessions. The disabled individual must report the receipt of payments or assets from the trust within ten days of receipt. The agency shall exclude assets purchased with trust funds if the trust retains ownership;

(g) The eligibility agency shall count distributions from the trust covering the individual's expenses for food or shelter as in-kind income to determine Medicaid eligibility in the month paid;

(h) If expenditures made from the trust also incidentally provide an ongoing and continuing benefit to other persons, those other persons who also benefit must contribute a pro-rata share to the trust for the expenses associated with their use of the acquisition;

(i) Contracts to provide personal services to the disabled individual must be in writing, describe the services to be provided, pay fair market rate consistent with rates charged in the community for the type and quality of services to be provided, and be executed in advance of any services being provided and paid. The eligibility agency may require a statement of medical need for the services from the individual's medical practitioner. If the person who is to provide the services is a family member or friend, the eligibility agency may require verification of the person's ability to carry out the needed services;

(j) Distributions from the trust made to or for the benefit of a third party that are not for the benefit of the disabled individual are treated as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value and may create a period of ineligibility for certain Medicaid services. This includes such things as payments of the expenses or travel costs of persons other than a medically

necessary attendant;

(k) The beneficiary must submit an annual accounting of trust income and expenditures and a statement of trust assets to the eligibility agency upon request or upon any change of trustee.

(5) The eligibility agency may not count assets held in a pooled trust that comply with the provisions in Subsection R414-305-6(3) and (4) as available resources.

(6) 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(B), provides for an exemption from the trust provisions for qualified income trusts (also known as Miller Trusts). Special provisions for this form of trust apply, under federal law, only in those states that do not provide medically needy coverage for nursing facility services. Because Utah covers services in nursing facilities under the medically needy coverage group of the Medicaid program, the establishment of a qualified income trust shall be treated as an asset transfer for the purposes of qualifying for Medicaid. This presumption shall apply whether the individual is seeking nursing facility services or home and community-based services under one of the waiver programs.

R414-305-7. Transfer of Resources for A, B and D or Family Non-Institutional Medicaid.

The eligibility agency may not impose a penalty period for the transfer of resources.

R414-305-8. Transfer of Resources for Institutional Medicaid.

(1) The eligibility agency shall apply the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c) and (e) to determine if a penalty period applies for a transfer of assets for less than fair market value.

(2) If an individual or the individual's spouse transfers the home or life estate or any other asset on or after the look-back date based on an application for long-term care Medicaid services, the transfer requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c) and (e) apply.

(3) If an individual or the individual's spouse transfers assets in more than one month after February 7, 2006, the uncompensated value of all transfers including fractional transfers are combined to determine the penalty period. The eligibility agency shall apply partial month penalty periods for transferred amounts that are less than the monthly average private pay rate for nursing home services.

(4) In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c), the penalty period for a transfer of assets that occurs after February 7, 2006, begins the first day of the month during or after which assets are transferred, or the date on which the individual is eligible for Medicaid coverage and would otherwise receive institutional level care based on an approved application for Medicaid, but for the application of the penalty period, whichever is later.

(a) If a previous penalty period is in effect on the date that the new penalty period begins, the new penalty period begins immediately after the previous one ends.

(b) The eligibility agency shall apply penalty periods consecutively so that they do not overlap.

(5) If assets are transferred during any penalty period, the penalty period for those transfers does not begin until the previous penalty period expires.

(6) If a transfer occurs, or the eligibility agency discovers an unreported transfer after the agency approves an individual for Medicaid for nursing home or home and community-based services, the penalty period shall begin on the first day of the month after the month that the individual transfers the asset.

(7) The statewide average private-pay rate for nursing home care in Utah that the eligibility agency shall use to calculate the penalty period for transfers is \$4,526 per month.

(8) To determine if a resource is transferred for the sole benefit of a spouse, disabled or blind child, or disabled individual, a binding written agreement must be in place which

establishes that the resource transferred may only be used to benefit the spouse, disabled child, or disabled individual, and must be actuarially sound. The written agreement must specify the payment amounts and schedule. Any provisions in the agreement that benefit another person at any time nullify the sole benefit provision. An excluded trust established under 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4) that meets the criteria in Section R414-305-6 does not have to meet the actuarially sound test.

(9) The eligibility agency may not impose a penalty period if the total value of a whole life insurance policy is:

(a) irrevocably assigned to the State;

(b) the recipient is the owner of and the insured in the policy; and

(c) no further premium payments are necessary for the policy to remain in effect.

(d) When the individual dies, the State shall distribute the benefits of the policy as follows:

(i) The State may distribute up to \$7,000 to cover burial and funeral expenses. The total value of this distribution plus the value of any irrevocable burial trusts and the burial and funeral funds for the individual cannot exceed \$7,000;

(ii) The State may distribute an amount that does not exceed the total amount of previously unreimbursed medical assistance correctly paid on behalf of the individual;

(iii) The State may distribute to a remainder beneficiary named by the individual any amount that remains after payments are made as defined in Subsection R414-305-8(9)(d)(i) and Subsection R414-305-8(9)(d)(ii).

(10) If the eligibility agency determines that a penalty period applies for an otherwise eligible institutionalized person, the agency shall notify the individual that the Department may not pay the costs for nursing home or other long-term care services during the penalty period. The notice shall include when the penalty period begins and ends.

(a) The individual may request a waiver of the penalty period based on undue hardship.

(b) The individual must send a written request for a waiver of the penalty period due to undue hardship to the eligibility agency within 30 days of the date printed on the penalty period notice.

(c) The request must include an explanation of why the individual believes undue hardship exists.

(d) The eligibility agency shall make a decision on the undue hardship request within 30 days of receipt of the request.

(11) An individual who claims an undue hardship as a result of a penalty period for a transfer of resources must meet both of the following conditions:

(a) The individual or the person who transferred the resources may not access the asset immediately; however, the eligibility agency shall require the individual to exhaust all reasonable means including legal remedies to regain possession of the transferred resource;

(i) The agency may determine that it is unreasonable to require the individual to take action if a knowledgeable source confirms that the individual's efforts cannot succeed;

(ii) The agency may determine that it is unreasonable to require the individual to take action based on evidence that the individual's action is more costly than the value of the resource; and

(b) Application of the penalty period for a transfer of resources deprives the individual of medical care, endangers the individual's life or health, or deprives the individual of food, clothing, shelter, or other necessities of life.

(12) If the eligibility agency waives the penalty period based on undue hardship, the agency shall notify the individual. The Department shall provide Medicaid coverage on the condition that the individual takes all reasonable steps to regain the transferred assets. The eligibility agency shall notify the individual of the date that the individual must provide

verifications of the steps taken. The individual must, within the time frames set by the agency, verify to the agency all reasonable actions. The agency shall review the undue hardship waiver and the actions of the individual to try to regain the transferred assets. The time period for the review may not exceed six months. Upon review, the agency shall decide whether:

(a) The individual must take additional steps and whether undue hardship still exists, in which case the agency shall notify the individual of the continuation of undue hardship and the need to take additional steps to recover the assets;

(b) The individual has taken all reasonable steps without success, in which case the agency shall notify the individual that it requires no further action. If the individual continues to meet eligibility criteria, the eligibility agency may not apply the penalty period; or

(c) The individual has not taken all reasonable steps, in which case the eligibility agency shall discontinue the undue hardship waiver. The eligibility agency shall then apply the penalty period and the individual is responsible to repay Medicaid for services and benefits that the individual received during the months that the undue hardship waiver was in place.

(13) Based on a review of the facts about what happened to the assets, whether the individual has taken reasonable steps to recover or regain the assets, the results of those steps, and the likelihood that additional steps will prove unsuccessful or too costly, the eligibility agency may determine that the individual cannot recover or regain the transferred resource. If the agency decides that the assets cannot be recovered and that applying the penalty period may result in undue hardship, the agency may not apply a penalty period or shall end a penalty period that has already begun.

(14) The eligibility agency shall base its decision that undue hardship exists upon the medical condition and the financial situation of the individual. The agency may not compare the income and resources of the individual, individual's spouse, and parents of an unemancipated individual to the cost of providing medical care and daily living expenses to decide whether the financial situation creates an undue hardship. The agency shall send written notice of its decision on the undue hardship request. The individual has 90 days from the date printed on the notice of decision to file a request for a fair hearing.

(15) The eligibility agency shall consider the portion of an irrevocable burial trust that exceeds \$7,000 a transfer of resources. The agency shall deduct the value of any fully paid burial plot from the burial trust first before determining the transferred amount.

R414-305-9. Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Resource Provisions.

(1) The resource limit for home and community-based waiver programs is \$2,000.

(2) After the first month of eligibility, the eligibility agency shall determine eligibility by counting only the resources that belong to the individual.

(3) For married individuals, the eligibility agency shall apply the provisions for spousal impoverishment resources as defined in Section R414-305-5.

R414-305-10. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary, and Qualifying Individual Resource Provisions.

(1) To determine eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries, and Qualifying Individuals, the eligibility agency shall apply the resource limit defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec.1396d(p)(1)(C).

(2) The eligibility agency shall determine countable resources in accordance with the provisions of Section R414-

305-3.

R414-305-11. Treatment of Annuities.

(1) An individual must report any annuities in which either the individual or the individual's spouse has any interest at application for Medicaid, at each review, and as part of the change reporting requirements. Parents of a minor individual must report any annuities in which the child or either of the parents has an interest.

(2) For annuities purchased after February 7, 2006, in which the individual or spouse has an interest, the provisions in 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c) apply. The eligibility agency shall treat annuities purchased after February 7, 2006, which do not meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c), as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value.

(3) With the exception of annuities that meet the criteria in Subsection R414-305-11(4), the eligibility agency shall count annuities in which the individual, the individual's spouse or a minor individual's parent has an interest as an available resource to determine Medicaid eligibility, whether they are irrevocable or non-assignable. The agency shall presume that a market exists to purchase annuities or the stream of income from annuities, which make them available resources. The individual may rebut the presumption that the annuity may be sold by providing evidence that the individual has been rejected by several entities in the business of purchasing annuities or the revenue stream from annuities, in which case, the agency may not consider the annuity as an available resource.

(4) For individuals eligible under the aged, blind, or disabled category of Medicaid, the eligibility agency shall exclude an annuity from countable resources in the form of the periodic payment if it meets the requirements of Subsection R414-305-11(4). For Family-Related Medicaid programs, the agency shall count all annuities as resources if the individual can access the funds, even if the annuities qualify as retirement funds or plans.

(a) The annuity is either an individual retirement annuity according to Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986 or a deemed Individual Retirement Account under a qualified employer plan according to Section 408(q) of the IRC; or

(b) The annuity is purchased with the proceeds from one of the following:

(i) As described in Sections 408(a), (c), or (p) of the IRC, a traditional IRA, accounts or trusts which are treated as a traditional IRA, or a simplified retirement account;

(ii) A simplified employee pension (Section 408(p) of the IRC); or

(iii) A Roth IRA (Section 408A of the IRC); and

(c) The annuity is irrevocable and non-assignable, the individual who was the owner of the retirement account or plan is receiving equal periodic payments at least quarterly with no deferral or balloon payments, and the scheduled payout period is actuarially sound based on the individual's life expectancy.

(d) If the individual purchases or annuitizes the annuities after February 7, 2006, the annuities must name the State as the preferred remainder beneficiary in the first position upon the individual's death, or as secondary remainder beneficiary after a surviving spouse or minor or disabled child.

(5) Annuities purchased after February 8, 2006, in which the individual or the spouse has an interest are a transfer of assets for less than fair market value unless the annuity names the State as the preferred remainder beneficiary in the first position, or in the second position after a surviving spouse, or a surviving minor or disabled child, up to the amount of medical assistance paid on behalf of the institutionalized individual.

(a) The State shall give individuals who have purchased annuities before applying for long-term care Medicaid, 30 days to request the issuing company to name the State as the

preferred remainder beneficiary and to verify that fact to Medicaid.

(b) The individual must verify to the eligibility agency that the change in beneficiary has been made by the date requested by the agency.

(c) If the change of beneficiary is not completed and verified, the annuities are a transfer of resources and the eligibility agency shall apply the penalty period. If the eligibility agency has approved institutional Medicaid coverage pending verification, Medicaid coverage for long-term care ends and the penalty period begins the day after the closure date.

(6) The eligibility agency shall treat an annuity purchased before February 8, 2006, as an annuity purchased on or after February 8, 2006, if the individual or spouse take any actions that change the course of payments to be made or the treatment of the income or principal of the annuity. These actions include additions of principal, elective withdrawals, requests to change the distribution of the annuity, elections to annuitize the contract, or other similar actions. Routine changes and automatic events that do not involve an action or decision from the individual or spouse do not cause an annuity purchased before February 8, 2006, to be treated as one purchased on or after February 8, 2006.

(7) If a penalty period for a transfer of assets begins because the individual or the individual's spouse has not changed an annuity to name the State as the preferred remainder beneficiary of the annuity, the penalty period for a transfer does not end until the individual completes and verifies the change of beneficiary to the eligibility agency. The eligibility agency may not rescind the penalty period.

(8) If the individual or spouse does not provide all information about annuities for which they have an interest by the requested due date, the eligibility agency shall deny the application. The individual may reapply, but may not protect the original application date.

(9) The issuer of the annuity shall inform the eligibility agency of any change in the amount of income or principal being withdrawn from the annuities, any change of beneficiaries, or any sale or transfer of the annuity. The issuer of the annuity shall also inform the agency if a surviving spouse or a surviving minor or disabled child attempts to transfer the annuity or any portion of the annuity to someone other than the agency.

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26-18-3**R414-401. Nursing Care Facility Assessment.****R414-401-1. Introduction and Authority.**

(1) This rule implements the assessment imposed on certain nursing care facilities by Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 35a.

(2) The rule is authorized by Section 26-1-30 and Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 35a.

R414-401-2. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in Section 26-35a-103 apply to this rule.

(2) The definitions in R414-1 apply to this rule.

R414-401-3. Assessment.

(1) The collection agent for the nursing care facility assessment shall be the Department, which is vested with the administration and enforcement of the assessment.

(2) The uniform rate of assessment for every facility is \$12.75 per non-Medicare patient day provided by the facility, except that intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded shall be assessed at the uniform rate of \$6.94 per patient day. Swing bed facilities shall be assessed the uniform rate for nursing facilities effective January 1, 2006. The Utah State Veteran's Home is exempted from this assessment and this rule.

(3) Each nursing care facility must pay its assessment monthly on or before the last day of the next succeeding month.

(4) The Department shall extend the time for paying the assessment to the next month succeeding the federal approval of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment allowing for the assessment, and consequent reimbursement rate adjustments.

R414-401-4. Reporting and Auditing Requirements.

(1) Each nursing care facility shall, on or before the end of the succeeding month, file with the Department a report for the month, and shall remit with the report the assessment required to be paid for the month covered by the report.

(2) Each report shall be on the Department-approved form, and shall disclose the total number of patient days in the facility, by designated category, during the period covered by the report.

(3) Each nursing care facility shall supply the data required in the report and certify that the information is accurate to the best of the representative's knowledge.

(4) Each nursing care facility subject to this assessment shall maintain complete and accurate records. The Department may inspect each nursing care facility's records and the records of the facility's owners to verify compliance.

(5) Separate nursing care facilities owned or controlled by a single entity may combine reports and payments of assessments provided that the required data are clearly set forth for each separately reporting nursing care facility.

(6) The Department shall extend the time for making required reports to the next month succeeding the federal approval of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment allowing for the assessment, and consequent reimbursement rate adjustments.

(7) Providers may update previously submitted patient day assessment reports for 90 days following the original submission date.

R414-401-5. Penalties and Interest.

The penalties for failure to file a report, to pay the assessment due within the time prescribed, to pay within 30 days of a notice of deficiency of the assessment, for underpayment of the assessment, for intent to evade the assessment are as provided in Utah Code Section 26-35a-105.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-501. Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization, and Continued Stay Review.****R414-501-1. Introduction and Authority.**

This rule implements the nursing facility and utilization requirements of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396r(b)(3), (e)(5), and (f)(6)(B), 42 CFR 456.1 through 456.23, and 456.350 through 456.380, by requiring the evaluation of each resident's need for admission and continued stay in a nursing facility. It also implements the requirements for states and long term care facilities found in 42 CFR 483.

R414-501-2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section R414-1-1, the following definitions apply to Rules R414-501 through R414-503:

(1) "Activities of daily living" are defined in 42 CFR 483.25(a)(1), and further includes adaptation to the use of assistive devices and prostheses intended to provide the greatest degree of independent functioning.

(2) "Categorical determination" means a determination made pursuant to 42 CFR 483.130 and ATTACHMENT 4.39-A of the State Plan.

(3) "Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)" means the most current edition unless otherwise noted.

(4) "Continued stay review" means a periodic, supplemental, or interim review of a resident performed by a Department health care professional either by telephone or on-site review.

(5) "Discharge planning" means planning that ensures that the resident has an individualized planned program of post-discharge continuing care that:

(a) states the medical, functional, behavioral and social levels necessary for the resident to be discharged to a less restrictive setting;

(b) includes the steps needed to move the resident to a less restrictive setting;

(c) establishes the feasibility of the resident's achieving the levels necessary for discharge; and

(d) states the anticipated time frame for that achievement.

(6) "Health care professional" means a duly licensed or certified physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, social worker, or qualified mental retardation professional.

(7) "Medicaid resident" means a resident who is a Medicaid recipient.

(8) "Medicaid admission date" means the date the nursing facility requests Medicaid reimbursement to begin.

(9) "Mental retardation" is defined in 42 CFR 483.102(b)(3) and includes "persons with related conditions" as defined in 42 CFR 435.1009.

(10) "Minimum Data Set (MDS)" means the standardized, primary screening and assessment tool of health status that forms the foundation of the comprehensive assessment for all residents in a Medicare or Medicaid certified long-term care facility.

(11) "Nursing facility" is defined in 42 USC. 1396r(a), and also includes an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation as defined in 42 USC 1396d(d).

(12) "Nursing facility applicant" is an individual for whom the nursing facility is seeking Medicaid payment.

(13) "Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I Screening" means the preadmission identification screening described in Section R414-503-3.

(14) "Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II Evaluation" means the preadmission evaluation and resident review for serious mental illness or

mental retardation described in Section R414-503-4.

(15) "Physician Certification" is a written statement from the Medicaid resident's physician that certifies the individual requires nursing facility services.

(16) "Resident" means a person residing in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility.

(17) "Serious mental illness" is defined by the State Mental Health Authority.

(18) "Significant change" means a major change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status that is not self limiting, impacts on more than one area of the resident's health status, and requires interdisciplinary review or revision of the care plan.

(19) "Skilled care" means those services defined in 42 CFR 409.32.

(20) "Specialized rehabilitative services" means those services provided pursuant to 42 CFR 483.45 and Section R432-150-23.

(21) "Specialized services" means those services provided pursuant to 42 CFR 483.120 and ATTACHMENT 4.39 of the State Plan.

(22) "United States Code (USC)" means the most current edition unless otherwise noted.

(23) "Working days" means all work days as defined by the Utah Department of Human Resource Management.

R414-501-3. Preadmission Authorization.

(1) A nursing facility will perform a preadmission assessment when admitting a nursing facility applicant. Preadmission authorization is not transferable from one nursing facility to another.

(2) A nursing facility must obtain approval from the Department when admitting a nursing facility applicant. The nursing facility must submit a request for prior approval to the Department no later than the next business day after the date of admission. A request for prior approval may be in writing or by telephone and will include:

(a) the name, age, and Medicaid eligibility of the nursing facility applicant;

(b) the date of transfer or admission to the nursing facility;

(c) the reason for acute care inpatient hospitalization or emergency placement, if any;

(d) a description of the care and services needed;

(e) the nursing facility applicant's current functional and mental status;

(f) the established diagnoses;

(g) the medications and treatments currently ordered for the nursing facility applicant;

(h) a description of the nursing facility applicant's discharge potential;

(i) the name of the hospital discharge planner or nursing facility employee who is requesting the prior approval;

(j) the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I screening, except the screening is not required for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation; and

(k) the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II determination, as required by 42 CFR 483.112.

(4) If the Department gives a telephone prior approval, the nursing facility will submit to the Department within five working days a preadmission transmittal for the nursing facility applicant, and will begin preparing the complete contact for the nursing facility applicant. The complete contact is a written application containing all the elements of a request for prior authorization plus:

(a) the preadmission continued stay transmittal;

(b) a history and physical;

(c) the signed and dated physician's orders, including

physician certification; and

(d) an MDS assessment completed no later than 14 calendar days after the resident is admitted to a nursing facility.

(5) The requirements in Section R414-501-3 do not apply in cases in which a facility is seeking Retroactive Authorization described in Section R414-501-5.

R414-501-4. Immediate Placement Authorization.

(1) The Department will reimburse a nursing facility for five days if the Department gives telephone prior approval for a resident who is an immediate placement.

(a) An immediate placement will meet one of the following criteria:

(i) The resident exhausted acute care benefits or was discharged by a hospital;

(ii) A Medicare fiscal intermediary changed the resident's level of care, or the Medicare benefit days terminated and there is a need for continuing services reimbursed under Medicaid;

(iii) Protective services in the Department of Human Services placed the resident for care;

(iv) A tragedy, such as fire or flood, has occurred in the home, and the resident is injured, or an accident leaves a dependent person in imminent danger and requires immediate institutionalization;

(v) A family member who has been providing care to the resident dies or suddenly becomes ill;

(vi) A nursing facility terminated services, either through an adverse certification action or closure of the facility, and the resident must be transferred to meet his medical or habilitation needs; or

(vii) A disaster or other emergency as defined by the Department has occurred.

(b) The Department will deny an immediate placement unless the PASRR Level I screening is completed and the Department determines a PASRR Level II evaluation is not required, or if the PASRR Level II evaluation is required, then the PASRR Level II evaluation is completed and the Department determines the nursing facility applicant qualifies for placement in a nursing facility. The two exceptions to this requirement are when the nursing facility applicant is a provisional placement for less than seven days or when the placement is after an acute hospital admission and the physician certifies in writing that the placement will be for less than 30 days.

(c) Telephone prior approval for an immediate placement will be effective for no more than five working days. During that period the nursing facility will submit a preadmission transmittal, and will begin preparing the complete contact for the nursing facility applicant. If the nursing facility fails to submit the preadmission transmittal in a timely manner, the Department will not make any payments until the Department receives the preadmission transmittal and the nursing facility complies with all preadmission requirements.

R414-501-5. Retroactive Authorization.

A nursing facility may complete a written request for Retroactive Authorization. If approved, the authorization period will begin a maximum of 90 days prior to the date the authorization request is submitted to the Department. The request for Retroactive Authorization will include documentation that will demonstrate the clinical need for nursing facility care at the time of the requested Medicaid admission date. The documentation must also demonstrate the clinical need for nursing facility care as of the current date. This documentation will allow the Department's medical professionals to determine the clinical need for nursing facility care during both the retroactive period and the current period. Documentation will include:

(a) the name of the nursing facility employee who is requesting the authorization;

(b) the Retroactive Authorization request submission date;

(c) the requested Medicaid admission date;

(d) a description of why Retroactive Authorization is being requested;

(e) the name, age, and Medicaid identification number of the nursing facility applicant;

(f) the PASRR Level I screening; except the screening is not required for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation;

(g) the PASRR Level II determination as required by 42 CFR 483.112;

(h) a history and physical;

(i) signed and dated physician's orders, including the physician certification;

(j) MDS assessment that covers the time period for which Medicaid reimbursement is being requested; and

(k) a copy of a Medicare denial letter, a Medicaid eligibility letter, or both, as applicable.

R414-501-6. Readmission After Hospitalization.

When a Medicaid resident is admitted to a hospital, the Department will not require Preadmission Authorization when the Medicaid resident returns to the original nursing facility not later than three consecutive days after the date of discharge from the nursing facility. If the readmission occurs four or more days after the date of discharge from the nursing facility, the nursing facility will complete the Preadmission Authorization process again including revising the PASRR Level I screening to evaluate the need for a new PASRR Level II evaluation.

R414-501-7. Continued Stay Review.

(1) The Department will conduct a continued stay review to determine the need for continued stay in a nursing facility and to determine whether the resident has shown sufficient improvement to implement discharge planning.

(2) If a question regarding placement or the ongoing need for nursing facility services for a Medicaid resident arises, the Department may request additional information from the nursing facility. If the question remains unresolved, a Department health care professional may perform a supplemental on-site review. The Department or the nursing facility can also initiate an interim review because of a change in the Medicaid resident's condition or medical needs.

(3) A nursing facility will make appropriate personnel and information reasonably accessible so the Department can conduct the continued stay review.

(4) A nursing facility will inform the Department by telephone or in writing when the needs of a Medicaid resident change to possibly require discharge or a change from the findings in the PASRR Level I screening or PASRR Level II evaluation. A nursing facility will inform the Department of newly acquired facts relating to the resident's diagnosis, medications, treatments, care or service needs, or plan of care that may not have been known when the Department determined medical need for admission or continued stay. With any significant change, the nursing facility is responsible to revise the PASRR Level I screening to evaluate the need for a new PASRR Level II evaluation.

(5) The Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided to a Medicaid resident who, against medical advice, leaves a nursing facility for more than two consecutive days, or who fails to return within two consecutive days after an authorized leave of absence. A nursing facility will report all such instances to the Department. The resident will complete all preadmission requirements before the Department may approve payment for further nursing facility services.

R414-501-8. Payment Responsibility.

(1) If a nursing facility accepts a resident who elects not to apply for Medicaid coverage, and the nursing facility can prove that it gave the resident or his legal representative written notice of Medicaid eligibility and preadmission requirements, then the resident or legal representative will be solely responsible for payment for the services rendered. However, if a nursing facility cannot prove it gave the notice to a resident or his legal representative, then the nursing facility will be solely responsible for payment for the services rendered during the time when the resident was eligible for Medicaid coverage.

(2) For Preadmission Authorization requests described in Section R414-501-3, the Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided:

(a) before the date of the verbal prior approval or the date postmarked on the envelope containing the written application, or the date the Department receives the written application (whichever is earliest);

(b) if the facility fails to submit a complete application by the 60th day from the date the Department receives the Preadmission Authorization request; or

(c) if the facility fails to comply with PASRR requirements.

(3) For Retroactive Authorization described in Section R414-501-5, the Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided:

(a) greater than 90 days prior to the request for Retroactive Authorization;

(b) if the facility fails to submit a complete application by the 60th day from the date the Department receives the Retroactive Authorization request; or

(c) the facility fails to comply with PASRR requirements.

R414-501-9. General Provisions.

(1) The Department is solely responsible for approving or denying a Preadmission, Retroactive or continued stay authorization for payment for nursing facility services provided to a Medicaid resident. The Department is ultimately responsible for determining if a Medicaid resident has a clinical need for nursing facility services. If the Department determines a nursing facility applicant or Medicaid resident does not have a clinical need for nursing facility services, a written notice of agency action, in accordance with 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, 42 CFR 456.437 and 456.438 will be sent. If a nursing facility complies with all Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization and continued stay requirements for a Medicaid resident then the Department will provide coverage consistent with the State Plan.

(2) If a nursing facility fails to comply with all Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization or continued stay requirements, the Department will deny payment to the nursing facility for services provided to the nursing facility applicant. The nursing facility is liable for all expenses incurred for services provided to the nursing facility applicant on or after the date the nursing facility applicant applied for Medicaid. The nursing facility will not bill the nursing facility applicant or his legal representative for services not reimbursed by the Department due to the nursing facility's failure to follow Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization or continued stay rules.

(3) If the application is incomplete it will be denied. The Department will comply with notice and hearing requirements as defined in 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, and also send written notice to the nursing facility administrator, the attending physician, and, if possible, the next-of-kin or legal representative of the nursing facility applicant. If the Department denies a claim, the nursing facility can resubmit additional documentation not later than 60 calendar days after the date the Department receives the initial Preadmission or Retroactive Authorization request or continued stay transmittal.

If the nursing facility fails to submit additional documentation that corrects the claim deficiencies within the 60 calendar day period, then the denial becomes final and the nursing facility waives all rights to Medicaid reimbursement from the time of admission until the Department approves a subsequent request for authorization submitted by the nursing facility.

(4) The Department adopts the standards and procedures for conducting a fair hearing set forth in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(a)(3) and 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, and as implemented in Rule R410-14.

R414-501-10. Safeguarding Information of Nursing Facility Applicants and Residents.

(1) The Department adopts the standards and procedures for safeguarding information of nursing facility applicants and recipients set forth in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(a)(7) and 42 CFR 431.300 through 431.307.

(2) Standards for safeguarding a resident's private records are set forth in Section 63G-2-302.

R414-501-11. Free Choice of Providers.

Subject to certain restrictions outlined in 42 CFR 431.51, 42 USC 1396a(a)(23) requires that recipients have the freedom to choose a provider. A recipient who believes his freedom to choose a provider has been denied or impaired may request a hearing from the Department, as outlined in 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.221.

R414-501-12. Alternative Services Evaluation and Referral.

While reviewing a preadmission assessment for admission to a nursing care facility, other than an ICF/MR, the Department may evaluate the potential for the nursing facility applicant to receive alternative Medicaid services in a home or community-based setting that are appropriate for the needs of the individual identified in the preadmission submittals. If there appears to be a potential for alternative Medicaid services, with the permission of the nursing facility applicant, the nursing facility will refer the name of the nursing facility applicant to one or more designated Medicaid home and community-based services program representatives for follow-up contact with the nursing facility applicant.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-504. Nursing Facility Payments.****R414-504-1. Introduction.**

(1) This rule adopts a case mix or severity based payment system, commonly referred to as RUGS (Resource Utilization Group System) for nursing facilities that are not ICF/MRs. This system reimburses facilities based on the case mix index of the facility. It also establishes rates for ICF/MR facilities.

(2) This rule is authorized by Utah Code sections 26-1-5, 26-18-3, and 26-35a.

R414-504-2. Definitions.

The definitions in R414-1-2 and R414-501-2 apply to this rule. In addition:

(1) "Behaviorally complex resident" means a long-term care resident with a severe, medically based behavior disorder, including traumatic brain injury, dementia, Alzheimer's, Huntington's Chorea, which causes diminished capacity for judgment, retention of information or decision-making skills, or a resident, who meets the Medicaid criteria for nursing facility level of care and who has a medically-based mental health disorder or diagnosis and has a high level resource use in the nursing facility not currently recognized in the case mix.

(2) "Case Mix Index" means a score assigned to each facility based on the average of the Medicaid patients' RUGS scores for that facility.

(3) "Facility Case Mix Rate" means the rate the Department issues to a facility for a specified period of time. This rate utilizes the case mix index for a provider, labor wage index application and other case mix related costs.

(4) "FCP" means the Facility Cost Profile report filed by the provider on an annual basis.

(5) "Minimum Data Set" (MDS) means a set of screening, clinical and functional status elements, including common definitions and coding categories, that form the foundation of the comprehensive assessment for all residents of long term care facilities certified to participate in Medicaid.

(6) "Nursing Costs" means the most current costs from the annual FCP report reported on lines 070-012 Nursing Admin Salaries and Wages; 070-013 Nursing Admin Tax and Benefits; 070-040 Nursing Direct Care Salaries and Wages; 070-041 Nursing Direct Care Tax and Benefits, and 070-050 Purchased Nursing Services.

(7) "Nursing facility" or "facility" means a Medicaid-participating NF, SNF, or a combination thereof, as defined in 42 USC 1396r (a) (1988), 42 CFR 440.150 and 442.12 (1993), and UCA 26-21-2(15).

(8) "Patient day" means the care of one patient during a day of service, excluding the day of discharge.

(9) "Property costs" means the fair rental value (FRV) established by this rule.

(10) "RUGS" means the 34 RUG identification system based on the Resource Utilization Group System established by Medicare to measure and ultimately pay for the labor, fixed costs and other resources necessary to provide care to Medicaid patients. Each "RUG" is assigned a weight based on an assessment of its relative value as measured by resource utilization.

(11) "RUGS score" means a total number based on the individual RUGS derived from a resident's physical, mental and clinical condition, which projects the amount of relative resources needed to provide care to the resident. RUGS is calculated from the information obtained through the submission of the MDS data.

(12) "Sole community provider" means a facility that is not an urban provider and is not within 30 paved road miles of another existing facility and is the only facility:

(a) within a city, if the facility is located within the

incorporated boundaries of a city; or

(b) within the unincorporated area of the county if it is located in an unincorporated area.

(13)(a) "Urban provider" means a facility located in a county which has a population greater than 90,000 persons.

(b) "Rural provider" means a facility that is not an urban provider.

(14) "FRV Data Report" means a report that provides the Department with information relating to capital improvements to be included in the FRV calculation.

(15) "Banked beds" means beds that have been taken off-line by the provider, through the process defined by Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Facility Licensing, Certification, and Resident Assessment, to reduce the operational capacity of the facility, but does not reduce the licensed bed capacity.

(16) "Bed Addition" means, as used in the fair rental value calculation, a capitalized project that adds additional beds to the facility. This must be new and complete construction. An increase in total licensed beds and new construction costs support a claim of additional beds.

(17) "Bed Replacement" means, as used in the fair rental value calculation, a capitalized project that furnishes a bed in the place of another, previously existing, bed. Room remodeling is not a replacement of beds. This must be new and complete construction.

(18) "Major Renovation" means, as used in the fair rental value calculation, a capitalized project with a cost equal to or greater than \$500 per licensed bed. A renovation extends the life, increases the productivity, or significantly improves the safety (such as by asbestos removal) of a facility as opposed to repairs and maintenance which either restore the facility to, or maintain it at, its normal or expected service life. Vehicle costs are not a major renovation capital expenditure.

R414-504-3. Principles of Facility Case Mix Rates and Other Payments.

The following principles apply to the payment of freestanding and provider based nursing facilities for services rendered to nursing care level I, II, and III Medicaid patients, as defined in Rule R414-502. This rule does not affect the system for reimbursement for intensive skilled Medicaid patient add-on amounts.

(1) Approximately 59% of total payments in aggregate to nursing facilities for nursing care level I, II and III Medicaid patients are based on a prospective facility case mix rate. In addition, these facilities shall be paid a flat basic operating expense payment equal to approximately 29% of the total payments. The balance of the total payments will be paid in aggregate to facilities as required by Section R414-504-3 based on other authorized factors, including property and behaviorally complex residents, in the proportion that the facility qualifies for the factor.

(2) Each quarter, the Department shall calculate a new case mix index for each nursing facility. The case mix index is based on three months of MDS assessment data. The newly calculated case mix index is applied to a new rate at the beginning of a quarter according to the following schedule:

(a) January, February and March MDS assessments are used for July 1 rates.

(b) April, May and June MDS assessments are used for October 1 rates.

(c) July, August and September MDS assessments are used for January 1 rates.

(d) October, November and December MDS assessments are used for April 1 rates.

(3) MDS data is used in calculating each facility's case mix index. This information is submitted by each facility and, as such, each facility is responsible for the accuracy of its data.

The Department may exclude inaccurate or incomplete MDS data from the calculation.

(4) MDS assessments for recipients who are eligible for the "Intensive Skilled" add-on are excluded from the case mix calculation. A facility with less than 20 percent of its total census days as Medicaid days, as reported on its FCP or FRV data report, is excluded from the state case mix average. The state average case mix index is used to set the rate for that facility.

(5) A facility may apply for a special add-on rate for behaviorally complex residents by filing a written request with the Division of Health Care Financing. The Department may approve an add-on rate if an assessment of the acuity and needs of the patient demonstrates that the facility is not adequately reimbursed by the RUGS score for that patient. The rate is added on for the specific resident's payment and is not subsumed as part of the facility case mix rate. Utah's Bureau of Health Facility Licensure, Certification and Resident Assessment will make the determination as to qualification for any additional payment. The Division of Health Care Financing shall determine the amount of any add-on.

(6) Property costs are paid separately from the RUGS rate.

(7) Reimbursement for nursing home rates is in accordance with Attachment 4.19-D of the Utah Medicaid State Plan, which is incorporated by reference in Rule R414-1.

(8) A sole community provider that is financially distressed may apply for a payment adjustment above the case mix index established rate. The maximum increase will be 7.5% above the average of the most recent Medicaid daily rate for all Medicaid residents in all freestanding nursing facilities in the state. The maximum duration of this adjustment is for no more than a total of 12 months per facility in any five-year period.

(a) The application shall propose what the adjustment should be and include a financial review prepared by the facility documenting:

(i) the facility's income and expenses for the past 12 months; and

(ii) specific steps taken by the facility to reduce costs and increase occupancy.

(b) Financial support from the local municipality and county governing bodies for the continued operation of the facility in the community is a necessary prerequisite to an acceptable application. The Department, the facility and the local governing bodies may negotiate the amount of the financial commitment from the governing bodies, but in no case may the local commitment be less than 50% of the state share required to fund the proposed adjustment. Any continuation of the adjustment beyond 6 months requires a local commitment of 100% of the state share for the rate increase above the base rate. The applicant shall submit letters of commitment from the applicable municipality or county, or both, committing to make an intergovernmental transfer for the amount of the local commitment.

(i) If the governmental agency receives donations in order to provide the financial contribution, it must document that the donations are "bona fide" as set forth in 42 CFR 433.54.

(c) The Department may conduct its own independent financial review of the facility prior to making a decision whether to approve a different payment rate.

(d) If the Department determines that the facility is in imminent peril of closing, it may make an interim rate adjustment for up to 90 days.

(e) The Department's determination shall be based on maintaining access to services and maintaining economy and efficiency in the Medicaid program.

(f) If the facility desires an adjustment for more than 90 days, it must demonstrate that:

(i) the facility has taken all reasonable steps to reduce costs, increase revenue and increase occupancy;

(ii) despite those reasonable steps the facility is currently losing money and forecast to continue losing money; and

(iii) the amount of the approved adjustment will allow the facility to meet expenses and continue to support the needs of the community it serves, without unduly enriching any party.

(g) If the Department approves an interim or other adjustment, it shall notify the facility when the adjustment is scheduled to take effect and how much contribution is required from the local governing bodies. Payment of the adjustment is contingent on the facility obtaining a fully executed binding agreement with local governing bodies to pay the contribution to the Department.

(h) The Department may withhold or deny payment of the interim or other adjustment if the facility fails to obtain the required agreement prior to the scheduled effective date of the adjustment.

(9) A provider may challenge the rate set pursuant to this rule using the appeal in Rule R410-14. This applies to which rate methodology is used as well as to the specifics of implementation of the methodology. A provider must exhaust administrative remedies before challenging rates in any other forum.

(10) In developing payment rates, the Department may adjust urban and non-urban rates to reflect differences in urban and non-urban labor costs. The urban labor costs reimbursement cannot exceed 106% of the non-urban labor costs. Labor costs are as reported on the most recent FCP but do not include FCP-reported management, consulting, director, and home office fees.

(11) The Department reimburses swing beds, transitional care unit beds, and small health care facility beds that are used as nursing facility beds, using the prior calendar year state-wide average of the daily nursing facility rate.

(12) Withholding of Title XIX payments

(a) The Department may withhold Title XIX payments from providers if:

(i) there is a shortage in a resident trust account managed by the facility;

(ii) the facility fails to submit a complete and accurate FCP as required by Utah State Plan Attachment 4.19-D, Section 332;

(iii) the facility fails to submit timely, accurate Minimum Data Set (MDS) data;

(iv) the facility owes money to the Division of Health Care Financing because of an overpayment, nursing care facility assessment, civil money penalty, or other offset; or

(v) the facility fails to respond within ten business days to requests for information relating to desk review or audit findings relating to the facility's submitted FCP or FRV Data Report.

(b) For ongoing operations, the Department will provide notice before withholding payments. The Department and provider may negotiate a repayment schedule acceptable to the Department for monies owed to the Department listed in subsection (a)(iv). The repayment schedule may not exceed 180 days.

(c) When the Department rescinds withholding of payments to a facility, it will resume payments according to the regular claims payment cycle.

R414-504-4. Quality Improvement Incentive.

Reimbursement for Nursing Home Quality Improvement Incentives is in accordance with Attachment 4.19-D of the Utah Medicaid State Plan, which is incorporated by reference in Rule R414-1.

R414-504-5. Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded.

The following principles apply to the payment of community-based intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MRs) that are licensed under Utah Code 26-21-

13.5:

(1) The Department pays approximately 93% of the aggregate payments to ICF/MRs based on a prospective flat rate established in Utah State Plan Attachment 4.19-D. The Department pays the balance as a property cost component calculated by the Fair Rental Value system pursuant to R414-504-3.

(2) Reimbursement for the ICF/MR Quality Improvement Incentive is in accordance with Attachment 4.19-D of the Utah Medicaid State Plan, which is incorporated by reference in Rule R414-1.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-1. Definitions.****R477-1-1. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply throughout these rules unless otherwise indicated within the text of each rule.

(1) Abandonment of Position: An act of resignation resulting when an employee is absent from work for three consecutive working days without approval.

(2) Actual FTE: The total number of full time equivalents based on actual hours paid in the state payroll system.

(3) Actual Hours Worked: Time spent performing duties and responsibilities associated with the employee's job assignments.

(4) Actual Wage: The employee's assigned salary rate in the central personnel record maintained by the Department of Human Resource Management.

(5) Administrative Leave: Leave with pay granted to an employee at management discretion that is not charged against the employee's leave accounts.

(6) Administrative Adjustment: A DHRM approved change of a position from one job to another job or a salary range change for administrative purposes that is not based on a change of duties and responsibilities.

(7) Administrative Salary Decrease: A decrease in the current actual wage based on non-disciplinary administrative reasons determined by an agency head or commissioner.

(8) Administrative Salary Increase: An increase in the current actual wage based on special circumstances determined by an agency head or commissioner.

(9) Agency: An entity of state government that is:

(a) directed by an executive director, elected official or commissioner defined in Title 67, Chapter 22 or in other sections of the code;

(b) authorized to employ personnel; and

(c) subject to Title 67, Chapter 19, Utah State Personnel Management Act.

(10) Agency Head: The executive director or commissioner of each agency or a designated appointee.

(11) Agency Human Resource Field Office: An office of the Department of Human Resource Management located at another agency's facility.

(12) Agency Management: The agency head and all other officers or employees who have responsibility and authority to establish, implement, and manage agency policies and programs.

(13) Alternative State Application Program (ASAP): A program designed to appoint a qualified person with a disability through an on the job examination period.

(14) Appeal: A formal request to a higher level for reconsideration of a grievance decision.

(15) Appointing Authority: The officer, board, commission, person or group of persons authorized to make appointments in their agencies.

(16) Break in Service: A point at which an individual has an official separation date and is no longer employed by the State of Utah.

(17) Budgeted FTE: The total number of full time equivalents budgeted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

(18) Bumping: A procedure that may be applied prior to a reduction in force action (RIF). It allows employees with higher retention points to bump other employees with lower retention points as identified in the work force adjustment plan, as long as employees meet the eligibility criteria outlined in interchangeability of skills.

(19) Career Mobility: A time limited assignment of an employee to a different position for purposes of professional growth or fulfillment of specific organizational needs.

(20) Career Service Employee: An employee who has successfully completed a probationary period in a career service

position.

(21) Career Service Exempt Employee: An employee appointed to work for a period of time, serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority, who may be separated from state employment at any time without just cause.

(22) Career Service Exempt Position: A position in state service exempted by law from provisions of career service under Section 67-19-15.

(23) Career Service Status: Status granted to employees who successfully complete a probationary period for career service positions.

(24) Category of Work: A job series within an agency designated by the agency head as having positions to be eliminated agency wide through a reduction in force. Category of work may be further reduced as follows:

(a) a unit smaller than the agency upon providing justification and rationale for approval, for example:

(i) unit number;

(ii) cost centers;

(iii) geographic locations;

(iv) agency programs.

(b) positions identified by a set of essential functions, for example:

(i) position analysis data;

(ii) certificates;

(iii) licenses;

(iv) special qualifications;

(v) degrees that are required or directly related to the position.

(25) Change of Workload: A change in position responsibilities and duties or a need to eliminate or create particular positions in an agency caused by legislative action, financial circumstances, or administrative reorganization.

(26) Classification Grievance: The approved procedure by which an agency or a career service employee may grieve a formal classification decision regarding the classification of a position.

(27) Classified Service: Positions that are subject to the classification and compensation provisions stipulated in Section 67-19-12.

(28) Classification Study: A Classification review conducted by DHRM under Section R477-3-4. A study may include single or multiple job or position reviews.

(29) Compensatory Time: Time off that is provided to an employee in lieu of monetary overtime compensation.

(30) Contractor: An individual who is contracted for service, is not supervised by a state supervisor, but is responsible for providing a specified service for a designated fee within a specified time. The contractor shall be responsible for paying all taxes and FICA payments, and may not accrue benefits.

(31) Critical Incident Drug or Alcohol Test: A drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee as a result of the behavior, action, or inaction of an employee that is of such seriousness it requires an immediate intervention on the part of management.

(32) Demotion: A disciplinary action resulting in a reduction of an employee's current actual wage.

(33) Detailed Position Record Management Report: A document that lists an agency's authorized positions, incumbent's name and hourly rate, job identification number, salary range, and schedule.

(34) DHRM: The Department of Human Resource Management.

(35) DHRM Approved Recruitment and Selection System: The state's recruitment and selection system, which is a centralized and automated computer system administered by the Department of Human Resource Management.

(36) Disability: Disability shall have the same definition

found in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 42 USC 12101 (2008); Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regulation, 29 CFR 1630 (2008); including exclusions and modifications.

(37) Disciplinary Action: Action taken by management under Rule R477-11.

(38) Dismissal: A separation from state employment for cause under Section R477-11-2.

(39) Drug-Free Workplace Act: A 1988 congressional act, 34 CFR 84 (2008), requiring a drug-free workplace certification by state agencies that receive federal grants or contracts.

(40) Employee Personnel Files: For purposes of Title 67, Chapters 18 and 19, the files or records maintained by DHRM and agencies as required by Section R477-2-5. This does not include employee information maintained by supervisors.

(41) Employment Eligibility Verification: A requirement of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 USC 1324 (1988) that employers verify the identity and eligibility of individuals for employment in the United States.

(42) "Escalator" Principle: Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), returning veterans are entitled to return back onto their seniority escalator at the point they would have occupied had they not left state employment.

(43) Excess Hours: A category of compensable hours separate and apart from compensatory or overtime hours that accrue at straight time only when an employee's actual hours worked, plus additional hours paid, exceed an employee's normal work period.

(44) Fitness For Duty Evaluation: Evaluation, assessment or study by a licensed professional to determine if an individual is able to meet the performance or conduct standards required by the position held, or is a direct threat to the safety of self or others.

(45) FLSA Exempt: Employees who are exempt from the overtime and minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

(46) FLSA Nonexempt: Employees who are not exempt from the overtime and minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

(47) Follow Up Drug or Alcohol Test: Unannounced drug or alcohol tests conducted for up to five years on an employee who has previously tested positive or who has successfully completed a voluntary or required substance abuse treatment program.

(48) Furlough: A temporary leave of absence from duty without pay for budgetary reasons or lack of work.

(49) Grievance: A career service employee's claim or charge of the existence of injustice or oppression, including dismissal from employment resulting from an act, occurrence, omission, condition, discriminatory practice or unfair employment practice not including position classification or schedule assignment.

(50) Grievance Procedures: The statutory process of grievances and appeals as set forth in Sections 67-19a-101 through 67-19a-408 and the rules promulgated by the Career Service Review Office.

(51) Gross Compensation: Employee's total earnings, taxable and nontaxable, as shown on the employee's pay statement.

(52) Highly Sensitive Position: A position approved by DHRM that includes the performance of:

- (a) safety sensitive functions:
 - (i) requiring an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 CFR 383 (January 18, 2006);
 - (ii) directly related to law enforcement;
 - (iii) involving direct access or having control over direct access to controlled substances;
 - (iv) directly impacting the safety or welfare of the general

public;

(v) requiring an employee to carry or have access to firearms; or

(b) data sensitive functions permitting or requiring an employee to access an individual's highly sensitive, personally identifiable, private information, including:

- (i) financial assets, liabilities, and account information;
- (ii) social security numbers;
- (iii) wage information;
- (iv) medical history;
- (v) public assistance benefits; or
- (vi) driver license

(53) Hiring List: A list of qualified and interested applicants who are eligible to be considered for appointment or conditional appointment to a specific position created in the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system.

(54) HRE: Human Resource Enterprise; the state human resource management information system.

(55) Incompetence: Inadequacy or unsuitability in performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.

(56) Inefficiency: Wastefulness of government resources including time, energy, money, or staff resources or failure to maintain the required level of performance.

(57) Interchangeability of Skills: Employees are considered to have interchangeable skills only for those positions they have previously held successfully in Utah state government executive branch employment or for those positions which they have successfully supervised and for which they satisfy job requirements.

(58) Intern: An individual in a college degree or certification program assigned to work in an activity where on-the-job training or community service experience is accepted.

(59) Job: A group of positions similar in duties performed, in degree of supervision exercised or required, in requirements of training, experience, or skill and other characteristics. The same salary range is applied to each position in the group.

(60) Job Description: A document containing the duties, distinguishing characteristics, knowledge, skills, and other requirements for a job.

(61) Job Requirements: Skill requirements defined at the job level.

(62) Job Series: Two or more jobs in the same functional area having the same job title, but distinguished and defined by increasingly difficult levels of skills, responsibilities, knowledge and requirements; or two or more jobs with different titles working in the same functional area that have licensure, certification or other requirements with increasingly difficult levels of skills, responsibilities, knowledge and requirements.

(63) Legislative Salary Adjustment: A legislatively approved salary increase for a specific category of employees based on criteria determined by the Legislature.

(64) Malfeasance: Intentional wrongdoing, deliberate violation of law or standard, or mismanagement of responsibilities.

(65) Market Based Bonus: One time lump sum monies given to a new hire or a current employee to encourage employment with the state.

(66) Market Comparability Adjustment: Legislatively approved change to a salary range for a job based on a compensation survey conducted by DHRM.

(67) Merit Increase: A legislatively approved and funded salary increase for employees to recognize and reward successful performance.

(68) Misconduct: Wrongful, improper, unacceptable, or unlawful conduct or behavior that is inconsistent with prevailing agency practices or the best interest of the agency.

(69) Misfeasance: The improper or unlawful performance of an act that is lawful or proper.

(70) Nonfeasance: Failure to perform either an official duty or legal requirement.

(71) Performance Evaluation: A formal, periodic evaluation of an employee's work performance.

(72) Performance Improvement Plan: A documented administrative action to address substandard performance of an employee under Section R477-10-2.

(73) Performance Management: The ongoing process of communication between the supervisor and the employee which defines work standards and expectations, and assesses performance leading to a formal annual performance evaluation.

(74) Performance Plan: A written summary of the standards and expectations required for the successful performance of each job duty or task. These standards normally include completion dates and qualitative and quantitative levels of performance expectations.

(75) Performance Standard: Specific, measurable, observable and attainable objectives that represent the level of performance to which an employee and supervisor are committed during an evaluation period.

(76) Personnel Adjudicatory Proceedings: The informal appeals procedure contained in Section 63G-4-2 for all human resource policies and practices not covered by the state employees grievance procedure promulgated by the Career Service Review Office, or the classification appeals procedure.

(77) Position: A unique set of duties and responsibilities identified by DHRM authorized job and position management numbers.

(78) Position Description: A document that describes the detailed tasks performed, as well as the knowledge, skills, abilities, and other requirements of a specific position.

(79) Position Identification Number: A unique number assigned to a position for FTE management.

(80) Post Accident Drug or Alcohol Test: A Drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee who is involved in a vehicle accident while on duty or driving a state vehicle:

(a) where a fatality occurs;

(b) where there is sufficient information to conclude that the employee was a contributing cause to an accident that results in bodily injury or property damage; or

(c) where there is reasonable suspicion that the employee had been driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

(81) Preemployment Drug Test: A drug test conducted on:

(a) final candidates for a highly sensitive position;

(b) employees who are final candidates for transfer or promotion from a non-highly sensitive position to a highly sensitive position; or

(c) employees who transfer or are promoted from one highly sensitive position to another highly sensitive position.

(82) Probationary Employee: An employee hired into a career service position who has not completed the required probationary period for that position.

(83) Probationary Period: A period of time considered part of the selection process, identified at the job level, the purpose of which is to allow management to evaluate an employee's ability to perform assigned duties and responsibilities and to determine if career service status should be granted.

(84) Proficiency: An employee's overall quality of work, productivity, skills demonstrated through work performance and other factors that relate to employee performance or conduct.

(85) Promotion: An action moving an employee from a position in one job to a position in another job having a higher salary range maximum.

(86) Protected Activity: Opposition to discrimination or participation in proceedings covered by the antidiscrimination statutes or the Utah State Grievance and Appeal Procedure. Harassment based on protected activity can constitute unlawful

retaliation.

(87) Random Drug or Alcohol Test: Unannounced drug or alcohol testing of a sample of highly sensitive employees done in accordance with federal regulations or state rules, policies, and procedures, and conducted in a manner such that each highly sensitive employee has an equal chance of being selected for testing.

(88) Reappointment: Return to work of an individual from the reappointment register after separation from employment.

(89) Reappointment Register: A register of individuals who have prior to March 2, 2009:

(a) held career service status and been separated in a reduction in force;

(b) held career service status and accepted career service exempt positions without a break in service and were not retained, unless discharged for cause; or

(c) by Career Service Review Board decision been placed on the reappointment register.

(90) Reasonable Suspicion Drug or Alcohol Test: A drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee based on specific, contemporaneous, articulated observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech or body odors of the employee.

(91) Reassignment: An action mandated by management moving an employee from one job or position to a different job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum for administrative reasons. A reassignment may not include a decrease in actual wage except as provided in federal or state law.

(92) Reclassification: A DHRM reallocation of a single position or multiple positions from one job to another job to reflect management initiated changes in duties and responsibilities.

(93) Reduction in Force: (RIF) Abolishment of positions resulting in the termination of career service staff. RIFs can occur due to inadequate funds, a change of workload, or a lack of work.

(94) Reemployment: Return to work of an employee who resigned or took military leave of absence from state employment to serve in the uniformed services covered under USERRA.

(95) Requisition: An electronic document used for HRE Online recruitment, selection and tracking purposes that includes specific information for a particular position, job seekers' applications, and a hiring list.

(96) Salary Range: An established minimum salary rate and maximum salary rate assigned to a job.

(97) Schedule: The determination of whether a position meets criteria stipulated in the Utah Code Annotated to be career service (schedule B) or career service exempt (schedule A).

(98) Settling Period: A sufficient amount of time, determined by agency management, for an employee to fully assume new or higher level duties required of a position.

(99) Tangible Employment Action: A significant change in employment status, such as firing, demotion, failure to promote, work reassignment, or a decision which changes benefits.

(100) Transfer: An action not mandated by management moving an employee from one job or position to another job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum for which the employee qualifies. A transfer may include a decrease in actual wage.

(101) Uniformed Services: The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard; Reserve units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard; Army National Guard or Air National Guard; Commissioned Corps of Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Disaster

Medical Systems (NDMS) and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or emergency. Service in Uniformed Services includes: voluntary or involuntary duty, including active duty; active duty for training; initial active duty for training; inactive duty training; full-time National Guard duty; or absence from work for an examination to determine fitness for any of the above types of duty.

(102) Unlawful Discrimination: An action against an employee or applicant based on race, religion, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, protected activity under the anti-discrimination statutes, political affiliation, military status or affiliation, or any other factor, as prohibited by law.

(103) USERRA: Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-353), requires state governments to re-employ eligible veterans who resigned or took a military leave of absence from state employment to serve in the uniformed services and who return to work within a specified time period after military discharge.

(104) Veteran: An individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized. Individuals must have been separated or retired under honorable conditions.

(105) Volunteer: Any person who donates services to the state or its subdivisions without pay or other compensation except actual and reasonable expenses incurred, as approved by the supervising agency.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-2. Administration.****R477-2-1. Rules Applicability.**

These rules apply to the executive branch of Utah State Government and its career and career service exempt employees. Other entities may be covered in specific sections as determined by statute. Any inclusions or exceptions to these rules are specifically noted in applicable sections. Entities which are not bound by mandatory compliance with these rules include:

- (1) members of the Legislature and legislative employees;
- (2) members of the judiciary and judicial employees;
- (3) officers, faculty, and other employees of state institutions of higher education;
- (4) officers, faculty, and other employees of the public education system, other than those directly employed by the State Office of Education;
- (5) employees of the Office of the Attorney General;
- (6) elected members of the executive branch;
- (7) employees of quasi-governmental agencies and special service districts;
- (8) employees in any position that is determined by statute to be exempt from these rules.

R477-2-2. Compliance Responsibility.

Agencies shall comply with these rules.

- (1) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to these rules where allowed when one or more of the following criteria are satisfied:
 - (a) Applying the rule prevents the achievement of legitimate government objectives;
 - (b) Applying the rule impinges on the legal rights of an employee.
- (2) Agency personnel records, practices, policies and procedures, employment and actions, shall comply with these rules and are subject to compliance audits by DHRM.
- (3) In cases of noncompliance with Title 67, Chapter 19, and these rules, the Executive Director, DHRM, may find the responsible agency official to be subject to the penalties under Subsection 67-19-18(1) pertaining to misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office.

R477-2-3. Fair Employment Practice.

All state personnel actions shall provide equal employment opportunity for all individuals.

- (1) Employment actions including appointment, tenure or term, condition or privilege of employment shall be based on the ability to perform the essential duties, functions, and responsibilities assigned to a particular position.
- (2) Employment actions may not be based on race, religion, national origin, color, gender, age, disability, protected activity under the anti-discrimination statutes, political affiliation, military status or affiliation or any other non-job related factor.
- (3) An employee who alleges unlawful discrimination may:
 - (a) submit a complaint to the agency head; and
 - (b) file a charge with the Utah Labor Commission Anti-Discrimination and Labor Division within 180 days of the alleged harm, or directly with the EEOC within 300 days of the alleged harm.
- (4) A state official may not impede any employee from the timely filing of a discrimination complaint in accordance with state and federal requirements.

R477-2-4. Control of Personal Service Expenditures.

- (1) Statewide control of personal service expenditures shall be the shared responsibility of the employing agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Human Resource Management and the Division of Finance.
- (2) Changes in job identification numbers, salary ranges,

or number of positions listed in the Detailed Position Record Management Report shall be approved by the Executive Director, DHRM or designee.

- (3) No person shall be placed or retained on an agency payroll unless that person occupies a position listed in an agency's approved Detailed Position Record Management Report.

R477-2-5. Records.

Access to and privacy of personnel records maintained by DHRM are governed by Title 63G, Chapter 2, the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) and applicable federal laws. DHRM shall designate and classify the records and record series it maintains under the GRAMA statute and respond to GRAMA requests for employee records.

- (1) DHRM shall maintain an electronic record for each employee that contains the following, as appropriate:

- (a) Social Security number, date of birth, home address, and private phone number.

- (i) This information is classified as private under GRAMA.

- (ii) DHRM may grant agency access to this information for state business purposes. Agencies shall maintain the privacy of this information.

- (b) performance ratings;
- (c) records of actions affecting employee salary history, classification history, title and salary range, employment status and other personal data.

- (2) DHRM shall maintain, on behalf of agencies, personnel files containing electronic or hard copy records.

- (3) DHRM shall maintain, on behalf of agencies, a confidential medical file. Confidentiality shall be maintained in accordance with applicable regulations. Information in the medical file is private, controlled, or exempt in accordance with Title 63G-2.

- (4) An employee has the right to review the employee's personnel file, upon request, in the presence of a DHRM representative.

- (a) An employee may request corrections, amendments to, or challenge any information in the DHRM electronic or hard copy personnel file, through the following process:

- (i) The employee shall request in writing to the appropriate agency human resource field office that changes occur.

- (ii) The employing agency shall be given an opportunity to respond.

- (iii) Disputes over information that are not resolved between the employing agency and the employee shall be decided in writing by the Executive Director, DHRM. DHRM shall maintain a record of the employee's letter, the agency's response, and the DHRM Executive Director's decision.

- (5) When a disciplinary action is rescinded or disapproved upon appeal, forms, documents and records pertaining to the case shall be removed from the personnel file.

- (a) When the record in question is on microfilm, a seal will be placed on the record and a suitable notice placed on the carton or envelope. This notice shall indicate the limits of the sealed Title and the authority for the action.

- (6) Upon employee separation, DHRM shall retain electronic records for thirty years. Agency hard copy records shall be retained at the agency for a minimum of two years, and then transferred to the State Record Center to be retained according to the record retention schedule.

- (7) When an employee transfers from one agency to another, the former agency shall transfer the employee's personnel file, medical and I-9 records to the new agency.

- (8) An employee who violates confidentiality is subject to disciplinary action and may be personally liable.

R477-2-6. Release of Information in a Reference Inquiry.

Reference checks or inquiries made regarding current or former public employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of advisory boards or commissions can be released if the information is classified as public, or if the subject of the record has signed and provided a current reference release form for information authorized under Title 63G, Chapter 2, of the Government Records Access and Management Act.

(1) The employment record is the property of Utah State Government with all rights reserved to utilize, disseminate or dispose of in accordance with the Government Records Access and Management Act.

(2) Additional information may be provided if authorized by law.

R477-2-7. Employment Eligibility Verification (Immigration Reform and Control Act - 1986).

Employees newly hired, rehired, or placed through reciprocity with or assimilation from another career service jurisdiction shall provide verifiable documentation of their identity and eligibility for employment in the United States by completing all sections of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9 as required under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

R477-2-8. Disclosure by Public Officers Supervising a Relative.

It is unlawful for a public officer to appoint, directly supervise, or to make salary or performance recommendations for relatives except as prescribed under Section 52-3-1.

(1) A public officer supervising a relative shall make a complete written disclosure of the relationship to the agency head in accordance with Section 52-3-1.

R477-2-9. Employee Liability.

An employee who becomes aware of any occurrence which may give rise to a law suit, who receives notice of claim, or is sued because of an incident related to state employment, shall give immediate notice to his supervisor and to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Risk Management.

(1) In most cases, under Title 63G, Chapter 7, the Governmental Immunity Act, an employee shall receive defense and indemnification unless the case involves fraud, malice or the use of alcohol or drugs by the employee.

(2) Before an agency may defend its employee against a claim, the employee shall make a written request for a defense to the agency head within ten calendar days, under Subsection 63G-7-902(2).

R477-2-10. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Agency management may establish a voluntary alternative dispute resolution program under Chapter 63G, Chapter 5.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-4. Filling Positions.****R477-4-1. Authorized Recruitment System.**

Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system unless an alternate system has been pre-approved by DHRM.

R477-4-2. Career Service Exempt Positions.

(1) The Executive Director, DHRM, may approve the creation and filling of career service exempt positions, as defined in Section 67-19-15.

(2) Agencies may use any pre-approved process to select an employee for a career service exempt position. Appointments may be made without competitive examination, provided job requirements are met.

(3) Appointments to fill an employee's position who is on approved leave shall only be made temporarily.

(4) Appointments made on a temporary basis shall be career service exempt and:

- (a) be Schedule IN, in which the employee:
 - (i) is hired to work part time indefinitely;
 - (ii) may not work more than 30 hours per week; and
 - (iii) shall have a temporary agreement signed by both the hiring official and the employee on an annual basis; or
- (b) be Schedule TL, in which the employee:
 - (i) is hired to work on a time limited basis; and
 - (ii) shall have a temporary agreement signed by both the hiring official and the employee at least every three years.

(c) may, at the discretion of management, be offered benefits if working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

(d) if the required work hours of the position exceed the 30 hours per week maximum for Schedule IN or if the position exceeds anticipated time limits for Schedule TL, agency management shall consult with DHRM to review possible alternative options.

(5) Only Schedule A, IN or TL appointments made from a hiring list under Subsection R477-4-8 may be considered for conversion to career service.

R477-4-3. Career Service Positions.

(1) Selection of a career service employee shall be governed by the following:

- (a) DHRM business practices;
- (b) career service principles;
- (c) equal employment opportunity principles;
- (d) Section 52-3-1, employment of relatives;
- (e) reasonable accommodation for qualified applicants covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

R477-4-4. Recruitment and Selection for Career Service Positions.

(1) Prior to initiating recruitment, agencies may administer any of the following personnel actions:

- (a) reemployment of a veteran eligible under USERRA;
- (b) reassignment within an agency initiated by an employee's reasonable accommodation request under the ADA;
- (c) fill a position as a result of return to work from long term disability or workers compensation at the same or lesser salary range;
- (d) reassignment or transfer made in order to avoid a reduction in force, or for reorganization or bumping purposes;
- (e) reassignment, transfer, or career mobility of qualified employees to better utilize skills or assist management in meeting the organization's mission;
- (f) reclassification; or
- (g) conversion from schedule A to schedule B as authorized by Subsection R477-5-1(3).

(2) Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system for all career service position vacancies.

This includes recruitments open within an agency, across agency lines, or to the general public. Recruitment shall comply with federal and state laws and DHRM rules and procedures.

(a) All recruitment announcements shall include the following:

- (i) Information about the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system; and
- (ii) opening and closing dates.

(b) Recruitments for career service positions shall be posted for a minimum of seven calendar days.

(3) Agencies may carry out all the following steps for recruitment and selection of vacant career service positions concurrently. Management may make appointments according to the following order:

(a) from the reappointment register created prior to March 2, 2009, provided the applicant applies for the position and meets minimum qualifications.

(b) from a hiring list of qualified applicants for the position, or from another process pre-approved by the Executive Director, DHRM.

R477-4-5. Transfer and Reassignment.

(1) Positions may be filled through a transfer or reassignment.

(a) The receiving agency shall verify the employee's career service status and that the employee meets the job requirements for the position.

(b) Agencies receiving a transfer or reassignment of an employee shall accept all of that employee's previously accrued sick, annual, and converted sick leave on the official leave records.

(c) A career service employee assimilated from another career service jurisdiction shall accrue leave at the same rate as a career service employee with the same seniority.

(2) A reassignment or transfer may include assignment to:

- (a) a different job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum;
- (b) a different work location; or
- (c) a different organizational unit.

R477-4-6. Rehire.

(1) A former employee shall compete for career service positions through the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system and shall serve a new probationary period, as designated in the official job description.

(a) The annual leave accrual rate for an employee who is rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all eligible employment in which the employee accrued leave.

(b) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated as Program II sick leave.

(c) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation due to a reduction in force shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated to Program I and Program II as accrued prior to the reduction in force.

(d) A rehired employee may be offered any salary within the salary range for the position.

R477-4-7. Examinations.

(1) Examinations shall be designed to measure and predict applicant job performance.

(2) Examinations shall include the following:

- (a) a detailed position record (DPR) based upon a current job or position analysis;
- (b) an initial, impartial screening of the individual's qualifications;
- (c) impartial evaluation and results; and
- (d) reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals

with disabilities.

(3) Examinations and ratings shall remain confidential and secure.

R477-4-8. Hiring Lists.

(1) The hiring list shall include the names of applicants to be considered for appointment or conditional appointment to a specific job, job series or position.

(a) An individual shall be considered an applicant when the individual applies for a particular position identified through a specific recruitment.

(b) Hiring lists shall be constructed using the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system.

(c) Applicants for career service positions shall be evaluated and placed on a hiring list based on job, job series or position related criteria.

(d) All applicants included on a hiring list shall be examined with the same examination or examinations.

(2) An individual who falsifies any information in the job application, examination or evaluation processes may be disqualified from further consideration prior to hire, or disciplined if already hired.

(3) The appointing authority shall demonstrate and document that equal consideration was given to all applicants whose final score or rating is equal to or greater than that of the applicant hired.

(4) The appointing authority shall ensure that any employee hired meets the job requirements as outlined in the official job description.

R477-4-9. Job Sharing.

Agency management may establish a job sharing program as a means of increasing opportunities for part-time employment. In the absence of an agency program, individual employees may request approval for job sharing status through agency management.

R477-4-10. Internships.

Interns or students in a practicum program may be appointed with or without competitive selection. Intern appointments shall be to temporary career service exempt positions.

R477-4-11. Volunteer Experience Credit.

(1) Documented job related volunteer experience shall be given the same consideration as similar paid employment in satisfying the job requirements for career service positions.

(a) Volunteer experience may not be substituted for required licensure, POST certification, or other criteria for which there is no substitution in the job requirements in the job description.

(b) Court ordered community service experience may not be considered.

R477-4-12. Reorganization.

When an agency is reorganized, but an employee's position does not change substantially, the agency may not require the employee to compete for his current position.

R477-4-13. Career Mobility Programs.

Employees and agencies are encouraged to promote career mobility programs.

(1) A career mobility is a temporary assignment of an employee to a different position for purposes of professional growth or fulfillment of specific organizational needs. Career mobility assignments may be to any salary range.

(2) Agencies may provide career mobility assignments inside or outside state government in any position for which the employee qualifies.

(3) An eligible employee or agency may initiate a career mobility.

(a) Career mobility assignments may be made without going through the competitive process but shall remain temporary.

(b) Career mobility assignments shall only become permanent if:

(i) the position was originally filled through a competitive recruitment process; or

(ii) a competitive recruitment process is used at the time the agency determines a need for the assignment to become permanent.

(4) Agencies shall develop and use written career mobility contract agreements between the employee and the supervisor to outline all program provisions and requirements. The career mobility shall be both voluntary and mutually acceptable.

(5) A participating employee shall retain all rights, privileges, entitlements, tenure and benefits from the previous position while on career mobility.

(a) If a reduction in force affects a position vacated by a participating employee, the participating employee shall be treated the same as other RIF employees.

(b) If a career mobility assignment does not become permanent at its conclusion, the employee shall return to the previous position or a similar position at a salary rate described in R477-6-4(11).

(6) An employee who has not attained career service status prior to the career mobility program cannot permanently fill a career service position until the employee obtains career service status through a competitive process.

R477-4-14. Assimilation.

(1) An employee assimilated by the state from another career service system shall receive career service status after completing a probationary period if originally selected through a competitive examination process judged by the Executive Director, DHRM, to be equivalent to the process used in the state career service.

(a) Assimilation agreements shall specify whether there are employees eligible for reemployment under USERRA in positions affected by the agreement.

R477-4-15. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-6. Compensation.****R477-6-1. Pay Plans.**

(1) With approval of the Governor, the Executive Director, DHRM, shall develop and adopt pay plans for each position in classified service. Positions exempt from classified service are identified in Subsection R477-3-1(1).

(a) Each job description shall include salary ranges with established minimum and maximum rates.

(b) A salary range includes every pay rate from minimum to maximum.

(c) Pay rate increases within salary ranges shall be:

(i) at least 1/2%, or

(ii) to the maximum rate within the salary range, if the difference between the current salary rate and the range maximum rate is less than 1/2%.

(iii) This subsection does not apply to legislatively approved salary adjustments and longevity.

(d) Pay rate decreases within salary ranges shall be:

(i) at least 1/2%, or

(ii) to the minimum rate within the salary range, if the difference between the current salary rate and the range minimum rate is less than 1/2%.

(iii) This subsection does not apply to legislatively approved salary adjustments.

R477-6-2. Allocation to the Pay Plans.

(1) Each job in classified service shall be assigned to a salary range.

(2) Salary ranges can be adjusted through:

(a) an administrative adjustment determined appropriate by DHRM for administrative purposes that is not based on a change of duties and responsibilities, nor based on a comparison to salary ranges in the market; or

(b) a comparison of the state's benchmark job salary ranges to salary ranges for similar positions in the market through an annual compensation survey conducted by DHRM.

(i) Market comparability salary range adjustment recommendations shall be included in the annual compensation plan and shall be submitted to the Governor no later than October 31 of each year.

(ii) Market comparability salary range adjustments shall be legislatively approved.

(iii) If market comparability adjustments are approved for benchmark jobs, salary ranges for other jobs in the same job family shall be adjusted by relative ranking with the benchmark job.

(3) Each job exempted from classified service shall have a salary range with a beginning and ending salary of any amount determined appropriate by the affected agency.

R477-6-3. Appointments.

(1) All appointments shall be placed on the DHRM approved salary range for the job.

(2) Reemployed veterans under USERRA shall be placed in their previous position or a similar position at their previous salary range. Reemployment shall include the same seniority status, salary, including any cost of living adjustments, reclassification of the veteran's preservice position, or market comparability adjustments that would have affected the veteran's preservice position during the time spent by the affected veteran in the uniformed services. Performance related salary increases are not included.

R477-6-4. Salary.

(1) Merit increases. The following conditions apply if merit pay increases are authorized and funded by the legislature:

(a) Employees, classified in position schedule B, shall be eligible for the merit increase if the following conditions are

met:

(i) Employee may not be in longevity.

(ii) Employee may not be paid at the maximum of their salary range.

(iii) Employee has received a minimum rating of successful on their most recent performance evaluation, which shall have been within the previous twelve months.

(iv) Employee has been in a paid status by the state for at least six months at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

(b) Employees designated as schedule AA, AQ and AU are not eligible for merit increases.

(c) All other position schedules will be reviewed by DHRM in consultation with the Governor's Office to determine if they are eligible for merit increases.

(2) Promotions.

(a) An employee promoted to a position with a salary range maximum exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum shall receive a salary increase of at least 5%.

(b) An employee may not be placed higher than the maximum or lower than the minimum in the new salary range. Placement of an employee in longevity shall be consistent with Subsection R477-6-4(4).

(c) To be eligible for a promotion, an employee shall meet the requirements and skills specified in the job description and position specific criteria as determined by the agency for the position unless the promotion is to a career service exempt position.

(3) Reclassifications.

(a) At agency management's discretion, an employee reclassified to a position with a salary range maximum exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum may receive a pay rate increase of at least 1/2% or the salary range maximum rate.

(b) An employee may not be placed higher than the maximum or lower than the minimum in the new salary range. Placement of an employee in longevity shall be consistent with Subsection R477-6-4(4).

(c) An employee whose position is reclassified to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current salary. The employee shall be placed in longevity at the employee's current salary if the salary exceeds the maximum of the new salary range.

(4) Longevity.

(a) An employee shall receive a longevity increase of 2.75% when:

(i) the employee has been in state service for eight years or more. The employee may accrue years of service in more than one agency and such service is not required to be continuous; and

(ii) the employee has been at the maximum of the current salary range for at least one year and received a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(b) An employee in longevity shall be eligible for the same across the board pay plan adjustments authorized for all other employee pay plans.

(c) An employee in longevity shall only be eligible for an additional 2.75% increase every three years. To be eligible, an employee shall receive a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(d) An employee in longevity who is reclassified to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current actual wage.

(e) An employee in longevity who is promoted or reclassified to a position with a higher salary range shall only receive a salary increase if the current actual wage is less than the salary range maximum of the new position. The salary increase shall be at least 1/2% or the range maximum rate of the

new position.

(f) Employees in Schedules AB, IN, or TL are not eligible for the longevity program.

(5) Administrative Adjustment.

(a) An employee whose position has been allocated by DHRM from one job to another job or salary range for administrative purposes, may not receive an adjustment in the current actual wage.

(b) Implementation of new job descriptions as an administrative adjustment shall not result in an increase in the current actual wage unless the employee is below the minimum of the new range.

(c) An employee whose position is changed by administrative adjustment to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current salary. The employee shall be placed in longevity at the employee's current salary if the salary exceeds the maximum of the new salary range.

(6) Reassignment.

An employee's current actual wage may not be lowered except when provided in federal or state law. Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate in the salary range.

(7) Transfer.

Management may decrease the current actual wage of an employee who transfers to another position. Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate in the salary range.

(8) Demotion.

An employee demoted consistent with Section R477-11-2 shall receive a reduction in the current actual wage of at least 1/2%, or the minimum rate of the new position's salary range as determined by the agency head or designee. The agency head or designee may move an employee to a position with a lower salary range concurrent with the reduction in the current actual wage.

(9) Administrative Salary Increase.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary increases under the following parameters:

(a) An employee shall receive an increase of at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the salary range.

(b) Administrative salary increases shall only be granted when the agency has sufficient funding within their annualized base budgets for the fiscal year in which the adjustment is given.

(c) Justifications for Administrative Salary Increases shall be:

- (i) in writing;
- (ii) approved by the agency head or designee;
- (iii) supported by unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(d) The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary increase.

(e) Administrative salary increases may be given during the probationary period. Wage rate increases shall be at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the salary range. These increases alone do not constitute successful completion of probation or the granting of career service status.

(f) An employee at the salary range maximum or in longevity may not be granted administrative salary increases.

(10) Administrative Salary Decrease.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary decreases for nondisciplinary reasons according to the following:

(a) The final salary may not be less than the minimum of the salary range.

(b) Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate of the salary range.

(c) Justification for administrative salary decreases shall be:

(i) in writing;

(ii) approved by the agency head; and

(iii) supported by issues such as previous written agreements between the agency and the employee to include career mobility, reasonable accommodation, or other unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(d) The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary decrease.

(11) Career Mobility.

(a) Agencies may offer an employee on a career mobility assignment a salary increase or salary decrease by any amount within the new salary range.

(b) If a career mobility assignment does not become permanent at its conclusion, the employee shall return to the previous position or a similar position and shall receive, at a minimum, the same salary rate and the same or higher salary range that the employee would have received without the career mobility assignment.

(12) Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions for wage rate increases or decreases.

R477-6-5. Incentive Awards.

(1) Only agencies with written and published incentive award and bonus policies may reward employees with incentive awards or bonuses. Incentive awards and bonuses are discretionary, not an entitlement, and are subject to the availability of funds in the agency.

(a) Policies shall be approved annually by DHRM and be consistent with standards established in these rules and the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance, rules and procedures.

(b) Individual awards may not exceed \$4,000 per occurrence and \$8,000 in a fiscal year. In exceptional circumstances, an award may exceed these limits upon application to DHRM and approval by the Governor.

(c) All cash and cash equivalent incentive awards and bonuses shall be subject to payroll taxes.

(2) Performance Based Incentive Awards.

(a) Cash Incentive Awards

(i) An agency may grant a cash incentive award to an employee or group of employees that demonstrates exceptional effort or accomplishment beyond what is normally expected on the job for a unique event or over a sustained period of time.

(ii) All cash awards shall be approved by the agency head or designee. They shall be documented and a copy shall be maintained by the agency.

(b) Noncash Incentive Awards

(i) An agency may recognize an employee or group of employees with noncash incentive awards.

(ii) Individual noncash incentive awards may not exceed a value of \$50 per occurrence and \$200 for each fiscal year.

(iii) Noncash incentive awards may include cash equivalents such as gift certificates or tickets for admission. Cash equivalent incentive awards shall be subject to payroll taxes and shall follow standards and procedures established by the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance.

(3) Cost Savings Bonus

(a) An agency may establish a bonus policy to increase productivity, generate savings within the agency, or reward an employee who submits a cost savings proposal.

(i) The agency shall document the cost savings involved.

(4) Market Based Bonuses

An agency may award a cash bonus to an employee as an incentive to acquire or retain an employee with job skills that are critical to the state and difficult to recruit in the market.

(a) Retention Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to an employee who has

unusually high or unique qualifications that are essential for the agency to retain.

(b) Recruitment or Signing Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a qualified job candidate to incentivize the candidate to work for the state.

(c) Scarce Skills Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a qualified job candidate that has the scarce skills required for the job.

(d) Relocation Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a current employee who must relocate to accept a position in a different commuting area.

(e) Referral Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a current employee who refers a job applicant who is subsequently selected.

R477-6-6. Employee Benefits.

(1) An employee shall be eligible for benefits when:

(a) in a position designated by the agency as eligible for benefits; and

(b) in a position which normally requires working a minimum of 40 hours per pay period.

(2) An eligible employee has 60 days from the hire date to enroll in or decline a medical insurance plan.

(a) After 60 days the employee will be automatically enrolled in the state's high deductible health plan with single coverage.

(b) An employee shall only be permitted to change medical plans during the annual open enrollment period for all state employees.

(c) An employee with previous medical coverage shall provide a certificate of credible coverage to the state's health care provider which states dates of eligibility for the employee, and the employee's dependents in order to have a preexisting waiting period reduced or waived.

(i) An eligible employee or dependent under the age of 19 may not be required to meet any preexisting waiting period.

(3) An eligible employee has 60 days from the hire date to enroll in dental, vision, and a flexible spending account.

(4) An employee shall enroll in guaranteed issue life insurance within 60 days of the hire date to avoid having to provide proof of insurability.

(a) An employee may enroll in additional life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance at any time and may be required to provide proof of insurability.

(5) An employee eligible for retirement benefits shall be electronically enrolled using the URS online certification process as follows:

(a) An employee with any service time with Utah Retirement Systems prior to July 1, 2011, from any URS eligible employer, shall be automatically enrolled in the Tier I defined benefit plan and the Tier I defined contribution plan.

(i) Eligibility for Tier I shall be determined by Utah Retirement Systems.

(ii) An employee eligible for Tier I shall remain in the Tier I system, even after a break in service.

(b) An employee with no previous service time with Utah Retirement Systems in Tier I shall be enrolled in the Tier II retirement system.

(i) An employee has 30 days from the date of eligibility to elect whether to participate in the Tier II hybrid retirement system or the Tier II defined contribution plan.

(A) If no election is made the employee shall be automatically enrolled in the Tier II hybrid retirement system.

(ii) An employee eligible for the Tier II system has one year from the date of eligibility to change the election or it is irrevocable.

(c) Changes in employee contributions, beneficiaries, and investment strategies shall be submitted electronically to URS through the URS website.

(6) A reemployed veteran under USERRA shall be entitled to the same employee benefits given to other continuously employed eligible employees to include seniority based increased pension and leave accrual.

R477-6-7. Employee Converting from Career Service to Schedule AC, AD, AR, or AS.

(1) A career service employee in a position meeting the criteria for career service exempt schedule AC, AD, AR, or AS shall have 60 days from the date of offer to elect to convert from career service to career service exempt. As an incentive to convert, an employee shall be provided the following:

(a) an administrative salary increase of at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the current salary range. An employee at the maximum of the current salary range or in longevity shall receive, in lieu of the salary adjustment, a one time bonus, as determined by the agency head or designee, not to exceed limits in Subsection R477-6-5(1)(b);

(b) state paid term life insurance coverage if determined eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program, Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than \$50,000 shall receive \$125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between \$50,000 and \$60,000 shall receive \$150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than \$60,000 shall receive \$200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee electing to convert to career service exempt after the 60 day election period may not be eligible for the salary increase, but shall be entitled to apply for the insurance coverage through the Group Insurance Office.

(3) An employee electing not to convert to career service exemption shall retain career service status even though the position shall be designated as schedule AC, AD, AR or AS. When these career service employees vacate these positions, subsequent appointments shall be career service exempt.

(4) An agency head may reorganize so that a current career service exempt position no longer meets the criteria for exemption. In this case, the employee shall be designated as career service if he had previously earned career service. However, the employee may not be eligible for the severance package or the life insurance. In this situation, the agency and employee shall make arrangements through the Group Insurance Office to discontinue the coverage.

(5) A career service exempt employee without prior career service status shall remain exempt. When the employee leaves the position, subsequent appointments shall be consistent with R477-4.

(6) Agencies shall communicate to all impacted and future eligible employees the conditions and limitations of this incentive program.

R477-6-8. State Paid Life Insurance.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AA, AB, AD, AR and AT shall be provided the following benefits if the employee is approved through underwriting:

(a) State paid term life insurance coverage if determined eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than \$50,000 shall receive \$125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between \$50,000 and \$60,000 shall receive \$150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than \$60,000 shall receive \$200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee on schedule AC or AS may be provided these benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-9. Severance Benefit.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD, AR or AT who is separated from state service through an action initiated by management, to include resignation in lieu of termination, shall receive at the time of severance a benefit equal to:

(a) one week of salary, up to a maximum of 12 weeks, for each year of consecutive exempt service in the executive branch; and

(b) if eligible for COBRA, one month of health insurance coverage, up to a maximum of six months, for each year of consecutive exempt service, at the level of coverage the employee has at the time of severance, to be paid in a lump sum payment to the state's health care provider.

(2) A severance benefit may not be paid to an employee:

(a) whose statutory term has expired without reappointment;

(b) who is retiring from state service; or

(c) who is dismissed for cause.

(3) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD, AR or AT who accepts reassignment to a position with a lower salary range, without a break in service, shall receive a severance benefit equal to the difference between the current actual wage and the new actual wage multiplied by the number of accrued annual leave, converted sick leave, and excess hours on the date of reassignment.

(4) An employee on schedule AC or AS may be provided these same severance benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-10. Human Resource Transactions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, shall publicize procedures for processing payroll and human resource transactions and documents.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-7. Leave.****R477-7-1. Conditions of Leave.**

- (1) An employee shall be eligible for benefits when:
 - (a) in a position designated by the agency as eligible for benefits; and
 - (b) in a position which normally requires working at least 40 hours per pay period.
- (2) An eligible employee shall accrue annual, sick and holiday leave in proportion to the time paid as determined by DHRM.
- (3) An employee shall use leave in no less than quarter hour increments.
- (4) An employee may not use annual, sick, converted sick, compensatory, excess or holiday leave before accrued.
- (5) An employee may not use compensatory, annual, converted sick leave used as annual, or excess leave without advance approval by management.
- (6) An employee transferring from one agency to another is entitled to transfer all accrued annual, sick, and converted sick leave to the new agency.
- (7) An employee separating from state service shall be paid in a lump sum for all annual leave and excess hours. An FLSA nonexempt employee shall also be paid in a lump sum for all compensatory hours.
 - (a) An employee separating from state service for reasons other than retirement shall be paid in a lump sum for all converted sick leave.
 - (b) Converted sick leave for a retiring employee shall be subject to Section R477-7-5.
 - (c) Annual, sick and holiday leave may not be used or accrued after the last day worked, except for:
 - (i) leave without pay;
 - (ii) administrative leave specifically approved by management to be used after the last day worked;
 - (iii) leave granted under the FMLA; or
 - (iv) leave granted for other medical reasons that was approved prior to the commencement of the leave period.
 - (8) Contributions to benefits may not be paid on cashed out leave, other than FICA tax, except as it applies to converted sick leave in Section R477-7-5(2) and the Retirement Benefit in Section R477-7-6.

R477-7-2. Holiday Leave.

- (1) The following dates are paid holidays for eligible employees:
 - (a) New Years Day -- January 1
 - (b) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- third Monday of January
 - (c) Washington and Lincoln Day -- third Monday of February
 - (d) Memorial Day -- last Monday of May
 - (e) Independence Day -- July 4
 - (f) Pioneer Day -- July 24
 - (g) Labor Day -- first Monday of September
 - (h) Veterans' Day -- November 11
 - (i) Thanksgiving Day -- fourth Thursday of November
 - (j) Christmas Day -- December 25
 - (k) Any other day designated as a paid holiday by the Governor.
- (2) If a holiday falls or is observed on a regularly scheduled day off, an eligible employee shall receive equivalent time off, not to exceed nine hours, or shall accrue excess hours.
 - (a) If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.
 - (b) If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday.
 - (3) If an employee is required to work on an observed holiday, the employee shall receive appropriate holiday leave,

or shall accrue excess hours.

(4) A new hire shall be in a paid status on or before the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

(5) A separating employee shall be in a paid status on or after the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

R477-7-3. Annual Leave.

- (1) An eligible employee shall accrue leave based on the following years of state service:
 - (a) less than 5 years -- four hours per pay period;
 - (b) at least 5 and less than 10 years -- five hours per pay period;
 - (c) at least 10 and less than 20 years -- six hours per pay period;
 - (d) 20 years or more -- seven hours per pay period.
- (2) The maximum annual leave accrual rate shall be granted to an employee under the following conditions:
 - (a) an employee in schedule AB, and agency deputy directors and division directors appointed to career service exempt positions.
 - (b) an employee who is schedule A, FLSA exempt and who has a direct reporting relationship to an elected official, executive director, deputy director, commissioner or board.
 - (c) The maximum accrual rate shall be effective from the day the employee is appointed through the duration of the appointment. Employees in these positions on July 1, 2003, shall have the leave accrual rate adjusted prospectively.
- (3) The accrual rate for an employee rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all eligible employment in which the employee accrued leave.
- (4) The first ten hours of annual leave used by an employee in the calendar leave year shall be the employee's personal preference day.
- (5) Agency management shall allow every employee the option to use annual leave each year for at least the amount accrued in the year.
- (6) Unused accrued annual leave time in excess of 320 hours shall be forfeited during year end processing for each calendar year.

R477-7-4. Sick Leave.

- (1) An eligible employee shall accrue sick leave, not to exceed four hours per pay period. Sick leave shall accrue without limit.
- (2) Agency management may grant sick leave for preventive health and dental care, maternity, paternity, and adoption care, or for absence from duty because of illness, injury or disability of the employee, a spouse, children or parents living in the employee's home; or qualifying FMLA purposes.
- (3) Agency management may grant exceptions for other unique medical situations.
- (4) When management approves the use of sick leave, an employee may use any combination of Program I and Program II sick leave.
- (5) An employee shall contact management prior to the beginning of the scheduled workday the employee is absent due to illness or injury.
- (6) Any application for a grant of sick leave to cover an absence that exceeds three consecutive working days shall be supported by administratively acceptable evidence.
- (7) If there is reason to believe that an employee is abusing sick leave, a supervisor may require an employee to produce evidence regardless of the number of sick hours used.
- (8) Unless retiring, an employee separating from state employment shall forfeit any unused sick leave without compensation.
 - (a) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation due to a reduction in force shall have

forfeited sick leave reinstated to Program I and Program II as accrued prior to the reduction in force.

(b) An employee rehired with benefits within one year of separation for reasons other than a reduction in force shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated as Program II sick leave.

(c) An employee who retires from state service and is rehired may not reinstate forfeited sick leave.

R477-7-5. Converted Sick Leave.

An employee may convert sick leave hours to converted sick leave after the end of the last pay period of the calendar year in which the employee is eligible.

(1)(a) Converted sick leave hours accrued prior to January 1, 2006 shall be Program I converted sick leave hours.

(b) Converted sick leave hours accrued after January 1, 2006 shall be Program II converted sick leave hours.

(2) To be eligible, an employee shall have accrued a total of 144 hours or more of sick leave in Program I and Program II combined at the beginning of the first pay period of the calendar year.

(a) At the end of the last pay period of a calendar year in which an employee is eligible, all unused sick leave hours accrued that year in excess of 64 shall be converted to Program II converted sick leave.

(b) The maximum hours of converted sick leave an employee may accrue in Program I and Program II combined is 320.

(c) If the employee has the maximum accrued in converted sick leave, these hours will be added to the annual leave account balance.

(d) In order to prevent or reverse the conversion, an employee shall:

(i) notify agency management no later than the last day of the last pay period of the calendar year in order to prevent the conversion; or

(ii) notify agency management no later than the end of February in order to reverse the conversion.

(e) Upon separation, an eligible employee may convert any unused sick leave hours accrued in the current calendar year in excess of 64 to converted sick leave hours in Program II.

(3) An employee may use converted sick leave as annual leave or as regular sick leave.

(4) When management approves the use of converted sick leave, an employee may use any combination of Program I and Program II converted sick leave.

(5) Upon retirement, 25% of the value of the unused converted sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employee's 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(a) Converted sick leave hours from Program II shall be placed in the 401(k) account before hours from Program I.

(b) The remainder shall be used for:

(i) the purchase of health care insurance and life insurance under Subsection R477-7-6(3)(c) if the converted sick leave was accrued in Program I; or

(ii) a contribution into the employees PEHP health reimbursement account under Subsection R477-7-6(4)(b) if the converted sick leave was accrued in Program II.

(6) Upon retirement, Program I converted sick leave hours may not be suspended or deferred for future use. This includes retired employees who reemploy with the state and choose to suspend their defined benefit payments.

(7) Retired employees who reemploy with the state in a benefitted position will have a new benefit calculated on any new Program II converted sick leave hours accrued, upon subsequent retirement, for the new period of employment.

R477-7-6. Sick Leave Retirement Benefit.

Upon retirement from active employment, an employee

shall receive an unused sick leave retirement benefit under Sections 67-19-14.2 and 67-19-14.4.

(1) An employee in the Tier I retirement system or the Tier II hybrid retirement system shall become eligible for this benefit when actively retiring with Utah Retirement Systems.

(2) An employee in the Tier II defined contribution system shall become eligible when terminating employment on or after the retirement date established by the Utah Retirement Systems. This date reflects service time accrued by the employee as if the employee were in the Tier II hybrid retirement system.

(3)(a) Sick leave hours accrued prior to January 1, 2006 shall be Program I sick leave hours.

(b) Sick leave hours accrued after January 1, 2006 shall be Program II sick leave hours.

(4) An agency may offer the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Option Program I to an employee who is eligible to receive retirement benefits. However, any decision whether or not to participate in this program shall be agency wide and shall be consistent through an entire fiscal year.

(a) If an agency decides to withdraw for the next fiscal year after initially deciding to participate, the agency shall notify all employees at least 60 days before the new fiscal year begins.

(5) An employee in a participating agency shall receive the following benefit provided by the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Options Program I.

(a) 25% of the value of the unused sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employees 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(i) Sick leave hours from Program II shall be placed in the 401(k) account before hours from Program I.

(ii) After the 401(k) contribution is made, the remaining Program I sick leave hours and converted sick leave hours from Subsection R477-7-5(5)(b)(i) shall be used to provide the following benefit.

(iii) The purchase of PEHP health insurance, or a state approved program, and life insurance coverage for the employee until the employee reaches the age eligible for Medicare.

(A) Health insurance shall be the same coverage carried by the employee at the time of retirement; i.e., family, two-party, or single.

(B) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for the state paid portion of one month's premium.

(C) The employee shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan. The premium amount shall be determined from the approved PEHP retiree rate and not the active employee rates.

(D) Life insurance provided shall be the minimum authorized coverage provided for state employees at the time the employee retires.

(iv) When the employee becomes eligible for Medicare, a Medicare supplement policy provided by PEHP may be purchased at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(v) When the employee becomes eligible for Medicare, a PEHP health insurance policy, or another state approved policy, may be purchased for a spouse until the spouse is eligible for Medicare.

(A) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(B) The employee shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan. The premium amount shall be determined from the approved PEHP retiree rate and not the active employee rates.

(vi) When the spouse reaches the age eligible for Medicare, the employee may purchase a Medicare supplement policy provided by PEHP for the spouse at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(vii) In the event an employee is killed in the line of duty, the employee's spouse shall be eligible to use the employee's available sick leave hours for the purchase of health and dental insurance under Section 67-19-14.3.

(b) Upon retirement, Program I sick leave hours may not be suspended or deferred for future use. This includes retired employees who reemploy with the state and choose to suspend their defined benefit payments.

(6) An employee shall receive the following benefit provided by the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Option Program II.

(a) 25% of the value of the unused sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employee's 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(b) After the 401(k) contribution the remaining sick leave hours and the converted sick leave hours from Subsection R477-7-5(5)(b)(ii) shall be deposited in the employee's PEHP health reimbursement account at the greater of:

(i) the employee's rate of pay at retirement, or

(ii) the average rate of pay of state employees who retired in the same retirement system in the previous calendar year.

(c) Retired employees who reemploy with the state in a benefited position will have a new benefit calculated on any new Program II sick leave hours accrued, upon subsequent retirement, for the new period of employment.

R477-7-7. Administrative Leave.

(1) Administrative leave may be granted consistent with agency policy for the following reasons:

(a) administrative;

(i) governor approved holiday leave;

(ii) during management decisions that benefit the organization;

(iii) when no work is available due to unavoidable conditions or influences; or

(iv) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(b) protected;

(i) suspension with pay pending hearing results;

(ii) personal decision making prior to discipline;

(iii) removal from adverse or hostile work environment situations;

(iv) fitness for duty or employee assistance; or

(v) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(c) reward in lieu of cash;

(i) the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave up to one day per occurrence;

(ii) administrative leave in excess of one day may be granted with written approval by the agency head.

(iii) administrative leave given as a reward in lieu of cash may not exceed 40 hours in a fiscal year.

(iv) administrative leave given as a reward in lieu of cash may be given from one agency to employees of another agency if both agency heads agree in advance.

(d) student educational assistance.

(e) An employee who satisfies the criteria in this subsection shall be granted up to two hours of administrative leave to vote in an official election.

(i) The employee shall:

(A) have fewer than three total hours off the job between the time the polls open and close, and;

(B) apply for the time in the previous 24 hours.

(ii) Management may specify the hours when the employee may be absent.

(f) Administrative leave shall be given for non-performance based purposes to employees who are on Family and Medical Leave or a military leave of absence if the leave would have been given had the employee been in a working status.

(2) With the exception of administrative leave used as a

reward, under Subsection R477-7-7(1)(c), the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave.

(3) Administrative leave taken shall be documented in the employee's leave record.

R477-7-8. Jury Leave.

(1) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence from a regularly scheduled work day with full pay when, in obedience to a subpoena or direction by proper authority, the employee is required to:

(a) appear as a witness as part of the employee's position for the federal government, the State of Utah, or a political subdivision of the state; or

(b) serve as a witness in a grievance hearing under Section 67-19-31 and Title 67, Chapter 19a; or

(c) serve on a jury.

(2) An employee who is absent in order to litigate in matters unrelated to state employment shall use eligible accrued leave or leave without pay.

(3) An employee choosing to use paid leave while on jury duty shall be entitled to keep juror's fees; otherwise, juror's fees received shall be returned to agency payroll clerks for deposit with the State Treasurer. The fees shall be deposited as a refund of expenditure in the unit where the salary is recorded.

R477-7-9. Bereavement Leave.

An employee may receive a maximum of three days bereavement leave per occurrence with pay, at management's discretion, following the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. Bereavement leave may not be charged against accrued sick or annual leave.

(1) The immediate family means relatives of the employee or spouse including in-laws, step-relatives, or equivalent relationship as follows:

(a) spouse;

(b) parents;

(c) siblings;

(d) children;

(e) all levels of grandparents; or

(f) all levels of grandchildren.

R477-7-10. Military Leave.

An employee who is a member of the National Guard or Military Reserves and is on official military orders is entitled to paid military leave not to exceed 120 hours each calendar year, including travel time, under Section 39-3-2.

(1) An employee may not claim salary for nonworking days spent in military training or for traditional weekend training.

(2) An employee may use any combination of military leave, accrued leave or leave without pay under Section R477-7-13.

(a) Accrued sick leave may only be used if the reason for leave meets the conditions in Section R477-7-4.

(3) An employee on military leave is eligible for any service awards or non-performance administrative leave the employee would otherwise be eligible to receive.

(4) An employee shall give notice of official military orders as soon as possible.

(5) Upon release from official military orders under honorable conditions, an employee shall be placed in a position in the following order of priority.

(a) If the period of service was for less than 91 days, the employee shall be placed:

(i) in the same position the employee held on the date of the commencement of the service in the uniformed services; or

(ii) in the same position the employee would have held if the continuous employment of the employee had not been interrupted by the service.

(b) If the period of service was for more than 90 days, the employee shall be placed:

(i) in a position of like seniority, status and salary, of the position the employee held on the date of the commencement of the service in the uniformed services; or

(ii) in a position of like seniority, status, and salary the employee would have held if the continuous employment of the employee had not been interrupted by the service.

(c) When a disability is incurred or aggravated while on official military orders, the employing agency shall adhere to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), United States Code, Title 38, Chapter 43.

(d) The cumulative length of time allowed for reemployment may not exceed five years. This rule incorporates by reference 20CFR1002.103 for the purposes of calculating cumulative time.

(e) An employee is entitled to reemployment rights and benefits including increased pension and leave accrual to which the employee would have been entitled had the employee not been absent due to military service. An employee entering military leave may elect to have payment for annual leave deferred.

(6) In order to be reemployed, an employee shall present evidence of military service, and:

(a) for service less than 31 days, return at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled work period on the first full day after release from service unless impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee;

(b) for service of more than 30 days but less than 181 days, submit a request for reemployment within 14 days of release from service, unless impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee; or

(c) for service of more than 180 days, submit a request for reemployment within 90 days of release from service.

R477-7-11. Disaster Relief Volunteer Leave.

(1) An employee may be granted leave from work with pay, by the agency head or designee, for an aggregate of 15 working days in any 12 month period to participate in disaster relief services for a disaster relief organization. To request this leave an employee shall be a certified disaster relief volunteer and file a written request with the employing agency. The request shall include:

(a) a copy of a written request for the employee's services from an official of the disaster relief organization;

(b) the anticipated duration of the absence;

(c) the type of service the employee is to provide; and

(d) the nature and location of the disaster where the employee's services will be provided.

R477-7-12. Organ Donor Leave.

An employee who serves as a bone marrow or human organ donor shall be granted paid leave for the donation and recovery.

(1) An employee who donates bone marrow shall be granted up to seven days of paid leave.

(2) An employee who donates a human organ shall be granted up to 30 days of paid leave.

R477-7-13. Leave of Absence Without Pay.

(1) An employee shall apply in writing to agency management for approval of a leave of absence without pay.

(a) Leave without pay may be granted only when there is an expectation that the employee will return to work.

(b) The employee shall be entitled to previously accrued annual and sick leave.

(c) If unable to return to work within the time period granted, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(2) Nonmedical Reasons

(a) Approval may be granted for continuous leave for up to six months from the last day worked in the employee's regular position. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head.

(b) Agency management may approve leave without pay for an employee even though annual or sick leave balances exist.

(c) An employee who receives no compensation for a complete pay period shall be responsible for payment of the full premium of state provided benefits.

(d) An employee who returns to work on or before the expiration of leave without pay shall be placed in a position with comparable pay and seniority to the previously held position.

(3) Medical Reasons

(a) An employee who does not qualify for FMLA, Workers Compensation, or Long Term Disability may be granted leave without pay for medical reasons not to exceed six months cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the employee's regular position.

(i) A leave of absence may not be granted when documentation from one or more qualified healthcare providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last held regular position unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(b) After six months cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the regular position, the employee shall be separated from employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head in consultation with DHRM.

(c) Except as otherwise provided under the Family Medical Leave Act, an employee who receives no compensation for a complete pay period shall be responsible for payment of the full premium of state provided benefits.

(d) Upon request, an employee who is granted this leave shall provide a monthly return to work status update to the employee's supervisor.

R477-7-14. Furlough.

(1) Agency management may furlough employees as a means of saving salary costs in lieu of or in addition to a reduction in force. Furlough plans are subject to the approval of the agency head and the following conditions:

(a) Furlough hours shall be counted for purposes of annual, sick and holiday leave accrual.

(b) Payment of all state paid benefits shall continue at the agency's expense.

(i) Benefits that have fixed costs shall be paid at the full rate regardless of how many days an employee is furloughed.

(ii) Benefits that are paid as a percentage of actual wages shall continue to be paid as percentage of actual wages if the furlough is less than one pay period. Employees who are furloughed for a full pay period shall have no percentage based benefits paid.

(c) An employee who is furloughed shall continue to pay the employee portion of all benefits. Voluntary benefits shall remain entirely at the employee's expense.

(d) An employee shall return to the current position.

(e) Furlough is applied equitably; e.g., to all persons in a given class, all program staff, or all staff in an organization.

R477-7-15. Family and Medical Leave.

(1) An eligible employee is allowed up to 12 work weeks of family and medical leave each calendar year for any of the following reasons:

(a) birth of a child;

(b) adoption of a child;

(c) placement of a foster child;

(d) a serious health condition of the employee; or

(e) care of a spouse, dependent child, or parent with a

serious medical condition.

(f) A qualifying exigency arising as a result of a spouse, son, daughter or parent being on active duty or having been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces.

(2) An employee is allowed up to 26 work weeks of family and medical leave during a 12 month period to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin who is a recovering service member as defined by the National Defense Authorization Act.

(3) An employee on FMLA leave shall continue to receive the same health insurance benefits the employee was receiving prior to the commencement of FMLA leave provided the employee pays the employee share of the health insurance premium.

(4) An employee on FMLA leave shall receive any administrative leave given for non-performance based reasons if the leave would have been given had the employee been in a working status.

(5) To be eligible for family and medical leave, the employee shall:

(a) be employed by the state for at least one year;

(b) be employed by the state for a minimum of 1250 hours worked, as determined under FMLA, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the commencement of leave.

(6) To request FMLA leave, the employee or an appropriate spokesperson, shall apply in writing for the initial leave and when the reason for requesting family medical leave changes:

(a) thirty days in advance for foreseeable needs; or

(b) as soon as practicable in emergencies.

(7) An employee may use accrued annual leave, sick leave, converted sick leave, excess hours and compensatory time prior to going into leave without pay status for the family and medical leave period.

(8) An employee who chooses to use FMLA leave shall use FMLA leave for all absences related to that qualifying event.

(9) Any period of leave for an employee with a serious health condition who is determined by a health care provider to be incapable of applying for Family and Medical Leave and has no agent or designee shall be designated as FMLA leave.

(10) An employee with a serious health condition covered under workers' compensation may use FMLA leave concurrently with the workers' compensation benefit.

(11) If an employee has gone into leave without pay status and fails to return to work after FMLA leave has ended, an agency may recover, with certain exceptions, the health insurance premiums paid by the agency on the employee's behalf. An employee is considered to have returned to work if the employee returns for at least 30 calendar days.

(a) Exceptions to this provision include:

(i) an FLSA exempt and schedule AB, AD and AR employee who has been denied restoration upon expiration of their leave time;

(ii) an employee whose circumstances change unexpectedly beyond the employee's control during the leave period preventing the return to work at the end of 12 weeks.

(12) Leave taken for purposes of childbirth, adoption, placement for adoption or foster care may not be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule unless the employee and employer mutually agree.

(13) Medical records created for purposes of FMLA and the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be maintained in accordance with confidentiality requirements of Subsection R477-2-5(7).

R477-7-16. Workers Compensation Leave.

(1) An employee may use accrued leave benefits to supplement the workers compensation benefit.

(a) The combination of leave benefit and workers

compensation benefit may not exceed the employee's gross salary. Leave benefits shall only be used in increments of one hour in making up any difference.

(b) The use of accrued leave to supplement the worker compensation benefit shall be terminated if the:

(i) employee is declared medically stable by licensed medical authority;

(ii) workers compensation fund terminates the benefit;

(iii) employee has been absent from work for six months;

(iv) employee refuses to accept appropriate employment offered by the state; or

(v) employee receives Long Term Disability or Social Security Disability benefits.

(c) The employee shall refund to the state any accrued leave paid which exceeds the employee's gross salary for the period for which the benefit was received.

(2) Workers compensation hours shall be counted for purposes of annual, sick and holiday leave accrual while the employee is receiving a workers compensation time loss benefit for up to six months from the last day worked in the regular position.

(3) Health insurance benefits shall continue for an employee on leave without pay while receiving workers compensation benefits. The employee is responsible for the payment of the employee share of the premium.

(a) If an employee has applied for LTD and is determined eligible, and the employee elects to continue health insurance coverage, the employee shall be responsible to pay health insurance pursuant to R477-7-17(1)(b)(i).

(4) If the employee is able to return to work in the employee's regular position, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or a similar position at a comparable salary range.

(5) If the employee is unable to return to work in the regular position after six months of cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform in the regular position, or if documentation from one or more qualified health care providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last held regular position, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head in consultation with DHRM.

(6) An employee who files a fraudulent workers compensation claim shall be disciplined under Rule R477-11.

(7) An employee covered under 67-19-27 who is injured in the course of employment shall be given a leave of absence with full pay during the period the employee is temporarily disabled.

(a) the employee shall be placed on administrative leave; and

(b) any compensation received from the state's workers compensation administrator shall be returned to the agency payroll clerks for deposit with the State Treasurer as a refund of expenditure in the unit number where the salary is recorded.

R477-7-17. Long Term Disability Leave.

(1) An employee who is determined eligible for the Long Term Disability Program (LTD) may be granted up to six months of leave cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the regular position as the result of health conditions, unless documentation from one or more qualified health care providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last-held regular position. Exceptions to the six months may be granted by the agency head.

(a) For LTD qualifying purposes, the medical leave begins on the day after the last day the employee worked in the employee's regular position. LTD requires a waiting period

before benefit payments begin.

(b) An employee determined eligible for Long Term Disability benefits shall be eligible for health insurance benefits the day after the last day worked or the last day of FMLA leave.

(i) If the employee elects to continue health insurance coverage, the health insurance premiums shall be equal to 102% of the regular active premium beginning on the day after the last day worked. The employee is responsible for 10% of the health insurance premium during the first year of disability, 20% during the second year of disability, and 30% thereafter until the employee is no longer covered by the long term disability program. If the employee has a lapse of creditable coverage for more than 62 days, pre-existing condition exclusions shall apply.

(c) Upon approval of the LTD claim:

(i) Biweekly salary payments that the employee may be receiving shall cease. If the employee received any salary payments after the three month waiting period, the LTD benefit shall be offset by the amount received.

(ii) The employee shall be paid for remaining balances of annual leave, excess hours, and compensatory hours earned by FLSA non-exempt employees in a lump sum payment. This payment shall be made at the time LTD is approved unless the employee requests in writing to receive it upon separation from state employment. No reduction of the LTD payment shall be made to offset this payment. Upon return to work from an approved leave of absence, the employee has the option of buying back annual leave at the current hourly rate.

(iii) An employee with a converted sick leave balance at the time of LTD eligibility shall have the option to receive a lump sum payout of all or part of the balance or to keep the balance intact to pay for health and life insurance upon retirement. The payout shall be at the rate at the time of LTD eligibility.

(iv) An employee who retires from state government directly from LTD may be eligible for health and life insurance under Subsection 67-19-14(2)(b)(ii).

(v) Unused sick leave balance shall remain intact until the employee retires. At retirement, the employee shall be eligible for the 401(k) contribution and the purchase of health and life insurance under Subsection 67-19-14(2)(c)(i).

(2) An employee shall continue to accrue service credit for retirement purposes while receiving long term disability benefits.

(3) Conditions for return from long term disability include:

(a) If an employee provides an administratively acceptable medical release allowing a return to work, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or similar position in a comparable salary range provided the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation.

(b) After six months of cumulative absence from or inability to perform the regular position, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head.

(4) An employee who files a fraudulent long term disability claim shall be disciplined under Rule R477-11.

(5) Long term disability benefits are provided to eligible employees in accordance with 49-21-403.

R477-7-18. Leave Bank.

With the approval of the agency head, agencies may establish a leave bank program as follows:

(1) Only annual leave, excess hours, compensatory time earned by an FLSA nonexempt employee, and converted sick leave hours may be donated to a leave bank.

(2) Only employees of agencies with approved leave bank programs may donate leave hours to another agency with a leave bank program, if mutually agreed on by both agencies.

(3) An employee may not receive donated leave until all individually accrued leave is used.

(4) Leave shall be accrued if an employee is on sick leave donated from an approved leave bank program.

(5) Employees using donated leave may not work a second job without written consent of the agency head.

R477-7-19. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-9. Employee Conduct.****R477-9-1. Standards of Conduct.**

An employee shall comply with the standards of conduct established in these rules and the policies and rules established by agency management.

(1) Employees shall apply themselves to and shall fulfill their assigned duties during the full time for which they are compensated.

(a) An employee shall:

(i) comply with the standards established in the individual performance plans;

(ii) maintain an acceptable level of performance and conduct on all other verbal and written job expectations;

(iii) report conditions and circumstances, including controlled substances or alcohol impairment, that may prevent the employee from performing their job effectively and safely;

(iv) inform the supervisor of any unclear instructions or procedures.

(2) An employee shall make prudent and frugal use of state funds, equipment, buildings, time, and supplies.

(3) An employee who reports for duty or attempts to perform the duties of the position while under the influence of alcohol or nonprescribed controlled substances shall be subject to corrective action or discipline in accordance with Section R477-10-2, Rule R477-11 and R477-14.

(a) The agency may decline to defend and indemnify an employee found violating this rule, in accordance with Section 63G-7-2 of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

(4) An employee may not drive a state vehicle or any other vehicle, on state time, while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

(a) An employee who violates this rule shall be subject to corrective action or discipline under Section R477-10-2, Rules R477-11 and R477-14.

(b) The agency may decline to defend or indemnify an employee who violates this rule, according to Subsection 63G-7-202(3)(c)(ii) of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

(5) An employee shall provide the agency with a current personal mailing address.

(a) The employee shall notify the agency in writing of any change in address.

(b) Mail sent to the current address on record shall be deemed to be delivered for purposes of these rules.

R477-9-2. Outside Employment.

(1) State employment shall be the principal vocation for a full-time employee governed by these rules. An employee may engage in outside employment under the following conditions:

(a) Outside employment may not interfere with an employee's performance.

(b) Outside employment may not conflict with the interests of the agency nor the State of Utah.

(c) Outside employment may not give reason for criticism nor suspicion of conflicting interests or duties.

(d) An employee shall notify agency management in writing if the outside employment has the potential or appears to conflict with Title 67, Chapter 16, Employee Ethics Act.

(e) Agency management may deny an employee permission to engage in outside employment, or to receive payment, if the outside activity is determined to cause a real or potential conflict of interest.

(f) Failure to notify the employer and to gain approval for outside employment is grounds for disciplinary action if the secondary employment is found to be a conflict of interest.

R477-9-3. Conflict of Interest.

(1) An employee may receive honoraria or paid expenses for activities outside of state employment under the following

conditions:

(a) Outside activities may not interfere with an employee's performance, the interests of the agency nor the State of Utah.

(b) Outside activities may not give reasons for criticism nor suspicion of conflicting interests or duties.

(2) An employee may not use a state position; any influence, power, authority or confidential information received in that position; nor state time, equipment, property, or supplies for private gain.

(3) An employee may not accept economic benefit tantamount to a gift, under Section 67-16-5 and the Governor's Executive Order, 1/26/2010, nor accept other compensation that might be intended to influence or reward the employee in the performance of official business.

(4) An employee shall declare a potential conflict of interest when required to do or decide something that could be interpreted as a conflict of interest. Agency management shall then excuse the employee from making decisions or taking actions that may cause a conflict of interest.

R477-9-4. Political Activity.

A state employee may voluntarily participate in political activity, except as restricted by this section or the federal Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 1501 through 1508.

(1) The federal Hatch Act restricts the political activity of state government employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

(a) State employees in positions covered by the Hatch Act may run for public office in nonpartisan elections, campaign for and hold office in political clubs and organizations, actively campaign for candidates for public office in partisan and nonpartisan elections, contribute money to political organizations, and attend political fundraising functions.

(b) State employees in positions covered by the federal Hatch Act may not be candidates for public office in a partisan election, use official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the results of an election or nomination, or directly or indirectly coerce contributions from subordinates in support of a political party or candidate.

(c) Prior to filing for candidacy, a state employee who is considering running for a partisan office shall submit a statement of intent to become a candidate to the agency head.

(i) The agency head shall consult with DHRM.

(ii) DHRM shall determine whether the employee's intent to become a candidate is covered under the Hatch Act.

(iii) Employees in violation of section R477-9-4(1)(c) may be disciplined up to termination of their employment.

(d) If a determination is made that the employee's position is covered by the Hatch Act, the employee may not run for a partisan political office.

(i) If it is determined that the employee's position is covered by the Hatch Act, the state shall dismiss the employee if the employee files for candidacy.

(2) Any state employee elected to any partisan or full-time nonpartisan political office shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for times when monetary compensation is received for service in political office. An employee may not use annual leave while serving in a political office.

(3) During work time, no employee may engage in any political activity. No person shall solicit political contributions from employees of the executive branch during hours of employment. However, a state employee may voluntarily contribute to any party or any candidate.

(4) Decisions regarding employment, promotion, demotion or dismissal or any other human resource actions may not be based on partisan political activity.

R477-9-5. Employee Indebtedness to the State.

(1) An employee indebted to the state because of an action

or performance in official duties may have a portion of salary that exceeds the minimum federal wage withheld. Overtime salary shall not be withheld.

(a) The following three conditions shall be met before withholding of salary may occur:

(i) The debt shall be a legitimately owed amount which can be validated through physical documentation or other evidence.

(ii) The employee shall know about and, in most cases, acknowledge the debt. As much as possible, the employee should provide written authorization to withhold the salary.

(iii) An employee shall be notified of this rule which allows the state to withhold salary.

(b) An employee separating from state service will have salary withheld from the last paycheck.

(c) An employee going on leave without pay for more than two pay periods may have salary withheld from their last paycheck.

(d) The state may withhold an employee's salary to satisfy the following specific obligations:

(i) travel advances where travel and reimbursement for the travel has already occurred;

(ii) state credit card obligations where the state's share of the obligation has been reimbursed to the employee but not paid to the credit card company by the employee;

(iii) evidence that the employee negligently caused loss or damage of state property;

(iv) payroll advance obligations that are signed by the employee and that the Division of Finance authorizes;

(v) misappropriation of state assets for unauthorized personal use or for personal financial gain. This includes reparation for employee theft of state property or use of state property for personal financial gain or benefit;

(vi) overpayment of salary determined by evidence that an employee did not work the hours for which they received salary or was not eligible for the benefits received and paid for by the state;

(vii) excessive reimbursement of funds from flexible reimbursement accounts;

(viii) other obligations that satisfy the requirements of Subsection R477-9-5(1) above.

(2) This rule does not apply to state employee obligations to other state agencies where the obligation was not caused by their actions or performance as an employee.

R477-9-6. Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.

Information technology resources are provided to a state employee to assist in the performance of assigned tasks and in the efficient day to day operations of state government.

(1) An employee shall use assigned information technology resources in compliance with Rule R895-7, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.

(2) An employee who violates the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources policy may be disciplined according to Rule R477-11.

R477-9-7. Personal Blogs and Social Media Sites.

(1) An employee who participates in blogs and social networking sites for personal purposes may not:

(a) claim to represent the position of the State of Utah or an agency;

(b) post the seal of the State of Utah, or trademark or logo of an agency;

(c) post protected or confidential information, including copyrighted information, confidential information received from agency customers, or agency issued documents without permission from the agency head; or

(d) unlawfully discriminate against, harass or otherwise

threaten a state employee or a person doing business with the State of Utah.

(2) An agency may establish policy to supplement this section.

(3) An employee may be disciplined according to R477-11 for violations of this section or agency policy.

R477-9-8. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-12. Separations.****R477-12-1. Resignation.**

A career service employee may resign or retire by giving written or verbal notice to the supervisor or an appropriate representative of management in the work unit.

(1) Agency management shall accept an employee's notice of resignation or retirement without prejudice when received at least two weeks before its effective date.

(2) After giving a notice of resignation or retirement, an employee may withdraw it on the next working day by notifying the supervisor or an appropriate representative of management in the work unit.

(a) If the withdrawal notice is verbal, the employee shall submit a written notification within 24 hours of the verbal notice.

(b) After the close of the next working day following submission, withdrawal of a resignation or retirement may occur only with the consent of agency management.

R477-12-2. Abandonment of Position.

An employee who is absent from work for three consecutive working days without approval shall be considered to have abandoned the position and to have resigned from the employing agency.

(1) An employee who has abandoned his position may be separated from state employment. Management shall inform the employee of the action in writing.

(a) The employee shall have the right to appeal to the agency head within five working days of receipt or delivery of the notice of abandonment to the last known address.

(b) If the separation is appealed, management may not be required to prove intent to abandon the position.

R477-12-3. Reduction in Force.

Reductions in force (RIF) shall be governed by DHRM rules and business practices.

(1) When staff will be reduced in one or more categories of work, agency management shall develop a work force adjustment plan (WFAP). A career service employee shall only be given formal written notification of separation after a WFAP has been reviewed by the Executive Director, DHRM, or designee and approved by Agency Head or designee. The following items shall be addressed in the WFAP:

(a) the categories of work to be eliminated, including positions impacted through bumping;

(b) a decision by agency management allowing or disallowing bumping;

(c) specifications of measures taken to facilitate the placement of affected employees through reassignment, transfer and relocation to vacant positions for which the employee qualifies;

(d) job-related criteria as identified in Subsection R477-12-3(3)(a) used for determining retention points; and

(e) When more than one employee is affected, employees shall be listed in order of retention points.

(f) Retention points do not have to be calculated for a single incumbent WFAP.

(2) Eligibility for RIF.

(a) Only career service employees who have been identified in an approved WFAP and given an opportunity to be heard by the agency head or designee may be RIF'd.

(b) An employee covered by USERRA shall be identified, assigned retention points, and notified of the RIF in the same manner as a career service employee.

(3) Retention points shall be determined for all affected employees within a category of work by giving appropriate consideration for proficiency and seniority with proficiency being the primary factor.

(a) Performance evaluations and performance information for the past three years may be taken into account for assessing job proficiency.

(b) Seniority shall be determined by the length of most recent continuous career service, which commenced in a career service position for which the probationary period was successfully completed.

(i) Exempt service time subsequent to attaining career service tenure with no break in service shall be counted for purposes of seniority.

(c) In each WFAP, agency management shall develop the criteria they will use for determining retention points.

(i) Agency Management shall consult with Executive Director, DHRM or designee.

(ii) Agency plans shall comply with current DHRM business practices.

(4) The order of separation shall be:

(a) temporary employees in schedule IN or TL positions;

(b) probationary employees; then

(c) career service employees with the lowest retention points.

(5) An employee, including one covered under USERRA, who is separated due to a RIF shall be given formal written notification of separation, allowing for a minimum of 20 working days prior to the effective date of the RIF.

(6) An employee notified of separation due to a RIF may appeal to the agency head by submitting a written notice of appeal within 20 working days after the receipt of written notification of separation.

(a) The employee may appeal the decision of the agency head according to the appeals procedure of the Career Service Review Office.

(7) A career service employee who is separated in a RIF shall be governed by the rules in place at the time of separation.

(8) A career service employee who is separated in a RIF shall be given preferential consideration during the application process as outlined in DHRM business practices when applying for a career service position.

(a) Preferential consideration shall end once the RIF'd individual accepts a career service position.

(b) A RIF'd individual may be rehired under Section R477-4-7.

(c) At agency discretion, an individual rehired to a career service position may buy back part or all accumulated annual and converted sick leave that was cashed out when RIF'd.

(9) A career service employee accepting an exempt position without a break in service, who is later not retained by the appointing officer, unless discharged for cause under these rules, shall be given preferential consideration as outlined in Subsection R477-12-3(8).

(10) Prior to termination and in lieu of a RIF, management may reassign an employee to a vacant career service position for which the employee qualifies under Section R477-4-5.

R477-12-4. Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-13. Volunteer Programs.****R477-13-1. Volunteer Programs.**

(1) Agency management may establish a volunteer program.

(a) A volunteer program shall include:

(i) documented agreement of the type of work and duration for which the volunteer services will be provided;

(ii) orientation to the conditions of state service and the volunteer's specific assignments;

(iii) adequate supervision of the volunteer; and

(iv) documented hours worked by a volunteer.

(2) Agency management shall approve all work programs for volunteers before volunteers serve the state or any agency or subdivisions of the state.

(3) A volunteer is considered a government employee for purposes of workers' compensation, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, and liability protection and indemnification.

(4) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.**R477-14. Substance Abuse and Drug-Free Workplace.****R477-14-1. Rules Governing a Drug-Free Workplace.**

(1) This rule implements the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, 49 USC 2505; 49 USC 2701; and 49 USC 3102, and Section 67-19-36 authorizing drug and alcohol testing, in order to:

(a) Provide a safe and productive work environment that is free from the effects of unlawful use, distribution, dispensing, manufacture, and possession of controlled substances or alcohol use during work hours. See the Federal Controlled Substance Act, 41 USC 701.

(b) Identify, correct and remove the effects of drug and alcohol abuse on job performance.

(c) Assure the protection and safety of employees and the public.

(2) State employees may not unlawfully manufacture, dispense, possess, distribute, use or be under the influence of any controlled substance or alcohol during working hours, on state property, or while operating a state vehicle at any time, or other vehicle while on duty.

(a) Employees shall follow Subsection R477-14-1(2) outside of work if any violations directly affect the eligibility of state agencies to receive federal grants or to qualify for federal contracts of \$25,000 or more.

(3) All drug or alcohol testing shall be done in compliance with applicable federal and state regulations and policies.

(4) All drug or alcohol testing shall be conducted by a federally certified or licensed physician or clinic, or testing service approved by DHRM.

(5) Drug or alcohol tests with positive results or a possible false positive result shall require a confirmation test.

(6) Employees are subject to one or more of the following drug or alcohol tests:

- (a) reasonable suspicion;
- (b) critical incident;
- (c) post accident;
- (d) return to duty; and
- (e) follow up.

(7) Final applicants for highly sensitive positions, or employees who are final candidates for, transfer to, or are promoted to a highly sensitive position are subject to preemployment drug testing at agency discretion except as required by law.

(a) An employee transferring or promoted from one highly sensitive position to another highly sensitive position is subject to preemployment drug testing at agency discretion except as required by law.

(b) An employee who is reassigned to a highly sensitive position or assigned the duties of a highly sensitive position is not subject to preemployment drug testing.

(8) Employees in highly sensitive positions, as designated by DHRM, are subject to random drug or alcohol testing without justification of reasonable suspicion or critical incident. Except when required by federal regulation or state policy, random drug or alcohol testing of employees in highly sensitive positions shall be conducted at the discretion of the employing agency.

(9) This rule incorporates by reference the requirements of 49 CFR 40.87 (2003).

(10) The State of Utah will use a blood alcohol concentration level of .04 for safety sensitive positions and .08 for all other positions as the cut off for a positive alcohol test except where designated otherwise by federal regulations.

(11) Agencies with employees in federally regulated positions shall administer testing and prohibition requirements and conduct training on these requirements as outlined in the current federal regulation and the DHRM Drug and Alcohol

Testing Manual.

(12) Employees in federally regulated positions whose confirmation test for alcohol results are at or exceed the applicable federal cut off level, when tested before, during, or immediately after performing highly sensitive functions, shall be removed from performing highly sensitive duties for 8 hours, or until another test is administered and the result is less than the applicable federal cut off level.

(13) Employees in federally regulated positions whose confirmation test for alcohol results are at or exceed the applicable federal cut off level when tested before, during or after performing highly sensitive duties, are subject to discipline.

(14) Management may take disciplinary action if:

(a) there is a positive confirmation test for controlled substances;

(b) results of a confirmation test for alcohol meet or exceed the established alcohol concentration cutoff level;

(c) management determines an employee is unable to perform assigned job tasks, even when the results of a confirmation test for alcohol shows less than the established alcohol concentration cutoff level.

R477-14-2. Management Action.

(1) Under Rules R477-10, R477-11 and Section R477-14-2, supervisors and managers who receive notice of a workplace violation of these rules shall take immediate action.

(2) Management may take disciplinary action which may include dismissal.

(3) An employee who refuses to submit to drug or alcohol testing may be subject to disciplinary action which may include dismissal. See Section 67-19-33.

(4) An employee who substitutes, adulterates, or otherwise tampers with a drug or alcohol testing sample, or attempts to do so, is subject to disciplinary action which may include dismissal.

(5) Management may also take disciplinary action against employees who manufacture, dispense, possess, use, sell or distribute controlled substances or use alcohol, per Rule R477-11, under the following conditions:

(a) if the employee's action directly affects the eligibility of the agency to receive grants or contracts in excess of \$25,000.00;

(b) if the employee's action puts employees, clients, customers, patients or co-workers at physical risk.

(6) An employee who has a confirmed positive test for use of a controlled substance or alcohol in violation of these rules may be provided the opportunity for a last chance agreement and be required to agree to participate, at the employee's expense, in a rehabilitation program, under Subsection 67-19-38(3). If this is required, the following shall apply:

(a) An employee participating in a rehabilitation program shall be granted accrued leave or leave without pay for inpatient treatment.

(b) The employee shall sign a release to allow the transmittal of verbal or written compliance reports between the state agency and the inpatient or outpatient rehabilitation program provider.

(c) All communication shall be classified as private in accordance with Section 63G-2-3.

(d) An employee may be required to continue participation in an outpatient rehabilitation program prescribed by a licensed practitioner on the employee's own time and expense.

(e) An employee, upon successful completion of a rehabilitation program shall be reinstated to work in the previously held position, or a position with a comparable or lower salary range.

(7) An employee who fails to complete the prescribed treatment without a valid reason shall be subject to disciplinary action.

(8) An employee who has a confirmed positive test for use of a controlled substance or alcohol is subject to follow up testing.

(9) An employee who is convicted for a violation under federal or state criminal statute which regulates manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, selling or using a controlled substance, shall notify the agency head of the conviction no later than five calendar days after the conviction.

(a) The agency head shall notify the federal grantor or agency for which a contract is being performed within ten calendar days of receiving notice from:

(i) the judicial system;

(ii) other sources;

(iii) an employee performing work under the grant or contract who has been convicted of a controlled substance violation in the workplace.

R477-14-3. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.**R527-250. Emancipation.****R527-250-1. Purpose and Authority.**

1. Section 62A-11-107 authorizes the Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services (ORS/CSS) to adopt, amend and enforce rules.

2. The purpose of this rule is to outline how ORS/CSS will apply Utah statute when determining the appropriate emancipation date for IV-D child support cases, particularly when determining the "child's normal and expected year of graduation" referenced in U.C.A. 78B-12-219 for Utah child support orders issued on or after July 1, 1994.

R527-250-2. Normal and Expected Year of Graduation.

1. For a child attending school in Utah, the normal and expected year of graduation is based on kindergarten plus twelve years of school, unless an exception is listed below.

2. For a child attending school in Utah, ORS/CSS will presume that the normal and expected month of graduation is May of the expected graduating year, unless the parents provide documentation of a specific graduation date for their child.

3. If a deviation to the "kindergarten plus twelve years" standard is known at the time of entry of the child support order, the expected year of graduation is altered accordingly. If a child has been held back a grade or experienced another delay in education before the child support order is entered, the "expected" year of graduation will be changed to extend the support obligation based on the known facts about the delay in education. If the child has been advanced a grade or experienced some other acceleration in education before the child support order is entered, the "expected" year of graduation will be changed to potentially shorten the support obligation based on the facts about the acceleration in education.

4. If a deviation to the "kindergarten plus twelve years" standard is not known until after the entry of the child support order, the "expected" year of graduation is not altered based on the new facts unless the child receives an early high school diploma or other high school equivalency diploma.

R527-250-3. Early Graduation, High School Equivalency Diploma, and General Educational Development (GED).

A child who receives a high school diploma or another documented form of high school equivalency is no longer enrolled in school or expected to graduate with the normal graduating class. The emancipation date will be determined based on when the child becomes 18 years of age or that child's high school diploma or high school equivalency date.

R527-250-4. Dropping Out of School.

A child who no longer attends school is not considered emancipated until becoming 18 years old or the graduation of the normal and expected graduating class, whichever occurs later.

R527-250-5. Burden of Proof.

1. ORS/CSS will enforce child support based on the "kindergarten plus twelve years" standard until a parent or guardian has provided appropriate documentation to support an emancipation date other than that standard.

2. A parent or guardian requesting the deviation from the standard is responsible for gathering the appropriate documentation and providing the information to ORS/CSS.

3. Changes to the child support amount due will not be effective until the month following the emancipation date based on the 18th birthday, normal and expected graduating class, or other appropriate date as described above.

4. Changes to the child support amount which are based on a date other than the 18th birthday or the "kindergarten plus twelve year" standard will not be effective until the month

following the determined date of emancipation or the month following when the parent or guardian provides sufficient documentation to support the new emancipation date, whichever occurs later. If an over collection occurs due to the parent not providing documentation, the parent will be responsible for recovering any overpaid amounts without involving ORS/CSS.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-167. Individual, Small Employer, and Group Health Benefit Plan Rule.****R590-167-1. Authority, Purpose and Scope.**

(1) Authority.

This rule is intended to implement the provisions of Chapter 30, Title 31A, the Individual and Small Employer Health Insurance Act, referred to in this rule as the Act. The commissioner's authority to enforce this rule is provided under Subsections 31A-2-201(3)(a), 31A-30-106(1)(k), and 31A-30-106.1(10).

(2) Purpose.

(a) The general purposes of the Act and this rule are:

(i) to enhance the availability of health insurance coverage to individuals and small employers;

(ii) to regulate and prevent abuse in insurer rating practices and establish limits on differences in rates between health benefit plans;

(iii) to ensure renewability of coverage;

(iv) to establish limitations on the use of preexisting condition exclusions;

(v) to prescribe the manner in which case characteristics may be used;

(vi) to regulate the use and establishment of separate classes of business;

(vii) to provide for portability; and

(viii) to improve the overall fairness and efficiency of the individual and small employer health insurance market.

(b) The Act and this rule are intended to:

(i) promote broader spreading of risk in the individual and small employer marketplace; and

(ii) regulate rating practices for all health benefit plans sold to individuals and small employers, whether sold directly or through associations or other groupings of individuals and small employers.

(3) Scope.

Carriers that provide health benefit plans to individuals and small employers are intended to be subject to all of the provisions of this rule.

R590-167-2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-30-103, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule:

(1) "Associate member of an employee organization" means any individual who participates in an employee benefit plan, as defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 1002(1), that is a multi-employer plan, as defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 1002(37A), other than the following:

(a) an individual, or the beneficiary of such individual, who is employed by a participating employer within a bargaining unit covered by at least one of the collective bargaining agreements under or pursuant to which the employee benefit plan is established or maintained; or

(b) an individual who is a present or former employee, or a beneficiary of such employee, of the sponsoring employee organization, of an employer who is or was a party to at least one of the collective bargaining agreements under or pursuant to which the employee benefit plan is established or maintained, or of the employee benefit plan, or of a related plan.

(2) "Change in a Rating Factor" means the cumulative change with respect to such factor considered over a 12 month period. If a covered carrier changes rating factors with respect to more than one case characteristic in a 12 month period, the carrier shall consider the cumulative effect of all such changes in applying the 10% test.

(3) "Change in Rating Method" means:

(a) a change in the number of case characteristics used by a covered carrier to determine premium rates for health benefit

plans in a class of business;

(b) a change in the manner or procedures by which insureds are assigned into categories for the purpose of applying a case characteristic to determine premium rates for health benefit plans in a class of business;

(c) a change in the method of allocating expenses among health benefit plans in a class of business; or

(d) a change in a rating factor with respect to any case characteristic if the change would produce a change in premium for any individual or small employer that exceeds 10%.

(4) "New entrant" means an eligible employee, or the dependent of an eligible employee, who becomes part of an employer group after the initial period for enrollment in a health benefit plan.

(5) "Risk characteristic" means a rating factor other than a case characteristic allowed under Section 31A-30-106 or 31A-30-106.1, as applicable, including exact age, gender, family composition, the health status, claims experience, duration of coverage, or any similar characteristic related to the demographics or the health status or experience of an individual, a small employer or of any member of a small employer.

(6) "Risk load" means the percentage above the applicable base premium rate that is charged by a covered carrier to a covered insured to reflect the risk characteristics of the covered individuals.

R590-167-3. Applicability and Scope.

(1) This rule shall apply to any health benefit plan which:

(a) meets one or more of the conditions set forth in Subsections 31A-30-104(1) and (2);

(b) provides coverage to a covered insured located in this state, without regard to whether the policy or certificate was issued in this state; and

(c) is in effect on or after the effective date of this rule.

(2)(a) If a small employer has employees in more than one state, the provisions of the Act and this rule shall apply to a health benefit plan issued to the small employer if:

(i) the majority of eligible employees of such small employer are employed in this state; or

(ii) if no state contains a majority of the eligible employees of the small employer, the primary business location of the small employer is in this state.

(b) In determining whether the laws of this state or another state apply to a health benefit plan issued to a small employer described in Subsection R590-167-3(2)(a), the provisions of the subsection shall be applied as of the date the health benefit plan was issued to the small employer for the period that the health benefit plan remains in effect.

(c) If a health benefit plan is subject to the Act and this rule, the provisions of the Act and this rule shall apply to all individuals covered under the health benefit plan, whether they reside in this state or in another state.

(3) A carrier that is not operating as a covered carrier in this state may not become subject to the provisions of the Act and this rule solely because an individual or a small employer that was issued a health benefit plan in another state by that carrier moves to this state.

R590-167-4. Establishment of Classes of Business.

(1) A covered carrier that establishes more than one class of business pursuant to the provisions of Section 31A-30-105 shall maintain on file for inspection by the commissioner the following information with respect to each class of business so established:

(a) a description of each criterion employed by the carrier, or any of its agents, for determining membership in the class of business;

(b) a statement describing the justification for establishing

the class as a separate class of business and documentation that the establishment of the class of business is intended to reflect substantial differences in expected claims experience or administrative costs related to the reasons set forth in Section 31A-30-105; and

(c) a statement disclosing which, if any, health benefit plans are currently available for purchase in the class and any significant limitations related to the purchase of such plans.

(2) For policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011, a covered carrier may not establish a separate class of business without a prior approval of the commissioner.

(3) In order to receive an approval to establish a separate class of business under Subsection R590-167-4(2) the covered carrier shall submit a filing in compliance with R590-220 that includes:

(a) a written request to establish a separate class of business;

(b) description of all criteria employed by the carrier, or any of its agents, for determining membership in the class of business;

(c) disclosure of which health benefit plans will be available for purchase in the class and any significant limitations related to the purchase of such plans; and

(d) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the use of a separate class of business is necessary due to substantial differences in either expected claims experience or administrative costs related to the following reasons:

(i) the covered carrier uses more than one type of system for the marketing and sale of health benefit plans to covered insureds;

(ii) the covered carrier has acquired a class of business from another covered carrier;

(iii) the covered carrier provides coverage to one or more association groups;

(e) a list of previously approved classes of business; and

(f) for each class of business used prior to January 1, 2011, a certification that the continued use of the class of business is necessary due to conditions specified in Subsection R590-167-4(3)(d).

(4) A carrier may not directly or indirectly use group size as a criterion for establishing eligibility for a class of business.

R590-167-5. Transition for Assumptions of Business from Another Carrier.

(1)(a) A covered carrier may not transfer or assume the entire insurance obligation, risk, or both of a health benefit plan covering an individual or a small employer in this state unless:

(i) the transaction has been approved by the commissioner of the state of domicile of the assuming carrier;

(ii) the transaction has been approved by the commissioner of the state of domicile of the ceding carrier;

(iii) the carrier has provided notice to the commissioner of this state at least 60 days prior to the date of the proposed assumption. The notice shall contain the information specified in Subsection R590-167-5(1)(c)(i) for the health benefit plans covering individuals and small employers in this state; and

(iv) the transaction otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

(b) A carrier domiciled in this state that proposes to assume or cede the entire insurance obligation, risk, or both of one or more health benefit plans covering covered individuals from or to another carrier shall make a filing for approval with the commissioner at least 60 days prior to the date of the proposed assumption. The commissioner may approve the transaction, if the commissioner finds that the transaction is in the best interests of the individuals insured under the health benefit plans to be transferred and is consistent with the purposes of the Act and this rule. The commissioner may not approve the transaction until at least 30 days after the date of the

filing; except that, if the carrier is in hazardous financial condition, the commissioner may approve the transaction as soon as the commissioner deems reasonable after the filing.

(c)(i) The filing required under Subsection R590-167-5(1)(b) shall:

(A) describe the class of business, including any eligibility requirements, of the ceding carrier from which the health benefit plans will be ceded;

(B) describe whether the assuming carrier intends to maintain the assumed health benefit plans as a separate class of business, pursuant to Subsection R590-167-5(3), or will incorporate them into an existing class of business, pursuant to Subsection R590-167-5(4). If the assumed health benefit plans will be incorporated into an existing class of business, the filing shall describe the class of business of the assuming carrier into which the health benefit plans will be incorporated;

(C) describe whether the health benefit plans being assumed are currently available for purchase by individuals or small employers;

(D) describe the potential effect of the assumption, if any, on the benefits provided by the health benefit plans to be assumed;

(E) describe the potential effect of the assumption, if any, on the premiums for the health benefit plans to be assumed;

(F) describe any other potential material effects of the assumption on the coverage provided to the individuals and small employers covered by the health benefit plans to be assumed; and

(G) include any other information required by the commissioner.

(ii) A covered carrier required to make a filing under Subsection R590-167-5(1)(b) shall also make an informational filing with the commissioner of each state in which there are individual or small employer health benefit plans that would be included in the transaction. The informational filing to each state shall be made concurrently with the filing made under Subsection R590-167-5(1)(b) and shall include at least the information specified in Subsection R590-167-5(1)(c)(i) for the individual or small employer health benefit plans in that state.

(d)(i) If the assumption of a class of business would result in the assuming covered carrier being out of compliance with the limitations related to premium rates contained in Section 31A-30-106 or 31A-30-106.1, the assuming carrier shall make a filing with the commissioner pursuant to Subsection 31A-30-105(3) seeking an extended transition period.

(ii) An assuming carrier seeking an extended transition period may not complete the assumption of health benefit plans covering individuals or small employers in this state unless the commissioner grants the extended transition period requested pursuant to Subsection R590-167-5(1)(d)(i).

(iii) Unless a different period is approved by the commissioner, an extended transition period shall, with respect to an assumed class of business, be for no more than 15 months and, with respect to each individual small employer, shall last only until the anniversary date of such employer's coverage, except that the period with respect to an individual small employer may be extended beyond its first anniversary date for a period of up to 12 months if the anniversary date occurs within three months of the date of assumption of the class of business.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-167-5(2)(b), a covered carrier may not cede or assume the entire insurance obligation, risk, or both for an individual or small employer health benefit plan unless the transaction includes the ceding to the assuming carrier of the entire class of business which includes such health benefit plan.

(b) A covered carrier may cede less than an entire class of business to an assuming carrier if:

(i) one or more individuals or small employers in the class

have exercised their right under contract or state law to reject, either directly or by implication, the ceding of their health benefit plans to another carrier. In that instance, the transaction shall include each health benefit plan in the class of business except those health benefit plans for which an individual or a small employer has rejected the proposed cession; or

(ii) after a written request from the transferring carrier, the commissioner determines that the transfer of less than the entire class of business is in the best interests of the individual or small employers insured in that class of business.

(3) A covered carrier that assumes one or more health benefit plans from another carrier and intends to maintain such health benefit plans as a separate class of business, shall submit a filing requesting approval to establish a separate class of business as provided in Subsection R590-167-4(3). The assumption shall not take place prior to approval of the request by the commissioner.

(4) A covered carrier that assumes one or more health benefit plans from another carrier and intends to incorporate them into an existing class of business shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) Upon assumption of the health benefit plans, such health benefit plans shall be maintained temporarily as a separate class of business, deemed to be approved by the commissioner under Subsection 31A-30-105(2)(b)(ii). A covered carrier may exceed the limitation contained in Subsection 31A-30-105(4) due solely to such assumption.

(b) During the 15-month period following the assumption, each of the assumed individual or small employer health benefit plans shall be transferred by the assuming covered carrier into a single class of business operated by the assuming covered carrier. The assuming covered carrier shall select the class of business into which the assumed health benefit plans will be transferred in a manner such that the transfer results in the least possible change to the benefits and rating method of the assumed health benefit plans.

(c) The transfers authorized in Subsection R590-167-5(4)(b) shall occur with respect to each individual or small employer on the anniversary date of the individual's or small employer's coverage, except that the period with respect to an individual small employer may be extended beyond its first anniversary date for a period of up to 12 months if the anniversary date occurs within three months of the date of assumption of the class of business.

(d) A covered carrier making a transfer pursuant to Subsection R590-167-5(4)(b) may alter the benefits of the assumed health benefit plans to conform to the benefits currently offered by the carrier in the class of business into which the health benefit plans have been transferred.

(e) The premium rate for an assumed individual or small employer health benefit plan may not be modified by the assuming covered carrier until the health benefit plan is transferred pursuant to Subsection R590-167-5(4)(b). Upon transfer, the assuming covered carrier shall calculate a new premium rate for the health benefit plan from the rate manual established for the class of business into which the health benefit plan is transferred. In making such calculation, the risk load applied to the health benefit plan shall be no higher than the risk load applicable to such health benefit plan prior to the assumption.

(f) During the 15 month period provided in this subsection, the transfer of individual or small employer health benefit plans from the assumed class of business in accordance with this subsection may not be considered a violation of Subsections 31A-30-106(3)(a) or 31A-30-106.1(8)(a), as applicable.

(5) An assuming carrier may not apply eligibility requirements, including minimum participation and contribution requirements, with respect to an assumed health benefit plan, or

with respect to any health benefit plan subsequently offered to an individual or small employer covered by such an assumed health benefit plan, that are more stringent than the requirements applicable to such health benefit plan prior to the assumption.

(6) The commissioner may approve a longer period of transition under Subsection R590-167-5(4) upon application of a covered carrier. The application shall be made within 60 days after the date of assumption of the class of business and shall clearly state the justification for a longer transition period.

(7) Nothing in this section or in the Act is intended to:

(a) reduce or diminish any legal or contractual obligation or requirement, including any obligation provided in Section 31A-14-213, of the ceding or assuming carrier related to the transaction;

(b) authorize a carrier that is not admitted to transact the business of insurance in this state to offer or insure health benefit plans in this state; or

(c) reduce or diminish the protections related to an assumption reinsurance transaction provided in Section 31A-14-213 or otherwise provided by law.

R590-167-6. Restrictions Relating to Premium Rates.

(1) A covered carrier shall develop a separate rate manual for each class of business. Base premium rates and new business premium rates charged to individuals and small employers by the covered carrier shall be computed solely from the applicable rate manual developed pursuant to this subsection. To the extent that a portion of the premium rates charged by a covered carrier is based on the carrier's discretion, the manual shall specify the criteria and factors considered by the carrier in exercising such discretion.

(2)(a) A covered carrier may not modify the rating method, as defined in Section R590-167-2, used in the rate manual for a class of business until the change has been approved as provided in this subsection. The commissioner may approve a change to a rating method if the commissioner finds that the change is reasonable, actuarially appropriate, and consistent with the purposes of the Act and this rule.

(b) A carrier may modify the rating method for a class of business only after filing an actuarial certification. The filing shall clearly request approval for a change in rating method and contain at least the following information:

(i) the reasons the change in rating method is being requested;

(ii) a complete description of each of the proposed modifications to the rating method;

(iii) a description of how the change in rating method would affect the premium rates currently charged to individuals and small employers in the class of business, including an estimate from a qualified actuary of the number of groups or individuals, and a description of the types of groups or individuals, whose premium rates may change by more than 10% due to the proposed change in rating method, not including general increases in premium rates applicable to all individuals and small employers in a health benefit plan;

(iv) a certification from a qualified actuary that the new rating method would be based on objective and credible data and would be actuarially sound and appropriate; and

(v) a certification from a qualified actuary that the proposed change in rating method would not produce premium rates for individuals and small employers that would be in violation of Sections 31A-30-106, 31A-30-106.1, and 31A-30-106.5.

(3) The rate manual developed pursuant to Subsections 31A-30-106(4), 31A-30-106.1(9), and R590-167-6(1) shall specify the case characteristics and rate factors to be applied by the covered carrier in establishing premium rates for the class of business.

(a) A covered carrier offering a health benefit plan to an

individual may not use case characteristics other than those specified in Subsection 31A-30-106(1)(f) without the prior approval of the commissioner. A covered carrier seeking such an approval shall make a filing with the commissioner for a change in rating method under Subsection R590-167-6(2)(b). Tobacco use is not an allowable case characteristic. Tobacco use is an allowable risk characteristic when utilized in compliance with Subsection 31A-30-106(1)(b).

(b)(i) A covered carrier offering or renewing a health benefit plan to a small employer on or after January 1, 2011, may not use case characteristics other than:

(A) age band, as specified in Subsection 31A-30-106.1(6)(a), applicable to the age of the employee;

(B) geographic area;

(C) family composition tier, as specified in 31A-30-106.1(6)(c); and

(D) for plans issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2011, gender of the employee or the spouse.

(ii) For any geographic area used as a case characteristic by a covered carrier, base rates for any small employer health benefit plan offered or renewed on or after January 1, 2011 shall be subject to the following limitations:

(A) for any age band, the ratio of the base rate for the family tier to the base rate for employee only tier, shall not exceed 5; and

(B) for any family composition tier, the ratio of the base rate for any age band to the base rate for "less than 20" age band, may not exceed the following:

(I) 1.22 for age band 20 to 24;

(II) 1.34 for age band 25 to 29;

(III) 1.46 for age band 30 to 34;

(IV) 1.60 for age band 35 to 39;

(V) 1.80 for age band 40 to 44;

(VI) 2.20 for age band 45 to 49;

(VII) 2.80 for age band 50 to 54;

(VIII) 3.60 for age band 55 to 59;

(IX) 4.25 for age band 60 to 64; and

(X) 5.00 for age band over 65.

(c) A covered carrier shall use the same case characteristics in establishing premium rates for each health benefit plan in a class of business and shall apply them in the same manner in establishing premium rates for each such health benefit plan. Case characteristics shall be applied without regard to the risk characteristics of an individual or small employer.

(d) The rate manual shall clearly illustrate the relationship among the base premium rates charged for each health benefit plan in the class of business. If the new business premium rate is different than the base premium rate for a health benefit plan, the rate manual shall illustrate the difference.

(e) Differences among base premium rates for health benefit plans shall be based solely on the reasonable and objective differences in the design and benefits of the health benefit plans and may not be based in any way on the nature of an individual or small employer that choose or are expected to choose a particular health benefit plan. A covered carrier shall apply case characteristics and rate factors within a class of business in a manner that assures that premium differences among health benefit plans for identical individuals or small employers vary only due to reasonable and objective differences in the design and benefits of the health benefit plans and are not due to the nature of the individuals or small employers that choose or are expected to choose a particular health benefit plan.

(f) The rate manual shall provide for premium rates to be developed in a two step process.

(i) In the first step, a base premium rate shall be developed for the individual or small employer without regard to any risk characteristics. The base rates shall reflect only the allowable case characteristics. The base rates for an individual health benefit plan offered to two individuals with the same case

characteristics shall be identical. The base rates for a small employer health benefit plan offered to two small employer groups with the same case characteristics shall be identical.

(ii) In the second step, the resulting base premium rate may be adjusted by a risk load, subject to the provisions of Sections 31A-30-106, 31A-30-106.1, and 31A-30-106.5, to reflect the risk characteristics.

(g) Each rate manual developed pursuant to Subsection R590-167-6(1) shall be maintained by the carrier for a period of six years. Updates and changes to the manual shall be maintained with the manual.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-167-6(4)(b), a premium charged to an individual or small employer for a health benefit plan may not include a separate application fee, underwriting fee, or any other separate fee or charge.

(b) A carrier may charge a separate fee with respect to an individual or small employer health benefit plan, but only one fee with respect to such plan, provided the fee is no more than \$5 per month per individual or employee and is applied in a uniform manner to each health benefit plan in a class of business.

(5) The restrictions related to changes in premium rates in Subsections 31A-30-106(1)(c) and 31A-30-106.1(3) shall be applied as follows:

(a) A covered carrier shall revise its rate manual each rating period to reflect changes in base premium rates and changes in new business premium rates.

(b)(i) If, for any health benefit plan with respect to any rating period, the percentage change in the new business premium rate is less than or the same as the percentage change in the base premium rate, the change in the new business premium rate shall be deemed to be the change in the base premium rate for the purposes of Subsections 31A-30-106(1)(c) and 31A-30-106.1(3).

(ii) If, for any health benefit plan with respect to any rating period, the percentage change in the new business premium rate exceeds the percentage change in the base premium rate, the health benefit plan shall be considered a health benefit plan into which the covered carrier is no longer enrolling new individuals or small employers for the purposes of Subsections 31A-30-106(1)(c) and 31A-30-106.1(3).

(c) If, for any rating period, the change in the new business premium rate for a health benefit plan differs from the change in the new business premium rate for any other health benefit plan in the same class of business by more than 20%, the carrier shall make a filing with the commissioner containing a complete explanation of how the respective changes in new business premium rates were established and the reason for the difference. The filing shall be made 30 days before the beginning of the rating period.

(d) A covered carrier shall keep on file for a period of at least six years the calculations used to determine the change in base premium rates and new business premium rates for each health benefit plan for each rating period.

(6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-167-6(6)(b), a change in premium rate for an individual or small employer shall produce a revised premium rate that is no more than the following:

(i) the base premium rate for the individual or small employer, as shown in the rate manual as revised for the rating period, multiplied by:

(ii) one plus the sum of:

(iii) the risk load applicable to the individual or small employer during the previous rating period; and

(iv) 15% prorated for periods of less than one year.

(b) In the case of a health benefit plan into which a covered carrier is no longer enrolling new individuals or small employers, a change in premium rate for an individual or small employer shall produce a revised premium rate that is no more

than the following:

(i) the base premium rate for the individual or small employer, given its present composition and as shown in the rate manual in effect for the individual or small employer at the beginning of the previous rating period, multiplied by:

(ii) one plus the lesser of:

(A) the change in the base rate; or

(B) the percentage change in the new business premium for the most similar health benefit plan into which the covered carrier is enrolling new individuals or small employers, multiplied by:

(iii) one plus the sum of:

(A) the risk load applicable to the individual or small employer during the previous rating period; and

(B) 15%, prorated for periods of less than one year.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections R590-167-6(6)(a) and (b), a change in premium rate for an individual or small employer may not produce a revised premium rate that would exceed the limitations on rates provided in Subsections 31A-30-106(1)(b) and 31A-30-106.1(2)(b).

(7)(a) A representative of a Taft Hartley trust, including a carrier upon the written request of such a trust, may file in writing with the commissioner a request for the waiver of application of the provisions of Subsections 31A-30-106.1(1) through 31A-30-106.1(6) with respect to such trust.

(b) A request made under Subsection R590-167-6(7)(a) shall identify the provisions for which the trust is seeking the waiver and shall describe, with respect to each provision, the extent to which application of such provision would:

(i) adversely affect the participants and beneficiaries of the trust; and

(ii) require modifications to one or more of the collective bargaining agreements under or pursuant to which the trust was or is established or maintained.

(c) A waiver granted under Subsection 31A-30-104(5) shall not apply to an individual who participates in the trust because the individual is an associate member of an employee organization or the beneficiary of such an individual.

R590-167-7. Application to Reenter State.

(1) A carrier that has been prohibited from writing coverage for individuals or small employers in this state pursuant to Subsection 31A-30-107.3 may not resume offering health benefit plans to individuals or small employers in this state until the carrier has made a petition to the commissioner to be reinstated as a covered carrier and the petition has been approved by the commissioner. In reviewing a petition, the commissioner may ask for such information and assurances as the commissioner finds reasonable and appropriate.

(2) In the case of a covered carrier doing business in only one established geographic service area of the state, if the covered carrier elects to nonrenew a health benefit plan under Subsections 31A-30-107(3)(e) or 107.1(3)(e), the covered carrier shall be prohibited from offering health benefit plans to individuals or small employers in any part of the service area for a period of five years. In addition, the covered carrier may not offer health benefit plans to individuals or small employers in any other geographic area of the state without the prior approval of the commissioner. In considering whether to grant approval, the commissioner may ask for such information and assurances as the commissioner finds reasonable and appropriate.

R590-167-8. Qualifying Previous Coverage.

A covered carrier shall not deny, exclude, or limit benefits because of a preexisting condition without first ascertaining the existence and source of previous coverage. The covered carrier shall have the responsibility to contact the source of such previous coverage to resolve any questions about the benefits or limitations related to such previous coverage. Previous

coverage may be coverage that continues after the issuance of the new health benefit plan. The previous carrier shall fully cooperate in furnishing the needed information required by this section.

R590-167-9. Restrictive Riders.

A restrictive rider, endorsement or other provision that violates the provisions of Subsection 31A-30-107.5 may not remain in force. A covered carrier shall immediately provide written notice to those individuals or small employers whose coverage will be changed pursuant to this section.

R590-167-10. Status of Carriers as Covered Carriers.

(1) Prior to marketing a health benefit plan, a carrier shall make a filing with the commissioner indicating whether the carrier intends to operate as a covered carrier in this state under the terms of the Act and of this rule. Such filing will indicate if the covered carrier intends to market to individuals, small employers or both, and be signed by an officer of the company.

(2) Except as provided by Subsection R590-167-10(3), a carrier may not offer health benefit plans to individuals, small employers, or continue to provide coverage under health benefit plans previously issued to individuals or small employers in this state, unless the filing provided pursuant to Subsection R590-167-10(1) indicates that the carrier intends to operate as a covered carrier in this state.

(3) If a carrier does not intend to operate as a covered carrier in this state, the carrier may continue to provide coverage under health benefit plans previously issued to individuals and small employers in this state only if the carrier complies with the following provisions:

(a) the carrier complies with the requirements of the Act with respect to each of the health benefit plans previously issued to individuals and small employers by the carrier;

(b) the carrier provides coverage to each new entrant to a health benefit plan previously issued to an individual or small employer by the carrier;

(c) the carrier complies with the requirements of Sections 31A-30-106 and 31A-30-106.1 and this rule as they apply to individuals and small employers whose coverage has been terminated by the carrier and to individuals and small employers whose coverage has been limited or restricted by the carrier; and

(d) the carrier files a letter of intent indicating the carrier does not intend to operate as a covered carrier in this state and will maintain the business in compliance with the Act and this rule.

(4) If the filing made pursuant Subsection R590-167-10(3) indicates that a carrier does not intend to operate as a covered carrier in this state, the carrier shall be precluded from operating as a covered carrier in this state, except as provided for in Subsection R590-167-10(3), for a period of five years from the date of the filing. Upon a written request from such a carrier, the commissioner may reduce the period provided for in the previous sentence if the commissioner finds that permitting the carrier to operate as a covered carrier would be in the best interests of the individuals and small employers in the state.

R590-167-11. Actuarial Certification and Additional Filing Requirements.

(1) Actuarial Certification.

(a) An actuarial certification shall be filed annually and meet the requirements of Subsections 31A-30-106(4)(b) or 31A-30-106.1(9)(b), or both, as applicable, and the following:

(i) the actuarial certification shall be a written statement that meets the requirements of Title 31A Chapter 30, R590-167, and the applicable standards of practice as promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board;

(ii) the actuary must state that he or she meets the qualifications of Subsection 31A-30-103(1);

(iii) the actuarial certification shall contain the following statement: "I, (name), certify that (name of covered carrier) is in compliance with the provisions of Title 31A Chapter 30, and R590-167, based upon the examination of (name of covered carrier), including review of the appropriate records and of the actuarial assumptions and methods utilized by (name of covered carrier) in establishing premium rates for applicable health benefit plans;" and

(iv) the actuarial certification shall list and describe each written demonstration used by the actuary to establish compliance with Title 31A Chapter 30 and R590-167.

(b) The actuarial certification shall be filed no later than April 1 of each year.

(2) Rating Manual.

(a) For every health benefit plan subject to the Act and this rule, the carrier shall file with the commissioner a copy of the applicable rating manual, for both new business and renewal rates, which includes:

(i) signed certification by an actuary that to the best of the actuary's knowledge and judgment the rate filing is in compliance with the applicable laws and rules of the State of Utah;

(ii) a complete and detailed description of how the final premium, including any fees, is calculated from the rating manual;

(iii) all changes and updates, which includes a complete and detailed description of how the final premium, including any fees, is calculated from the rating manual; and

(iv) a description of the carrier's classes of business as described in Subsection R590-167-4(1).

(b) The rate manual shall be filed:

(i) with an initial product filing; or

(ii) within 30 days prior to use for an existing health benefit plan.

(3) Index Premium Rates.

(a) A small employer carrier shall file annually the index premium rate information required by Section 31A-29-117(2). The report shall include:

(i) the small employer index premium rate as of January 1 of the previous year;

(ii) the small employer index premium rate as of January 1 of the current year; and

(iii) the average percentage change in the index premium rate as of January 1 of the current and preceding year.

(b) The information described in Subsection R590-167-11(3)(a) shall be filed no later than February 1 of each year.

R590-167-12. Records.

Records submitted to the commissioner under this rule shall be maintained by the commissioner as protected records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

R590-167-13. Penalties.

A person found, after a hearing or other regulatory process, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-167-14. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule 45 days after the effective date.

R590-167-15. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or the application of it to any person or circumstance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected by the invalid provision.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-192. Unfair Accident and Health Claims Settlement Practices Rule.****R590-192-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(1) and 31A-2-201(3)(a) in which the commissioner is empowered to administer and enforce this title and to make rules to implement the provisions of this title. Further authority to provide for timely settlement of claims is provided by Subsection 31A-26-301(1). Matters relating to proof and notice of loss are promulgated pursuant to Section 31A-26-301 and Subsection 31A-21-312(5). Authority to promulgate rules defining unfair claims settlement practices or acts is provided in Subsection 31A-26-303(4). The authority to require a timely, accurate, and complete response to the commissioner is provided by Subsection 31A-2-202(4) and (6).

R590-192-2. Purpose.

This rule sets forth minimum standards for the investigation and disposition of accident and health insurance claims arising under policies or certificates issued in the State of Utah. These standards include fair and rapid settlement of claims, protection of claimants under insurance policies from unfair claims settlement practices, and the promotion of the professional competence of those engaged in processing of claims. The various provisions of this rule are intended to define procedures and practices which constitute unfair claim practices and responses to the commissioner. This rule is regulatory in nature and is not intended to create a private right of action.

R590-192-3. Applicability and Scope.

(1) This rule applies to all accident and health insurance policies, as defined by Section 31A-1-301.

(2) This rule incorporates by reference 29 CFR 2560.503-1, excluding 2560.503-1(a).

R590-192-4. Definitions.

For the purpose of this rule the commissioner adopts the definitions as set forth in Section 31A-1-301, 29 CFR 2560.503-1(m), and the following:

(1)(a) "Adverse benefit determination" means, for an accident and health insurance policy other than a health benefit plan, any of the following: a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit, including any such denial, reduction, termination, or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of a participant's or beneficiary's eligibility to participate in a plan, and including, with respect to group health plans, a denial, reduction, or termination of or failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise experimental or investigational or not medically necessary or appropriate; and

(b)(i) "Adverse benefit determination" means, for a health benefit plan, that based on the insurer's requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness of a covered benefit, the:

- (A) denial of a benefit;
- (B) reduction of a benefit;
- (C) termination of a benefit;
- (D) failure to provide or make payment, in whole or part,

for a benefit; or

(E) rescission of coverage.

(ii) "Adverse benefit determination" includes:

(A) denial, reduction, termination, failure to provide or make payment, or rescission that is based on a determination of an insured's eligibility to participate in a health benefit plan;

(B) failure to provide or make payment, in whole or part,

for a benefit resulting from the application of a utilization review; and

(iii) failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be:

- (A) experimental;
- (B) investigational; or
- (C) not medically necessary or appropriate.

(2) "Claim File" means any record either in its original form or as recorded by any process which can accurately and reliably reproduce the original material regarding the claim, its investigation, adjustment and settlement.

(3) "Claim Representative" means any individual, corporation, association, organization, partnership, or other legal entity authorized to represent an insurer with respect to a claim, whether or not licensed within the State of Utah to do so.

(4) "Claimant" means an insured, or legal representative of the insured, including a member of the insured's immediate family designated by the insured, making a claim under a policy.

(5) "Ongoing" or "Concurrent care" decision means an insurer has approved an ongoing course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or number of treatments.

(6) "Days" means calendar days.

(7) "Documentation" means a document, record, or other information that is considered relevant to a claimant's claim because such document, record, or other information:

(a) was relied upon in making the benefit determination;

(b) was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the benefit determination, without regard to whether such document, record, or other information was relied upon in making the benefit determination; and

(c) in the case of an insurer providing disability income benefits, constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the insurer concerning the denied treatment option or benefit for the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

(8) "General business practice" means a pattern of conduct.

(9) "Investigation" means all activities of an insurer directly or indirectly related to the determination of liabilities under coverage afforded by an insurance policy.

(10) "Medical necessity" means:

(a) health care services or product that a prudent health care professional would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms in a manner that is:

(i) in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice in the United States;

(ii) clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration;

(iii) not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician, or other health care provider; and

(iv) covered under the contract; and

(b) when a medical question-of-fact exists, medical necessity shall include the most appropriate available supply or level of service for the individual in question, considering potential benefits and harms to the individual, and known to be effective.

(i) For an intervention not yet in widespread use, the effectiveness shall be based on scientific evidence.

(ii) For an established intervention, the effectiveness shall be based on:

- (A) scientific evidence;
- (B) professional standards; and
- (C) expert opinion.

(11) "Notice of Loss" means that notice which is in accordance with policy provisions and insurer practices. Such notice shall include any notification, whether in writing or other means, which reasonably apprizes the insurer of the existence of

or facts relating to a claim.

(12) "Policy" includes a certificate issued under a group insurance contract.

(13) "Pre-service claim" means any claim for a benefit under an accident and health policy with respect to which the terms of the plan condition receipt of the benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care.

(14) "Post-service claim" means any claim for a benefit that is not a pre-service claim or urgent care claim.

(15) "Scientific evidence" is:

(a)(i) scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized requirements for scientific manuscripts and that submit most of their published articles for review by experts who are not part of the editorial staff; or

(ii) findings, studies or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal government agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes;

(b) scientific evidence shall not include published peer-reviewed literature sponsored to a significant extent by a pharmaceutical manufacturing company or medical device manufacturer or a single study without other supportable studies.

(16) "Urgent care claim" means any claim for medical care or treatment with respect to which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determination:

(a) could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the insured or the ability of the insured to regain maximum function; or

(b) in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

R590-192-5. File and Record Documentation.

Each insurer's claim files are subject to examination by the commissioner. To aid in such examination:

(1) Sufficient detailed documentation shall be contained in each claim file in order to reconstruct the benefit determination, and the calculation of the claim settlement for each claim.

(2) Each document within the claim file shall be noted as to date received, date processed and notification date.

(3) The insurer shall maintain claim data that is accessible and retrievable for examination. An insurer shall be able to provide:

- (a) the claim number;
- (b) copy of all applicable forms;
- (c) date of loss;
- (d) date of claim receipt;
- (e) date of benefit determination;
- (f) date of settlement of the claim; and
- (g) type of settlement indicated as:
 - (i) payment, including the amount paid;
 - (ii) settled without payment; or
 - (iii) denied.

R590-192-6. Disclosure of Policy Provisions.

(1) An insurer, or the insurer's claim representative, shall fully disclose to a claimant the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of an insurance policy which relate to the diagnoses and services relating to the particular claim being presented.

(2) An insurer, or the insurer's claim representative, must disclose to a claimant provisions of an insurance policy when receiving inquiries regarding such coverage.

R590-192-7. Notice of Loss.

(1) Notice of loss to an insurer, if required, shall be considered timely if made according to the terms of the policy,

subject to the definitions and provisions of this rule.

(2) Notice of loss may be given to the insurer or its claim representative unless the insurer clearly directs otherwise by means of policy provisions or a separate written notice mailed or delivered to the insured.

(3) Subject to policy provisions, a requirement of any notice of loss may be waived by any authorized claim representative of the insurer.

(4) The general business practice of the insurer when accepting a notice of loss or notice of claim shall be consistent for all policyholders in accordance with the terms of the policy.

R590-192-8. Notification.

(1) The insurer shall provide notification of the benefit determination to the claimant which includes:

(a) the specific reason or reasons for the benefit determination, adverse or not;

(b) reference to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination is based;

(c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and

(d) a description of the insurer's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring civil action.

(2) For a health benefit plan, the notification shall provide:

(a) starting with the plan year that begins on or after July 1, 2011:

(i) sufficient information to identify the claim involved, including the date of service, the health care provider, and the claim amount, if applicable; and

(ii) notification of assistance available at the Utah Insurance Department, Office of Consumer Health Assistance, Suite 3110, State Office Building, Salt Lake City UT 84114; and

(b) starting with the plan year that begins on or after January 1, 2012:

(i) the diagnosis code and treatment code with the corresponding meaning for each; and

(ii) the content in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner as required by 45 CFR 147.136 (e).

(3) An insurer and the insurer's claim representative, in the case of a failure by a claimant or an authorized representative of a claimant to follow the individual or group health plan's procedures for filing a pre-service claim, shall notify the claimant or representative, of the failure and provide the proper procedures to be followed in filing a claim for benefits. This notification shall be provided to the claimant or authorized representative, as appropriate, as soon as possible, but not later than five days, or 24 hours for a claim involving urgent care, following the failure. Notification may be oral, unless written notification is requested by the claimant or authorized representative.

(4) Disability income adverse benefit determinations must:

(a) if an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination, provide either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge to the claimant upon request; or

(b) if the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon

request.

(5) Urgent care adverse benefit determination must:

- (a) provide written or electronic notification to the claimant no later than three days after the oral notification; and
- (b) provide a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claims.

R590-192-9. Minimum Standards for Claim Benefit Determination and Settlement.

(1) All benefit determination time limits begin once the insurer receives a claim, without regard to whether all necessary information was filed with the original claim. If the insurer requires an extension due to the claimant's failure to submit necessary information, the time for making a decision is determined from the date the notice is sent to the claimant through:

(a) the date that the claimant provides the necessary information; or

(b) 48 hours after the end of the period afforded the claimant to provide the specified additional information.

(2) Urgent Care Claims:

(a) In a case of urgent care, an insurer shall notify the claimant of the insurer's benefit decision, adverse or not, as soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies of the situation, but no later than:

(i) 24 hours after the receipt of the claim for all health benefit plans starting with the plan year that begins on or after January 1, 2012; or

(ii) 72 hours after the receipt of the claim for all other accident and health coverage.

(b)(i) If the claimant does not provide sufficient information for the plan to make a decision, the plan must notify the claimant as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after receipt of the claim, of the specific information that is required. The claimant shall be given reasonable time, but not less than 48 hours, to provide that information.

(ii) The insurer must notify the claimant of the insurer's decision as soon as possible but not later than 48 hours after the earlier of the plan's receipt of the requested information or the end of the time given to the claimant to provide the information.

(3) Concurrent Care Decision:

(a) Reduction or termination of concurrent care:

(i) Any reduction in the course of treatment is considered an adverse benefit determination.

(ii) The insurer must give the claimant notice, with sufficient time to appeal that adverse benefit determination and sufficient time to receive a decision of the appeal before any reduction or termination of care occurs.

(b) Extension of concurrent care:

(i) A claimant may request an extension of treatment beyond what has already been approved.

(ii) If the request for an extension is made at least 24 hours before the end of the approved treatment, the insurer must notify the claimant of the insurer's decision as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after receipt of the claim.

(iii) If the request for extension does not involve urgent care, the insurer must notify the claimant of the insurer's benefit decision using the response times for a post-service claim.

(4) Pre-Service Benefit Determination:

(a) An insurer must notify the claimant of the insurer's benefit decision within 15 days of receipt of the request for care.

(b) If the insurer is unable to make a decision within that time due to circumstances beyond the insurer's control, such as late receipt of medical records, it must notify the claimant before expiration of the original 15 days that it intends to extend the time and then the insurer may take as long as 15 additional days to reach a decision.

(c) If the extension is due to failure of the claimant to submit necessary information, the extension notice of delay must

give specific information about what the claimant has to provide and the claimant must be given at least 45 days to submit the requested information.

(d) once the pre-service claim determination has been made and the medical care rendered, the actual claim filed for payment will be processed according to the time requirements of a post-service claim.

(5) Post-Service Claims:

(a) An insurer must notify the claimant of the insurer's benefit decision within 30 days of receipt of the request for claim.

(b) If the insurer is unable to make a decision within that time due to circumstances beyond the insurer's control, such as late receipt of medical records, it must notify the claimant before expiration of the original 30 days that it intends to extend the time and then the insurer may take as long as 15 additional days to reach a decision.

(c) If the extension is due to failure of the claimant to submit necessary information, the extension notice of delay must give specific information about what the claimant has to provide and the claimant must be given at least 45 days to submit the requested information.

(6) A health benefit plan is required to provide continued coverage pending the outcome of an appeal.

(7) An insurer offering an individual health benefit plan shall provide only one level of internal appeal before the final determination is made.

R590-192-10. Minimum Standards for Disability Income Benefit Determination and Settlement.

In the case of a claim for disability income benefits, the insurer shall notify the claimant, of the insurer's adverse benefit determination within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 45 days after receipt of the claim by the insurer.

(1) This period may be extended by the insurer for up to 30 days, provided that the insurer determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the insurer and notifies the claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial 45-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the insurer expects to render a decision.

(2) If, prior to the end of the first 30-day extension period, the insurer determines that, due to matters beyond the control of the insurer, a decision cannot be rendered within that extension period, the period for making the determination may be extended for up to an additional 30 days, provided the insurer notifies the claimant prior to the expiration of the first 30-day extension period, of the circumstances requiring the extension and the date at which the insurer expects to render a decision.

(3) Each notice of extension shall specifically explain the standards on which entitlement to a benefit is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues, and the claimant shall be afforded at least 45 days within which to provide the specified information.

R590-192-11. Minimum Standards for Responses to the Commissioner.

(1) Every insurer, upon receipt of an inquiry from the commissioner regarding a claim, shall furnish the commissioner with a substantive response to the inquiry within the appropriate number of days indicated by such inquiry. If it is determined by the insurer that they are unable to respond in the time frame requested, the insurer may contact the commissioner to request an extension.

(2) The insurer shall acknowledge and substantively respond within 15 days to any written communication from the claimant relating to a pending claim.

R590-192-12. Unfair Methods, Deceptive Acts and Practices Defined.

The commissioner, pursuant to Subsection 31A-26-303(4), hereby finds the following acts, or the failure to perform required acts, to be misleading, deceptive, unfairly discriminatory or overreaching in the settlement of claims:

(1) denying or threatening the denial of the payment of claims or rescinding, canceling or threatening the rescission or cancellation of coverage under a policy for any reason which is not clearly described in the policy as a reason for such denial, cancellation or rescission;

(2)(a) failing to provide the claimant with a written explanation of the evidence of any investigation or file materials giving rise to the denial of a claim based on misrepresentation or fraud on an insurance application, when such alleged misrepresentation is the basis for the denial.

(b) For a health benefit plan, misrepresentation means an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact;

(3) compensation by an insurer of its employees, producers or contractors of any amounts which are based on savings to the insurer as a result of denying or reducing the payment of claims, unless compensation relates to the discovery of billing or processing errors;

(4) failing to deliver a copy of standards for prompt investigation of claims to the commissioner when requested to do so;

(5) refusing to settle claims without conducting a reasonable and complete investigation;

(6) denying a claim or making a claim payment to the claimant not accompanied by a notification, statement or explanation of benefits setting forth the exclusion or benefit under which the denial or payment is being made and how the payment amount was calculated;

(7) failing to make payment of a claim following notice of loss when liability is reasonably clear under one coverage in order to influence settlements under other portions of the insurance policy coverage or under other policies of insurance;

(8) advising a claimant not to obtain the services of an attorney or other advocate or suggesting that the claimant will receive less money if an attorney is used to pursue or advise on the merits of a claim;

(9) misleading a claimant as to the applicable statute of limitations;

(10) deducting from a loss or claims payment made under one policy those premiums owed by the claimant on another policy, unless the claimant consents to such arrangement;

(11) failing to settle a claim on the basis that responsibility for payment of the claim should be assumed by others, except as may otherwise be provided by policy provisions;

(12) issuing a check or draft in partial settlement of a loss or a claim under a specified coverage when such check or draft contains language which purports to release the insurer or its insured from total liability;

(13) refusing to provide a written reason for the denial of a claim upon demand of the claimant;

(14) refusing to pay reasonably incurred expenses to the claimant when such expenses resulted from a delay, as prohibited by this rule, in the claim settlement;

(15) failing to pay interest at the legal rate in Title 15:

(a) upon amounts that are due and unpaid within 20 days of completion of investigation; or

(b) to a health care provider on amounts that are due and unpaid after the time limits allowed under 31A-26-301.6 ;

(16) failing to provide a claimant with an explanation of benefits; and

(17) for a health benefit plan:

(a) failing to allow a claimant to review the claim file and to present evidence and testimony as part of the claim and appeal processes;

(b) failing to provide the claimant, at no cost, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the insurer in connection with the claim; or

(c) failing to ensure that all claims and appeals are adjudicated in a manner designed to ensure the independence and impartiality of the persons involved in making the decision.

R590-192-13. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such invalidity may not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

R590-192-14. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule on July 1, 2011.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-203. Health Grievance Review Process.****R590-203-1. Authority.**

This rule is specifically authorized by Subsections 31A-22-629(4) and 31A-4-116, which requires the commissioner to establish minimum standards for grievance review procedures. The rule is also promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(1) and 31A-2-201(3)(a) in which the commissioner is empowered to administer and enforce this title and to make rules to implement the provisions of this title. The authority to examine carrier records, files, and documentation is provided by Section 31A-2-203.

R590-203-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that a carrier's grievance review procedures for individual and group health insurance and disability income plans comply with 29 CFR 2560.503-1, and Sections 31A-4-116 and 31A-22-629.

R590-203-3. Applicability and Scope.

- (1) This rule applies to individual and group:
 - (a) health care insurance;
 - (b) disability income policies; and
 - (c) health maintenance organization contracts.
- (2) Long Term Care and Medicare supplement policies are not considered health insurance for the purpose of this rule.
- (3) Disability income policies are exempt from R590-203-6.
- (4) This rule does not apply to a health benefit plan that complies with R590-261, Health Benefit Plan Adverse Benefit Determinations.

R590-203-4. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule:

- (1)(a) "Adverse benefit determination" means the:
 - (i) denial of a benefit;
 - (ii) reduction of a benefit;
 - (iii) termination of a benefit; or
 - (iv) failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit.
- (b) "Adverse benefit determination" includes:
 - (i) denial, reduction, termination, or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of an insured's eligibility to participate in a plan;
 - (ii) a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for, a benefit resulting from the application of a utilization review;
 - (iii) failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be:
 - (A) experimental;
 - (B) investigational; or
 - (C) not a medical necessity or appropriate.
- (2) "Carrier" means any person or entity that provides health insurance in this state including:
 - (a) an insurance company;
 - (b) a prepaid hospital or medical care plan;
 - (c) a health maintenance organization;
 - (d) a multiple employer welfare arrangement; and
 - (e) any other person or entity providing a health insurance plan under Title 31A.
- (3) "Consumer Representative" may be an employee of the carrier who is a consumer of a health insurance or a disability income policy, as long as the employee is not:
 - (a) the individual who made the adverse determination; or
 - (b) a subordinate to the individual who made the adverse determination.
- (4) "Medical Necessity" means:
 - (a) health care services or products that a prudent health

care professional would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms in a manner that is:

- (i) in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice in the United States;
 - (ii) clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration;
 - (iii) not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician, or other health care provider; and
 - (iv) covered under the contract; and
- (b) that when a medical question-of-fact exists medical necessity shall include the most appropriate available supply or level of service for the individual in question, considering potential benefits and harms to the individual, and known to be effective.
- (i) For interventions not yet in widespread use, the effectiveness shall be based on scientific evidence.

(ii) For established interventions, the effectiveness shall be based on:

- (A) scientific evidence;
- (B) professional standards; and
- (C) expert opinion.

(5)(a) "Scientific evidence" means:

(i) scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized requirements for scientific manuscripts and that submit most of their published articles for review by experts who are not part of the editorial staff; or

(ii) findings, studies or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal government agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes.

(b) Scientific evidence shall not include published peer-reviewed literature sponsored to a significant extent by a pharmaceutical manufacturing company or medical device manufacturer or a single study without other supportable studies.

(6)(a) "Urgent care claim" means a request for a health care service or course of treatment with respect to which the time periods for making non-urgent care request determination:

(i) could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the insured or the ability of the insured to regain maximum function; or

(ii) in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the insured's medical condition, would subject the insured to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the health care service or treatment that is the subject of the request.

(b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(a)(ii), in determining whether a request is to be treated as an urgent care request, an individual acting on behalf of the carrier shall apply the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.

(ii) Any request that a physician with knowledge of the insured's medical condition determines is an urgent care request within the meaning of Subsection (6)(a) shall be treated as an urgent care claim.

R590-203-5. Adverse Benefit Determination.

(1) A carrier's adverse benefit determination review procedure shall be compliant with the adverse benefit determination review requirements set forth in 29 CFR 2560.503-1, effective January 20, 2001. This document is incorporated by reference and available for inspection at the Insurance Department.

(2) A carrier's adverse benefit determination appeal board or body shall include at least one consumer representative that shall be present at every meeting.

R590-203-6. Independent and Expedited Adverse Benefit Determination Reviews for Health Insurance.

(1) A carrier shall provide an independent review procedure as a voluntary option for the resolution of adverse benefit determinations.

(2) An independent review procedure shall be conducted by an independent review organization, person, or entity other than the carrier, the plan, the plan's fiduciary, the employer, or any employee or agent of any of the foregoing, that do not have any material professional, familial, or financial conflict of interest with the health plan, any officer, director, or management employee of the health plan, the enrollee, the enrollee's health care provider, the provider's medical group or independent practice association, the health care facility where service would be provided and the developer or manufacturer of the service being provided.

(3) Independent review organizations shall be designated by the carrier, and the independent review organization chosen shall not own or control, be a subsidiary of, or in any way be owned or controlled by, or exercise control with a health insurance plan, a national, state, or local trade association of health insurance plans, and a national, state, or local trade association of health care providers.

(4) The submission to an independent review procedure is purely voluntary and left to the discretion of the claimant.

(5) A carrier's voluntary independent review procedure shall:

(a) waive any right to assert that a claimant has failed to exhaust administrative remedies because the claimant did not elect to submit a dispute of medical necessity to a voluntary level of appeal provided by the plan;

(b) agree that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time a voluntary appeal is pending;

(c) allow a claimant to submit a dispute of medical necessity to a voluntary level of appeal only after exhaustion of the appeals permitted under 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(c)(2);

(d) upon request from any claimant, provide sufficient information relating to the voluntary level of appeal to enable the claimant to make an informed decision about whether to submit a dispute of medical necessity to the voluntary level of appeal. This information shall contain a statement that the decision to use a voluntary level of appeal will not effect the claimant's rights to any other benefits under the plan and information about the applicable rules, the claimant's right to representation, and the process for selecting the decision maker.

(e) An independent review conducted in compliance with Section 31A-22-629, and this rule, can be binding on both parties. A claimant's submission to a binding independent review is purely voluntary and appropriate disclosure and notification must be given as required by 29 CFR 2560.503-1.

(6) Standards for voluntary independent review:

(a) The carrier's internal adverse benefit determination process must be exhausted unless the carrier and claimant mutually agree to waive the internal process.

(b) Any adverse benefit determination of medical necessity may be the subject of an independent review.

(c) The claimant has 180 calendar days from the date of the final internal review decision to request an independent review.

(d) A carrier shall use the same minimum standards and times of notification requirement for an independent review that are used for internal levels of review, as set forth in 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(h)(3), (i)(2) and (j).

(7) A carrier shall provide an expedited review process for cases involving urgent care claims.

(8) A request for an expedited review of an adverse benefit determination of medical necessity may be submitted either orally or in writing. If the request is made orally a carrier shall, within 24 hours, send written confirmation to the claimant

acknowledging the receipt of the request for an expedited review.

(9) An expedited review requires:

(a) all necessary information, including the plan's original benefit determination, be transmitted between the plan and the claimant by telephone, facsimile, or other available similarly expeditious method;

(b) a carrier to notify the claimant of the benefit review determination, as soon as possible, taking into account the medical urgency, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the claimant's request for review of an adverse benefit determination; and

(c) a carrier to use the same minimum standard for timing and notification as set forth in 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(h), 503-1(i)(2)(i), and 503-1(j).

(10) This section, R590-203-6, does not apply to disability income policies.

R590-203-7. Disability Income Adverse Benefit Determination Review.

(1) A carrier will notify a claimant of the benefit determination within 45 days of receipt of the claimant's request for review of an adverse benefit determination.

(2) The time period for making a determination on review may be extended for up to 45 days when necessary due to matters beyond the control of the carrier.

(3) If the time period is extended due to the claimant's failure to submit information necessary to decide a claim, the time period for making the benefit determination on review shall be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent until the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

(4) Upon request, relevant information, free-of-charge, must be provided to the claimant on any adverse benefit determination.

R590-203-8. File and Record Documentation.

A carrier shall:

(1) make available upon request by the commissioner all adverse benefit determination review files and related documentation; and

(2) shall maintain these records for the current calendar year plus five years.

R590-203-9. Relationship to Federal Rules.

If a carrier complies with the requirements of 29 CFR 2560.503-1, then this rule is not applicable to employer plans, except for Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this rule. All individual plans will remain subject to this rule in its entirety.

R590-203-10. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner shall begin enforcing the provisions of this rule July 1, 2011.

R590-203-11. Severability.

If a provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of these provisions shall not be affected.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-206. Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information Rule.****R590-206-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-202(1), 31A-2-201(2) and 31A-2-201(3)(a) in which the commissioner is empowered to administer and enforce Title 31A, to perform duties imposed by Title 31A and to make administrative rules to implement the provisions of Title 31A. Furthermore, Title V, Section 505 (15 United States Code (U.S.C.) 6805)) empowers the Utah Insurance Commissioner to enforce Subtitle A of Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (15 U.S.C. 6801 through 6820). Title V, Section 505 (15 U.S.C. 6805(b)(2)) authorizes the commissioner to issue rules to implement the requirements of Title V, Section 501(b) of the federal act. The commissioner is also authorized under Subsection 31A-23a-417(3) to adopt rules implementing the requirements of Title V, Section 501(b) of the federal act.

R590-206-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) Purpose. This rule governs the treatment of nonpublic personal health information and nonpublic personal financial information about individuals by all licensees of the Utah Insurance Department. This rule:

(a) Requires a licensee to provide notice to individuals about its privacy policies and practices;

(b) Describes the conditions under which a licensee may disclose nonpublic personal health information and nonpublic personal financial information about individuals to affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties; and

(c) Provides methods for individuals to prevent a licensee from disclosing that information.

(2) Scope. This rule applies to:

(a) Nonpublic personal financial information about individuals who obtain or are claimants or beneficiaries of products or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes from licensees. This rule does not apply to information about companies or about individuals who obtain products or services for business, commercial or agricultural purposes; and

(b) All nonpublic personal health information.

(3) Compliance. A licensee domiciled in this state that is in compliance with this rule in a state that has not enacted laws or rules that meet the requirements of Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (PL 102-106) may nonetheless be deemed to be in compliance with Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in such other state.

(4) This rule does not apply to a financial institution, securities broker or dealer, or a credit union that engages in activities or functions that do not require a license from the Utah insurance commissioner.

R590-206-3. Rule of Construction.

The examples in this rule and the sample clauses in Appendix A are not exclusive. Appendix A - Sample Clauses, of the Model Rule entitled, "Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information Regulation," adopted September 26, 2000, by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, is incorporated by reference and available for inspection at the Department of Insurance and the Department of Administrative Rules. Compliance with an example or use of a sample clause, to the extent applicable, constitutes compliance with this rule.

R590-206-4. Definitions.

As used in this rule, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Affiliate" means any company that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with another company.

(2)(a) "Clear and conspicuous" means that a notice is

reasonably understandable and designed to call attention to the nature and significance of the information in the notice.

(b) Examples.

(i) Reasonably understandable. A licensee makes its notice reasonably understandable if it:

(A) Presents the information in the notice in clear, concise sentences, paragraphs, and sections;

(B) Uses short explanatory sentences or bullet lists whenever possible;

(C) Uses definite, concrete, everyday words and active voice whenever possible;

(D) Avoids multiple negatives;

(E) Avoids legal and highly technical business terminology whenever possible; and

(F) Avoids explanations that are imprecise and readily subject to different interpretations.

(ii) Designed to call attention. A licensee designs its notice to call attention to the nature and significance of the information in it if the licensee:

(A) Uses a plain-language heading to call attention to the notice;

(B) Uses a typeface and type size that are easy to read;

(C) Provides wide margins and ample line spacing;

(D) Uses boldface or italics for key words; and

(E) In a form that combines the licensee's notice with other information, uses distinctive type size, style, and graphic devices, such as shading or sidebars.

(iii) Notices on web sites. If a licensee provides a notice on a web page, the licensee designs its notice to call attention to the nature and significance of the information in it if the licensee uses text or visual cues to encourage scrolling down the page if necessary to view the entire notice and ensures that other elements on the web site (such as text, graphics, hyperlinks or sound) do not distract attention from the notice, and the licensee either:

(A) Places the notice on a screen that consumers frequently access, such as a page on which transactions are conducted; or

(B) Places a link on a screen that consumers frequently access, such as a page on which transactions are conducted, that connects directly to the notice and is labeled appropriately to convey the importance, nature and relevance of the notice.

(3) "Collect" means to obtain information that the licensee organizes or can retrieve by the name of an individual or by identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, irrespective of the source of the underlying information.

(4) "Commissioner" means the Utah insurance commissioner.

(5) "Company" means a corporation, limited liability company, business trust, general or limited partnership, association, sole proprietorship or similar organization.

(6)(a) "Consumer" means an individual who seeks to obtain, obtains or has obtained an insurance product or service, from a licensee that is to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and about whom the licensee has nonpublic personal information, directly or through a legal representative.

(b) Examples.

(i) An individual who provides nonpublic personal information to a licensee in connection with obtaining or seeking to obtain financial, investment or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service is a consumer regardless of whether the licensee establishes an ongoing advisory relationship.

(ii) An applicant for insurance prior to the inception of insurance coverage is a licensee's consumer.

(iii) An individual who is a consumer of another financial institution is not a licensee's consumer solely because the

licensee is acting as agent for, or provides processing or other services to, that financial institution.

(iv) An individual is a licensee's consumer if:

(A)(I) the individual is a beneficiary of a life insurance policy underwritten by the licensee;

(II) the individual is a claimant under an insurance policy issued by the licensee;

(III) the individual is an insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or an annuity, respectively, issued by the licensee; or

(IV) the individual is a mortgagor of a mortgage covered under a mortgage insurance policy; and

(B) the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about the individual to a nonaffiliated third party other than as permitted under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of this rule.

(v) Provided that the licensee provides the initial, annual and revised notices under Sections 5, 6 and 9 of this rule to the plan sponsor, group or blanket insurance policyholder or group annuity contractholder, workers' compensation plan policyholder, and further provided that the licensee does not disclose to a nonaffiliated third party nonpublic personal financial information about such an individual other than as permitted under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of this rule, an individual is not the consumer of the licensee solely because he or she is:

(A) A participant or a beneficiary of an employee benefit plan that the licensee administers or sponsors or for which the licensee acts as a trustee, insurer or fiduciary;

(B) Covered under a group or blanket insurance policy or group annuity contract issued by the licensee; or

(C) A beneficiary in a workers' compensation plan.

(vi)(A) The individuals described in Subsection R590-206-4.(6)(b)(v)(A) through (C) of this Paragraph are consumers of a licensee if the licensee does not meet all the conditions of Subsection R590-206-4.(6)(b)(v).

(B) In no event shall the individuals, solely by virtue of the status described in Subsection R590-206-4.(6)(b)(v)(A) through (C) above, be deemed to be customers for purposes of this rule.

(vii) An individual is not a licensee's consumer solely because he or she is a beneficiary of a trust for which the licensee is a trustee.

(viii) An individual is not a licensee's consumer solely because he or she has designated the licensee as trustee for a trust.

(7) "Consumer reporting agency" has the same meaning as in Section 603(f) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)).

(8) "Control" means:

(a) Ownership, control or power to vote 25% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting security of the company, directly or indirectly, or acting through one or more other persons;

(b) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors, trustees or general partners, or individuals exercising similar functions, of the company; or

(c) The power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of the company, as the commissioner determines.

(9) "Customer" means a consumer who has a customer relationship with a licensee.

(10)(a) "Customer relationship" means a continuing relationship between a consumer and a licensee under which the licensee provides one or more insurance products or services to the consumer that are to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

(b) Examples.

(i) A consumer has a continuing relationship with a licensee if:

(A) The consumer is a current policyholder of an insurance product issued by or through the licensee; or

(B) The consumer obtains financial, investment or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service from the licensee for a fee.

(ii) A consumer does not have a continuing relationship with a licensee if:

(A) The consumer applies for insurance but does not purchase the insurance;

(B) The licensee sells the consumer airline travel insurance in an isolated transaction;

(C) The individual is no longer a current policyholder of an insurance product or no longer obtains insurance services with or through the licensee;

(D) The consumer is a beneficiary or a claimant under a policy and has submitted a claim under that policy;

(E) The customer's policy is lapsed, expired, or otherwise inactive or dormant under the licensee's business practices, and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of 12 consecutive months, other than annual privacy notices, material required by law or rule, communication at the direction of a state or federal authority, or promotional materials;

(F) The individual is an insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or annuity, respectively, but is not the policyholder or owner of the insurance policy or annuity; or

(G) For the purposes of this rule, the individual's last known address according to the licensee's records is deemed invalid. An address of record is deemed invalid if mail sent to that address by the licensee has been returned by the postal authorities as undeliverable and if subsequent attempts by the licensee to obtain a current valid address for the individual have been unsuccessful.

(11)(a) "Financial institution" means any institution the business of which is engaging in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities as described in Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)).

(b) Financial institution does not include:

(i) Any person or entity with respect to any financial activity that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.);

(ii) The Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation or any entity charged and operating under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.); or

(iii) Institutions chartered by Congress specifically to engage in securitizations, secondary market sales (including sales of servicing rights) or similar transactions related to a transaction of a consumer, as long as the institutions do not sell or transfer nonpublic personal information to a nonaffiliated third party.

(12)(a) "Financial product or service" means any product or service that a financial holding company could offer by engaging in an activity that is financial in nature or incidental to such a financial activity under Section (4)(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)).

(b) Financial service includes a financial institution's evaluation or brokerage of information that the financial institution collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for a financial product or service.

(13) "Health care" means:

(a) Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance or palliative care, services, procedures, tests or counseling that:

(i) Relates to the physical, mental or behavioral condition of an individual; or

(ii) Affects the structure or function of the human body or any part of the human body, including the banking of blood,

sperm, organs or any other tissue; or

(b) Prescribing, dispensing or furnishing to an individual drugs or biologicals, or medical devices or health care equipment and supplies.

(14) "Health care provider" means a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law, or a health care facility.

(15) "Health information" means any information or data except age or gender, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, created by or derived from a health care provider or the consumer that relates to:

(a) The past, present or future physical, mental or behavioral health or condition of an individual;

(b) The provision of health care to an individual; or

(c) Payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

(16)(a) "Insurance product or service" means any product or service that is offered by a licensee pursuant to the insurance laws of this state.

(b) Insurance service includes a licensee's evaluation, brokerage or distribution of information that the licensee collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for an insurance product or service.

(17)(a) "Licensee" means all licensed insurers, producers and other persons licensed or required to be licensed, or authorized or required to be authorized, or registered or required to be registered pursuant to the insurance laws of this state.

(b) A licensee is not subject to the notice and opt out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Sections 1 through 17 of this rule if the licensee is an employee, agent or other representative of another licensee, "the principal," and:

(i) The principal otherwise complies with, and provides the notices required by, the provisions of this rule; and

(ii) The licensee does not disclose any non-public personal financial information or a consumer or customer to any person other than the principal from or through which such consumer or customer seeks to obtain, or has obtained, a product or service or its affiliates in a manner permitted by this rule.

(c)(i) Subject to Subsection R590-206-4.(17)(b)(ii), "licensee" shall also include an unauthorized insurer that accepts business placed through a licensed surplus lines broker in this state, but only in regard to the surplus lines placements placed pursuant to Section 31A-15-103 of this state's laws.

(ii) A surplus lines broker or surplus lines insurer shall be deemed to be in compliance with the notice and opt out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Sections 1 through 17 of this rule provided:

(A) The broker or insurer does not disclose nonpublic personal financial information of a consumer or a customer to nonaffiliated third parties for any purpose, including joint servicing or marketing under Section 14 of this rule, except as permitted by Section 15 or 16 of this rule; and

(B) The broker or insurer delivers a notice to the consumer at the time a customer relationship is established on which the following is printed in 16-point type:

PRIVACY NOTICE

"NEITHER THE U.S. BROKERS THAT HANDLED THIS INSURANCE NOR THE INSURERS THAT HAVE UNDERWRITTEN THIS INSURANCE WILL DISCLOSE NONPUBLIC PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BUYER TO NONAFFILIATES OF THE BROKERS OR INSURERS EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

(18)(a) "Nonaffiliated third party" means any person except:

(i) A licensee's affiliate; or

(ii) A person employed jointly by a licensee and any

company that is not the licensee's affiliate (but nonaffiliated third party includes the other company that jointly employs the person).

(b) Nonaffiliated third party includes any company that is an affiliate solely by virtue of the direct or indirect ownership or control of the company by the licensee or its affiliate in conducting merchant banking or investment banking activities of the type described in Subsection R590-206-4.(k)(4)(H) or insurance company investment activities of the type described in Section 4(k)(4)(I) of the federal Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)(4)(H) and (I)).

(19) "Nonpublic personal information" means nonpublic personal financial information and nonpublic personal health information.

(20)(a) "Nonpublic personal financial information" means:

(i) Personally identifiable financial information; and

(ii) Any list, description or other grouping of consumers, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.

(b) Nonpublic personal financial information does not include:

(i) Health information;

(ii) Publicly available information, except as included on a list described in Subsection R590-206-4.(20)(a)(ii); or

(iii) Any list, description or other grouping of consumers, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived without using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.

(c) Examples of lists.

(i) Nonpublic personal financial information includes any list of individuals' names and street addresses that is derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, such as account numbers.

(ii) Nonpublic personal financial information does not include any list of individuals' names and addresses that contains only publicly available information, is not derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, and is not disclosed in a manner that indicates that any of the individuals on the list is a consumer of a financial institution.

(21) "Nonpublic personal health information" means health information:

(a) That identifies an individual who is the subject of the information; or

(b) With respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used to identify an individual.

(22)(a) "Personally identifiable financial information" means any information:

(i) A consumer provides to a licensee to obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee;

(ii) About a consumer resulting from a transaction involving an insurance product or service between a licensee and a consumer; or

(iii) The licensee otherwise obtains about a consumer in connection with providing an insurance product or service to that consumer.

(b) Examples.

(i) Information included. Personally identifiable financial information includes:

(A) Information a consumer provides to a licensee on an application to obtain an insurance product or service;

(B) Account balance information and payment history;

(C) The fact that an individual is or has been one of the licensee's customers or has obtained an insurance product or service from the licensee;

(D) Any information about the licensee's consumer if it is

disclosed in a manner that indicates that the individual is or has been the licensee's consumer;

(E) Any information that a consumer provides to a licensee or that the licensee or its agent otherwise obtains in connection with collecting on a loan or servicing a loan;

(F) Any information the licensee collects through an Internet cookie, an information-collecting device from a web server; and

(G) Information from a consumer report.

(ii) Information not included. Personally identifiable financial information does not include:

(A) Health information;

(B) A list of names and addresses of customers of an entity that is not a financial institution; and

(C) Information that does not identify a consumer, such as aggregate information or blind data that does not contain personal identifiers such as account numbers, names or addresses.

(23)(a) "Publicly available information" means any information that a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public from:

(i) Federal, state or local government records;

(ii) Widely distributed media; or

(iii) Disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by federal, state or local law.

(b) Reasonable basis. A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has taken steps to determine:

(i) That the information is of the type that is available to the general public; and

(ii) Whether an individual can direct that the information not be made available to the general public and, if so, that the licensee's consumer has not done so.

(c) Examples.

(i) Government records. Publicly available information in government records includes information in government real estate records and security interest filings.

(ii) Widely distributed media. Publicly available information from widely distributed media includes information from a telephone book, a television or radio program, a newspaper or a web site that is available to the general public on an unrestricted basis. A web site is not restricted merely because an Internet service provider or a site operator requires a fee or a password, so long as access is available to the general public.

(iii) Reasonable basis.

(A) A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that mortgage information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has determined that the information is of the type included on the public record in the jurisdiction where the mortgage would be recorded.

(B) A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that an individual's telephone number is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has located the telephone number in the telephone book or the consumer has informed you that the telephone number is not unlisted.

R590-206-5. Initial Privacy Notice to Consumers Required.

(1) Initial notice requirement. A licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices to:

(a) Customer. An individual who becomes the licensee's customer, not later than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship, except as provided in Subsection R590-206-5.(5) of this section; and

(b) Consumer. A consumer, before the licensee discloses any nonpublic personal financial information about the consumer to any nonaffiliated third party, if the licensee makes a disclosure other than as authorized by Sections 15 and 16.

(2) When initial notice to a consumer is not required. A

licensee is not required to provide an initial notice to a consumer under Subsection R590-206-5.(1)(b) of this section if:

(a) The licensee does not disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about the consumer to any nonaffiliated third party, other than as authorized by Sections 15 and 16, and the licensee does not have a customer relationship with the consumer; or

(b) A notice has been provided by an affiliated licensee, as long as the notice clearly identifies all licensees to whom the notice applies and is accurate with respect to the licensee and the other institutions.

(3) When the licensee establishes a customer relationship.

(a) General rule. A licensee establishes a customer relationship at the time the licensee and the consumer enter into a continuing relationship.

(b) Examples of establishing customer relationship. A licensee establishes a customer relationship when the consumer:

(i) Becomes a policyholder of a licensee that is an insurer when the insurer delivers an insurance policy or contract to the consumer, or in the case of a licensee that is an insurance producer or insurance broker, obtains insurance through that licensee; or

(ii) Agrees to obtain financial, economic or investment advisory services relating to insurance products or services for a fee from the licensee.

(4) Existing customers. When an existing customer obtains a new insurance product or service from a licensee that is to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, the licensee satisfies the initial notice requirements of Subsection R590-206-5.(1) of this section as follows:

(a) The licensee may provide a revised policy notice, under Section 9, that covers the customer's new insurance product or service; or

(b) If the initial, revised or annual notice that the licensee most recently provided to that customer was accurate with respect to the new insurance product or service, the licensee does not need to provide a new privacy notice under Subsection R590-206-5.(1) of this section.

(5) Exceptions to allow subsequent delivery of notice.

(a) A licensee may provide the initial notice required by Subsection R590-206-5.(1)(a) of this section within a reasonable time after the licensee establishes a customer relationship if:

(i) Establishing the customer relationship is not at the customer's election; or

(ii) Providing notice not later than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship would substantially delay the customer's transaction and the customer agrees to receive the notice at a later time.

(b) Examples of exceptions.

(i) Not at customer's election. Establishing a customer relationship is not at the customer's election if a licensee acquires or is assigned a customer's policy from another financial institution or residual market mechanism and the customer does not have a choice about the licensee's acquisition or assignment.

(ii) Substantial delay of customer's transaction. Providing notice not later than when a licensee establishes a customer relationship would substantially delay the customer's transaction when the licensee and the individual agree over the telephone to enter into a customer relationship involving prompt delivery of the insurance product or service.

(iii) No substantial delay of customer's transaction. Providing notice not later than when a licensee establishes a customer relationship would not substantially delay the customer's transaction when the relationship is initiated in person at the licensee's office or through other means by which the customer may view the notice, such as on a web site.

(6) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver an

initial privacy notice by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10. If the licensee uses a short-form initial notice for non-customers according to Subsection R590-206-7.(4) the licensee may deliver its privacy notice according to Subsection R590-206-7.(4)(c).

R590-206-6. Annual Privacy Notice to Customers Required.

(1)(a) General rule. A licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to customers that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices not less than annually during the continuation of the customer relationship. Annually means at least once in any period of 12 consecutive months during which that relationship exists. A licensee may define the 12 consecutive month period, but the licensee shall apply it to the customer on a consistent basis.

(b) Example. A licensee provides a notice annually if it defines the 12 consecutive month period as a calendar year and provides the annual notice to the customer once in each calendar year following the calendar year in which the licensee provided the initial notice. For example, if a customer opens an account on any day of year 1, the licensee shall provide an annual notice to that customer by December 31 of year two.

(2)(a) Termination of customer relationship. A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice to a former customer. A former customer is an individual with whom a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship.

(b) Examples.

(i) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if the individual no longer is a current policyholder of an insurance product or no longer obtains insurance services with or through the licensee.

(ii) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if the individual's policy is lapsed, expired or otherwise inactive or dormant under the licensee's business practices, and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of twelve 12 consecutive months, other than to provide annual privacy notices, material required by law or rule, or promotional materials.

(iii) For the purposes of this rule, a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if the individual's last known address according to the licensee's records is deemed invalid. An address of record is deemed invalid if mail sent to that address by the licensee has been returned by the postal authorities as undeliverable and if subsequent attempts by the licensee to obtain a current valid address for the individual have been unsuccessful.

(iv) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with a customer in the case of providing real estate settlement services, at the time the customer completes execution of all documents related to the real estate closing, payment for those services has been received, or the licensee has completed all of its responsibilities with respect to the settlement, including filing documents on the public record, whichever is later.

(3) Delivery. When a licensee is required by this section to deliver an annual privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.

R590-206-7. Information to be Included in Privacy Notices.

(1) General rule. The initial, annual and revised privacy notices that a licensee provides under Sections 5, 6 and 9 shall include each of the following items of information, in addition to any other information the licensee wishes to provide, that applies to the licensee and to the consumers to whom the licensee sends its privacy notice:

(a) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee collects;

(b) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee discloses;

(c) The categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under Sections 15 and 16;

(d) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers that the licensee discloses and the categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under Sections 15 and 16;

(e) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under Section 14, and no other exception in Sections 15 and 16 applies to that disclosure, a separate description of the categories of information the licensee discloses and the categories of third parties with whom the licensee has contracted;

(f) An explanation of the consumer's right under Subsection R590-206-11.(1) to opt out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties, including the methods by which the consumer may exercise that right at that time;

(g) Any disclosures that the licensee makes under Section 603(d)(2)(A)(iii) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(d)(2)(A)(iii)) (that is, notices regarding the ability to opt out of disclosures of information among affiliates);

(h) The licensee's policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal financial information; and

(i) Any disclosure that the licensee makes under Subsection R590-206-7.(2).

(2) Description of parties subject to exceptions. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information as authorized under Sections 15 and 16, the licensee is not required to list those exceptions in the initial or annual privacy notices required by Sections 5 and 6. When describing the categories of parties to whom disclosure is made, the licensee is required to state only that it makes disclosures to other affiliated or nonaffiliated third parties, as applicable, as permitted by law.

(3) Examples.

(a) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee collects. A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize the nonpublic personal financial information it collects if the licensee categorizes it according to the source of the information, as applicable:

(i) Information from the consumer;

(ii) Information about the consumer's transactions with the licensee or its affiliates;

(iii) Information about the consumer's transactions with nonaffiliated third parties; and

(iv) Information from a consumer reporting agency.

(b) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information a licensee discloses.

(i) A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize nonpublic personal financial information it discloses if the licensee categorizes the information according to source, as described in Subsection R590-206-7.(3)(a), as applicable, and provides a few examples to illustrate the types of information in each category. These might include:

(A) Information from the consumer, including application information, such as assets and income and identifying information, such as name, address and social security number;

(B) Transaction information, such as information about balances, payment history and parties to the transaction; and

(C) Information from consumer reports, such as a consumer's creditworthiness and credit history.

(ii) A licensee does not adequately categorize the information that it discloses if the licensee uses only general terms, such as transaction information about the consumer.

(iii) If a licensee reserves the right to disclose all of the nonpublic personal financial information about consumers that it collects, the licensee may simply state that fact without describing the categories or examples of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee discloses.

(c) Categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses.

(i) A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize the affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to which the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about consumers if the licensee identifies the types of businesses in which they engage.

(ii) Types of businesses may be described by general terms only if the licensee uses a few illustrative examples of significant lines of business. For example, a licensee may use the term financial products or services if it includes appropriate examples of significant lines of businesses, such as life insurer, automobile insurer, consumer banking or securities brokerage.

(iii) A licensee also may categorize the affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to which it discloses nonpublic personal financial information about consumers using more detailed categories.

(d) Disclosures under exception for service providers and joint marketers. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under the exception in Section 14 to a nonaffiliated third party to market products or services that it offers alone or jointly with another financial institution, the licensee satisfies the disclosure requirement of Subsection R590-206-7.1(e) of this section if it:

(i) Lists the categories of nonpublic personal financial information it discloses, using the same categories and examples the licensee used to meet the requirements of Subsection R590-206-7.1(b) of this section, as applicable; and

(ii) States whether the third party is:

(A) A service provider that performs marketing services on the licensee's behalf or on behalf of the licensee and another financial institution; or

(B) A financial institution with whom the licensee has a joint marketing agreement.

(e) Simplified notices. If a licensee does not disclose, and does not wish to reserve the right to disclose, nonpublic personal financial information about customers or former customers to affiliates or nonaffiliated third parties except as authorized under Sections 15 and 16, the licensee may simply state that fact, in addition to the information it shall provide under Subsections R590-206-7.1(a), 7.1(h), 7.1(i), and 7.2).

(f) Confidentiality and security. A licensee describes its policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal financial information if it does both of the following:

(i) Describes in general terms who is authorized to have access to the information; and

(ii) States whether the licensee has security practices and procedures in place to ensure the confidentiality of the information in accordance with the licensee's policy. The licensee is not required to describe technical information about the safeguards it uses.

(4) Short-form initial notice with opt out notice for non-customers.

(a) A licensee may satisfy the initial notice requirements in Subsections R590-206-5.1(b) and Subsection R590-206-8.3) for a consumer who is not a customer by providing a short-form initial notice at the same time as the licensee delivers an opt out notice as required in Section 8.

(b) A short-form initial notice shall:

(i) Be clear and conspicuous;

(ii) State that the licensee's privacy notice is available upon request; and

(iii) Explain a reasonable means by which the consumer may obtain that notice.

(c) The licensee shall deliver its short-form initial notice according to Section 10. The licensee is not required to deliver its privacy notice with its short-form initial notice. The licensee instead may simply provide the consumer a reasonable means to obtain its privacy notice. If a consumer who receives the licensee's short-form notice requests the licensee's privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver its privacy notice according to Section 10.

(d) Examples of obtaining privacy notice. The licensee provides a reasonable means by which a consumer may obtain a copy of its privacy notice if the licensee:

(i) Provides a toll-free telephone number that the consumer may call to request the notice; or

(ii) For a consumer who conducts business in person at the licensee's office, maintains copies of the notice on hand that the licensee provides to the consumer immediately upon request.

(5) Future disclosures. The licensee's notice may include:

(a) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee reserves the right to disclose in the future, but does not currently disclose; and

(b) Categories of affiliates or nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee reserves the right in the future to disclose, but to whom the licensee does not currently disclose, nonpublic personal financial information.

(6) Sample clauses. Sample clauses illustrating some of the notice content required by this section are found in Appendix A - Sample Clauses, of the Model Rule entitled, "Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information Regulation," adopted September 26, 2000, by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Appendix A is incorporated by reference and available for inspection at the Department of Insurance and the Department of Administrative Rules.

R590-206-8. Form of Opt Out Notice to Consumers and Opt Out Methods.

(1)(a) Form of opt out notice. If a licensee is required to provide an opt out notice under Subsection R590-206-11.1, it shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to each of its consumers that accurately explains the right to opt out under that section. The notice shall state:

(i) That the licensee discloses or reserves the right to disclose nonpublic personal financial information about its consumer to a nonaffiliated third party;

(ii) That the consumer has the right to opt out of that disclosure; and

(iii) A reasonable means by which the consumer may exercise the opt out right.

(b) Examples.

(i) Adequate opt out notice. A licensee provides adequate notice that the consumer can opt out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party if the licensee:

(A) Identifies all of the categories of nonpublic personal financial information that it discloses or reserves the right to disclose, and all of the categories of nonaffiliated third parties to which the licensee discloses the information, as described in Subsections R590-206-7.1(b) and R590-206-7.1(c), and states that the consumer can opt out of the disclosure of that information; and

(B) Identifies the insurance products or services that the consumer obtains from the licensee, either singly or jointly, to which the opt out direction would apply.

(ii) Reasonable opt out means. A licensee provides a reasonable means to exercise an opt out right if it:

(A) Designates check-off boxes in a prominent position on the relevant forms with the opt out notice;

(B) Includes a reply form together with the opt out notice;
 (C) Provides an electronic means to opt out, such as a form that can be sent via electronic mail or a process at the licensee's web site, if the consumer agrees to the electronic delivery of information; or

(D) Provides a toll-free telephone number that consumers may call to opt out.

(iii) Unreasonable opt out means. A licensee does not provide a reasonable means of opting out if:

(A) The only means of opting out is for the consumer to write his or her own letter to exercise that opt out right; or

(B) The only means of opting out as described in any notice subsequent to the initial notice is to use a check-off box that the licensee provided with the initial notice but did not include with the subsequent notice.

(iv) Specific opt out means. A licensee may require each consumer to opt out through a specific means, as long as that means is reasonable for that consumer.

(2) Same form as initial notice permitted. A licensee may provide the opt out notice together with or on the same written or electronic form as the initial notice the licensee provides in accordance with Section 5.

(3) Initial notice required when opt out notice delivered subsequent to initial notice. If a licensee provides the opt out notice later than required for the initial notice in accordance with Section 5, the licensee shall also include a copy of the initial notice with the opt out notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.

(4) Joint relationships.

(a) If two or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may provide a single opt out notice. The licensee's opt out notice shall explain how the licensee will treat an opt out direction by a joint consumer, as explained in Subsection R590-206-8.(4)(e).

(b) Any of the joint consumers may exercise the right to opt out. The licensee may either:

(i) Treat an opt out direction by a joint consumer as applying to all of the associated joint consumers; or

(ii) Permit each joint consumer to opt out separately.

(c) If a licensee permits each joint consumer to opt out separately, the licensee shall permit one of the joint consumers to opt out on behalf of all of the joint consumers.

(d) A licensee may not require all joint consumers to opt out before it implements any opt out direction.

(e) Example. If John and Mary are both named policyholders on a homeowner's insurance policy issued by a licensee and the licensee sends policy statements to John's address, the licensee may do any of the following, but it shall explain in its opt out notice which opt out policy the licensee will follow:

(i) Send a single opt out notice to John's address, but the licensee shall accept an opt out direction from either John or Mary.

(ii) Treat an opt out direction by either John or Mary as applying to the entire policy. If the licensee does so and John opts out, the licensee may not require Mary to opt out as well before implementing John's opt out direction.

(iii) Permit John and Mary to make different opt out directions. If the licensee does so:

(A) It shall permit John and Mary to opt out for each other;

(B) If both opt out, the licensee shall permit both of them to notify it in a single response, such as on a form or through a telephone call; and

(C) If John opts out and Mary does not, the licensee may only disclose nonpublic personal financial information about Mary, but not about John and not about John and Mary jointly.

(5) Time to comply with opt out. A licensee shall comply with a consumer's opt out direction as soon as reasonably practicable after the licensee receives it.

(6) Continuing right to opt out. A consumer may exercise the right to opt out at any time.

(7) Duration of consumer's opt out direction.

(a) A consumer's direction to opt out under this section is effective until the consumer revokes it in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.

(b) When a customer relationship terminates, the customer's opt out direction continues to apply to the nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee collected during or related to that relationship. If the individual subsequently establishes a new customer relationship with the licensee, the opt out direction that applied to the former relationship does not apply to the new relationship.

(8) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver an opt out notice by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.

R590-206-9. Revised Privacy Notices.

(1) General rule. Except as otherwise authorized in this rule, a licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party other than as described in the initial notice that the licensee provided to that consumer under Section 5, unless:

(a) The licensee has provided to the consumer a clear and conspicuous revised notice that accurately describes its policies and practices;

(b) The licensee has provided to the consumer a new opt out notice;

(c) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before the licensee discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt out of the disclosure; and

(d) The consumer does not opt out.

(2) Examples.

(a) Except as otherwise permitted by Sections 14, 15 and 16, a licensee shall provide a revised notice before it:

(i) Discloses a new category of nonpublic personal financial information to any nonaffiliated third party;

(ii) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new category of nonaffiliated third party; or

(iii) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information about a former customer to a nonaffiliated third party, if that former customer has not had the opportunity to exercise an opt out right regarding that disclosure.

(b) A revised notice is not required if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new nonaffiliated third party that the licensee adequately described in its prior notice.

(3) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver a revised privacy notice by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.

R590-206-10. Delivery.

(1) How to provide notices. A licensee shall provide any notices that this rule requires so that each consumer can reasonably be expected to receive actual notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.

(2)(a) Examples of reasonable expectation of actual notice. A licensee may reasonably expect that a consumer will receive actual notice if the licensee:

(i) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the consumer;

(ii) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the consumer separately, or in a policy, billing or other written communication;

(iii) For a consumer who conducts transactions electronically, posts the notice on the electronic site and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining a particular insurance product or

service;

(iv) For an isolated transaction with a consumer, such as the licensee providing an insurance quote or selling the consumer travel insurance, posts the notice and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining the particular insurance product or service.

(b) Examples of unreasonable expectation of actual notice. A licensee may not, however, reasonably expect that a consumer will receive actual notice of its privacy policies and practices if it:

(i) Only posts a sign in its office or generally publishes advertisements of its privacy policies and practices; or

(ii) Sends the notice via electronic mail to a consumer who does not obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee electronically.

(3) Annual notices only. A licensee may reasonably expect that a customer will receive actual notice of the licensee's annual privacy notice if:

(a) The customer uses the licensee's web site to access insurance products and services electronically and agrees to receive notices at the web site and the licensee posts its current privacy notice continuously in a clear and conspicuous manner on the web site; or

(b) The customer has requested that the licensee refrain from sending any information regarding the customer relationship, and the licensee's current privacy notice remains available to the customer upon request.

(4) Oral description of notice insufficient. A licensee may not provide any notice required by this rule solely by orally explaining the notice, either in person or over the telephone.

(5) Retention or accessibility of notices for customers.

(a) For customers only, a licensee shall provide the initial notice required by Subsection R590-206-5.1(a), the annual notice required by Subsection R590-206-6.1, and the revised notice required by Section 9 so that the customer can retain them or obtain them later in writing or, if the customer agrees, electronically.

(b) Examples of retention or accessibility. A licensee provides a privacy notice to the customer so that the customer can retain it or obtain it later if the licensee:

(i) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the customer;

(ii) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the customer; or

(iii) Makes its current privacy notice available on a web site (or a link to another web site) for the customer who obtains an insurance product or service electronically and agrees to receive the notice at the web site.

(6) Joint notice with other financial institutions. A licensee may provide a joint notice from the licensee and one or more of its affiliates or other financial institutions, as identified in the notice, as long as the notice is accurate with respect to the licensee and the other institutions. A licensee also may provide a notice on behalf of another financial institution.

(7) Joint relationships. If two or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may satisfy the initial, annual and revised notice requirements of Subsections R590-206-5.1, 6.1 and 9.1, respectively, by providing one notice to those consumers jointly.

R590-206-11. Limits on Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information to Nonaffiliated Third Parties.

(1)(a) Conditions for disclosure. Except as otherwise authorized in this rule, a licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party unless:

(i) The licensee has provided to the consumer an initial notice as required under Section 5;

(ii) The licensee has provided to the consumer an opt out notice as required in Section 8;

(iii) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before it discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt out of the disclosure; and

(iv) The consumer does not opt out.

(b) Opt out definition. Opt out means a direction by the consumer that the licensee not disclose nonpublic personal financial information about that consumer to a nonaffiliated third party, other than as permitted by Sections 14, 15 and 16.

(c) Examples of reasonable opportunity to opt out. A licensee provides a consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt out if:

(i) By mail. The licensee mails the notices required in Subsection R590-206-11.1(a) to the consumer and allows the consumer to opt out by mailing a form, calling a toll-free telephone number or any other reasonable means within 30 days from the date the licensee mailed the notices.

(ii) By electronic means. A customer opens an on-line account with a licensee and agrees to receive the notices required in Subsection R590-206-11.1(a) electronically, and the licensee allows the customer to opt out by any reasonable means within 30 days after the date that the customer acknowledges receipt of the notices in conjunction with opening the account.

(iii) Isolated transaction with consumer. For an isolated transaction such as providing the consumer with an insurance quote, a licensee provides the consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt out if the licensee provides the notices required in Subsection R590-206-11.1(a) at the time of the transaction and requests that the consumer decide, as a necessary part of the transaction, whether to opt out before completing the transaction.

(2) Application of opt out to all consumers and all nonpublic personal financial information.

(a) A licensee shall comply with this section, regardless of whether the licensee and the consumer have established a customer relationship.

(b) Unless a licensee complies with this section, the licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer that the licensee has collected, regardless of whether the licensee collected it before or after receiving the direction to opt out from the consumer.

(3) Partial opt out. A licensee may allow a consumer to select certain nonpublic personal financial information or certain nonaffiliated third parties with respect to which the consumer wishes to opt out.

R590-206-12. Limits on Rediscovery and Reuse of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

(1)(a) Information the licensee receives under an exception. If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this rule, the licensee's disclosure and use of that information is limited as follows:

(i) The licensee may disclose the information to the affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information;

(ii) The licensee may disclose the information to its affiliates, but the licensee's affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose and use the information; and

(iii) The licensee may disclose and use the information pursuant to an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this rule, in the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which the licensee received the information.

(b) Example. If a licensee receives information from a nonaffiliated financial institution for claims settlement purposes,

the licensee may disclose the information for fraud prevention, or in response to a properly authorized subpoena. The licensee may not disclose that information to a third party for marketing purposes or use that information for its own marketing purposes.

(2)(a) Information a licensee receives outside of an exception. If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution other than under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this rule, the licensee may disclose the information only:

(i) To the affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information;

(ii) To its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose the information; and

(iii) To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if made directly to that person by the financial institution from which the licensee received the information.

(b) Example. If a licensee obtains a customer list from a nonaffiliated financial institution outside of the exceptions in Sections 15 or 16:

(i) The licensee may use that list for its own purposes; and

(ii) The licensee may disclose that list to another nonaffiliated third party only if the financial institution from which the licensee purchased the list could have lawfully disclosed the list to that third party. That is, the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with the privacy policy of the financial institution from which the licensee received the list, as limited by the opt out direction of each consumer whose nonpublic personal financial information the licensee intends to disclose, and the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with an exception in Sections 15 or 16, such as to the licensee's attorneys or accountants.

(3) Information a licensee discloses under an exception. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this rule, the third party may disclose and use that information only as follows:

(a) The third party may disclose the information to the licensee's affiliates;

(b) The third party may disclose the information to its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the third party may disclose and use the information; and

(c) The third party may disclose and use the information pursuant to an exception in Sections 15 or 16 in the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which it received the information.

(4) Information a licensee discloses outside of an exception. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party other than under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this rule, the third party may disclose the information only:

(a) To the licensee's affiliates;

(b) To the third party's affiliates, but the third party's affiliates, in turn, may disclose the information only to the extent the third party can disclose the information; and

(c) To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if the licensee made it directly to that person.

R590-206-13. Limits on Sharing Account Number Information for Marketing Purposes.

(1) General prohibition on disclosure of account numbers. A licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose, other than to a consumer reporting agency, a policy number or similar form of access number or access code for a consumer's policy or transaction account to any nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing or other marketing through electronic mail to the consumer.

(2) Exceptions. R590-206-13.(1) does not apply if a

licensee discloses a policy number or similar form of access number or access code:

(a) To the licensee's service provider solely in order to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services, as long as the service provider is not authorized to directly initiate charges to the account;

(b) To a licensee who is a producer solely in order to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services; or

(c) To a participant in an affinity or similar program where the participants in the program are identified to the customer when the customer enters into the program.

(3) Examples.

(a) Policy number. A policy number, or similar form of access number or access code, does not include a number or code in an encrypted form, as long as the licensee does not provide the recipient with a means to decode the number or code.

(b) Policy or transaction account. For the purposes of this section, a policy or transaction account is an account other than a deposit account or a credit card account. A policy or transaction account does not include an account to which third parties cannot initiate charges.

R590-206-14. Exception to Opt Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Service Providers and Joint Marketing.

(1) General rule.

(a) The opt out requirements in Sections 8 and 11 do not apply when a licensee provides nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party to perform services for the licensee or functions on the licensee's behalf, if the licensee:

(i) Provides the initial notice in accordance with Section 5; and

(ii) Enters into a contractual agreement with the third party that prohibits the third party from disclosing or using the information other than to carry out the purposes for which the licensee disclosed the information, including use under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 in the ordinary course of business to carry out those purposes.

(b) Example. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under this section to a financial institution with which the licensee performs joint marketing, the licensee's contractual agreement with that institution meets the requirements of Paragraph (1)(b) of this subsection if it prohibits the institution from disclosing or using the nonpublic personal financial information except as necessary to carry out the joint marketing or under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 in the ordinary course of business to carry out that joint marketing.

(2) Service may include joint marketing. The services a nonaffiliated third party performs for a licensee under Subsection R590-206-14.(1) of this section may include marketing of the licensee's own products or services or marketing of financial products or services offered pursuant to joint agreements between the licensee and one or more financial institutions.

(3) Definition of "joint agreement." For purposes of this section, "joint agreement" means a written contract pursuant to which a licensee and one or more financial institutions jointly offer, endorse or sponsor a financial product or service.

R590-206-15. Exceptions to Notice and Opt Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Processing and Servicing Transactions.

(1) Exceptions for processing transactions at consumer's request. The requirements for initial notice in Subsection R590-206-5.(1)(b), the opt out in Sections 8 and 11, and service

providers and joint marketing provisions in Section 14 do not apply if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information as necessary to effect, administer or enforce a transaction that a consumer requests or authorizes, or to enforce a contractual obligation or other legal claim against a customer, or in connection with:

(a) Servicing or processing an insurance product or service that a consumer requests or authorizes;

(b) Maintaining or servicing the consumer's account with a licensee, or with another entity as part of a private label credit card program or other extension of credit on behalf of such entity;

(c) A proposed or actual securitization, secondary market sale (including sales of servicing rights) or similar transaction related to a transaction of the consumer; or

(d) Reinsurance or stop loss or excess loss insurance.

(2) "Necessary to effect, administer or enforce a transaction" means that the disclosure is:

(a) Required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out the financial transaction or providing the product or service; or

(b) Required, or is a usual, appropriate or acceptable method:

(i) To carry out the transaction or the product or service business of which the transaction is a part, and record, service or maintain the consumer's account in the ordinary course of providing the insurance product or service;

(ii) To administer or service benefits or claims relating to the transaction or the product or service business of which it is a part;

(iii) To provide a confirmation, statement or other record of the transaction, or information on the status or value of the insurance product or service to the consumer or the consumer's producer;

(iv) To accrue or recognize incentives or bonuses associated with the transaction that is provided by a licensee or any other party;

(v) To underwrite insurance at the consumer's request or for any of the following purposes as they relate to a consumer's insurance: account administration, reporting, investigating or preventing fraud or material misrepresentation, processing premium payments, processing insurance claims, administering insurance benefits, including utilization review activities, participating in research projects or as otherwise required or specifically permitted by federal or state law; or

(vi) In connection with:

(A) The authorization, settlement, billing, processing, clearing, transferring, reconciling or collection of amounts charged, debited or otherwise paid using a debit, credit or other payment card, check or account number, or by other payment means;

(B) The transfer of receivables, accounts or interests therein; or

(C) The audit of debit, credit or other payment information.

R590-206-16. Other Exceptions to Notice and Opt Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

(1) Exceptions to opt out requirements. The requirements for initial notice to consumers in Subsection R590-206-5.(1)(b), the opt out in Sections 8 and 11, and service providers and joint marketing in Section 14 do not apply when a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information:

(a) With the consent or at the direction of the consumer, provided that the consumer has not revoked the consent or direction;

(b)(i) To protect the confidentiality or security of a

licensee's records pertaining to the consumer, service, product or transaction;

(ii) To protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud or unauthorized transactions;

(iii) For required institutional risk control or for resolving consumer disputes or inquiries;

(iv) To persons holding a legal or beneficial interest relating to the consumer; or

(v) To persons acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity on behalf of the consumer;

(c) To provide information to insurance rate advisory organizations, guaranty funds or agencies, agencies that are rating a licensee, persons that are assessing the licensee's compliance with industry standards, and the licensee's attorneys, accountants and auditors;

(d) To the extent specifically permitted or required under other provisions of law and in accordance with the federal Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.), to law enforcement agencies (including the Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of Thrift Supervision, National Credit Union Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Subchapter II (Records and Reports on Monetary Instruments and Transactions) and 12 U.S.C. Chapter 21, Financial Record keeping, a state insurance authority, and the Federal Trade Commission), self-regulatory organizations or for an investigation on a matter related to public safety;

(e)(i) To a consumer reporting agency in accordance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); or

(ii) From a consumer report reported by a consumer reporting agency;

(f) In connection with a proposed or actual sale, merger, transfer or exchange of all or a portion of a business or operating unit if the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information concerns solely consumers of the business or unit;

(g)(i) To comply with federal, state or local laws, rules and other applicable legal requirements;

(ii) To comply with a properly authorized civil, criminal or regulatory investigation, or subpoena or summons by federal, state or local authorities;

(iii) To respond to judicial process or government regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over a licensee for examination, compliance or other purposes as authorized by law; or

(h) For purposes related to the replacement of a group benefit plan, a group health plan, a group welfare plan or a workers' compensation policy.

(2) A licensed or admitted insurer that is the subject of a formal delinquency proceeding under Sections 31A-27-303, 31A-27-307 and 31A-27-310, are not subject to the requirements of R590-206-5.(1)(b), the opt out in Sections (8) and (11), and other notice requirements of R590-206.

(3) Example of revocation of consent. A consumer may revoke consent by subsequently exercising the right to opt out of future disclosures of nonpublic personal financial information as permitted under Subsection R590-206-8.(6).

R590-206-17. When Authorization Required for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Health Information.

(1) General Rule. A licensee shall not disclose nonpublic personal health information about a consumer or customer unless an authorization is obtained from the consumer or customer whose nonpublic personal health information is sought to be disclosed.

(2) Exceptions. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict or require an authorization for the disclosure of nonpublic personal health information by a licensee for the

performance of the following insurance functions by or on behalf of the licensee or an affiliate of the licensee: claims administration; claims adjustment and management; detection, investigation or reporting of actual or potential fraud, misrepresentation or criminal activity; underwriting; policy placement, issuance or renewal; loss control; ratemaking and guaranty fund functions; reinsurance and excess loss insurance; risk management; case management; disease management; quality assurance; quality improvement; performance evaluation; provider credentialing verification; utilization review; peer review activities; actuarial, scientific, medical or public policy research; grievance procedures; internal administration of compliance, managerial, and information systems; policyholder service functions; auditing; reporting; database security; administration of consumer disputes and inquiries; external accreditation standards; the replacement of a group benefit plan or workers compensation policy or program; activities in connection with a sale, merger, transfer or exchange of all or part of a business or operating unit; any activity that permits disclosure without authorization pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; disclosure that is required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out a transaction or providing a product or service that a consumer requests or authorizes; and any activity otherwise permitted by law, required pursuant to governmental reporting authority, or to comply with legal process. Additional insurance functions may be added with the approval of the commissioner to the extent they are necessary for appropriate performance of insurance functions and are fair and reasonable to the interest of consumers.

R590-206-18. Authorizations.

(1) A valid authorization to disclose nonpublic personal health information pursuant to Sections 17 through 21 shall be in written or electronic form and shall contain all of the following:

(a) The identity of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information;

(b) A general description of the types of nonpublic personal health information to be disclosed;

(c) General descriptions of the parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal health information, the purpose of the disclosure and how the information will be used;

(d) The signature of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information or the individual who is legally empowered to grant authority and the date signed; and

(e) Notice of the length of time for which the authorization is valid and that the consumer or customer may revoke the authorization at any time and the procedure for making a revocation.

(2) An authorization for the purposes of Sections 17 through 21 shall specify a length of time for which the authorization shall remain valid, which in no event shall be for more than 24 months.

(3) A consumer or customer who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information may revoke an authorization provided pursuant to Sections 17 through 21 at any time, subject to the rights of an individual who acted in reliance on the authorization prior to notice of the revocation.

(4) A licensee shall retain the authorization or a copy thereof in the record of the individual who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information.

R590-206-19. Authorization Request Delivery.

A request for authorization and an authorization form may be delivered to a consumer or a customer as part of an opt-out notice pursuant to Section 10, provided that the request and the

authorization form are clear and conspicuous. An authorization form is not required to be delivered to the consumer or customer or included in any other notices unless the licensee intends to disclose protected health information pursuant to Subsection R590-206-17.(1).

R590-206-20. Relationship to Federal Rules.

Irrespective of whether a licensee is subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rule as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as published in the Federal Register November 3, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 59918-60065), the "federal rule", if a licensee complies with all requirements of the federal rule except for its effective date provision, the licensee shall not be subject to Sections 17 through 21.

R590-206-21. Relationship to State Laws.

Nothing in Sections 17 through 21 shall preempt or supersede existing state law related to medical records, health or insurance information privacy.

R590-206-22. Protection of Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Nothing in this rule shall be construed to modify, limit or supersede the operation of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), and no inference shall be drawn on the basis of the provisions of this rule regarding whether information is transaction or experience information under Section 603 of that Act.

R590-206-23. Nondiscrimination.

(1) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against any consumer or customer because that consumer or customer has opted out from the disclosure of his or her nonpublic personal financial information pursuant to the provisions of this rule.

(2) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against a consumer or customer because that consumer or customer has not granted authorization for the disclosure of his or her nonpublic personal health information pursuant to the provisions of this rule.

R590-206-24. Violation.

Pursuant to Section 31A-23a-402, the commissioner finds that the failure to observe the requirements of this rule is misleading to the public and individuals transacting business with licensees of the department or any person or individual who should be licensed by the department. The failure to observe the requirements of this rule is also an unreasonable restraint on competition.

Violation of any provisions of the rule will result in appropriate enforcement action by the department which may include forfeiture, penalties, and revocation of license.

R590-206-25. Severability.

If any section or portion of a section of this rule or its applicability to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court, the remainder of the rule or the applicability of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

R590-206-26. Effective Date.

(1) Effective date. This rule is effective July 1, 2001.

(2)(a) Notice requirement for consumers who are the licensee's customers on the effective date. By July 1, 2001, a licensee shall provide an initial notice, as required by Section 5, to consumers who are the licensee's customers on July 1, 2001.

(b) Example. A licensee provides an initial notice to consumers who are its customers on July 1, 2001, if, by that date, the licensee has established a system for providing an initial notice to all new customers and has mailed the initial

notice to all the licensee's existing customers.

(3) Two-year grandfathering of service agreements. Until July 1, 2002, a contract that a licensee has entered into with a nonaffiliated third party to perform services for the licensee or functions on the licensee's behalf satisfies the provisions of Subsection R590-206-14.(1)(a)(ii) of this rule, even if the contract does not include a requirement that the third party maintain the confidentiality of nonpublic personal financial information, as long as the licensee entered into the agreement on or before July 1, 2000.

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R590. Insurance Administration.

R590-246. Professional Employer Organization (PEO) License Application Rule.

R590-246-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to the general rulemaking authority granted the insurance commissioner by Subsection 31A-2-201(3)(a) and the specific authority granted by Sections 31A-40-103 and 31A-40-302 through 31A-40-306.

R590-246-2. Purpose and Scope.

- (1) The purpose of this rule is to establish:
 - (a) a licensing process;
 - (b) license application forms; and
 - (c) other requirements which the commissioner deems necessary for the regulation of professional employer organizations.
- (2) This rule applies to all professional employer organization license applicants, all licensed professional employer organizations, and any unlicensed person doing the business of a professional employer organization in Utah.

R590-246-3. Definitions.

- (1) The definitions in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-40-102 apply to this rule.
- (2) "Fully insured" as used in 31A-40-208 means a health benefit plan for which 100% of the liability has been assumed by an insurance company or health maintenance organization authorized to conduct business in Utah.
 - (a) The health benefit plan may include a layer of financial responsibility for claims assumed by the PEO as long as the insurance company or health maintenance organization is responsible for 100% of the PEO's liability in the event of non-payment by the PEO.
 - (b) The covered individual must be entitled to make a claim for payment directly to the insurance company or health maintenance organization.
 - (c) A fully insured plan may have co-pay or deductible requirements as required by contract.

R590-246-4. Initial and Renewal Licensing Process.

- (1) All professional employer organization types must comply with the appropriate statutory requirements and complete and submit the appropriate initial or renewal license application form and any supporting documents to the commissioner.
- (2) The initial or renewal application form, and all attachments must be submitted electronically via:
 - (a) a PDF attachment to an email - the preferred method;
 - (b) an electronic facsimile; or
 - (c) Renewal applications are due September 30th of each year.
- (3)(a) Pay the initial license fee by check submitted to the address shown at the bottom of the last page of the application form www.insurance.utah.gov/insurers/ProfessionalEmployerOrganization.html. Checks not drawn on the professional employer organization must be referenced to the organization.
 - (b) Pay renewal fees in accordance with the instructions issued with the renewal invoice.
 - (4) A professional employer organization applicant that was not registered with the Division of Professional Licensing, Utah Department of Commerce prior to May 4, 2008, is a new applicant and must:
 - (a) submit a new application;
 - (b) pay the license fee by check submitted to the address on the Department's webpage at www.insurance.gov. Checks not drawn on the Professional Employer Organization must be referenced to the organization.
 - (5) Professional employer types for initial and renewal

licenses:

- (a) Professional Employer Organization - Not CERTIFIED Through An Assurance Organization.
 - (i) Comply with the requirements in Sections 31A-40-205, 31A-40-302 and 31A-40-305.
 - (ii) Complete the Professional Employer Organization - Not Certified Through An Assurance Organization license application form posted on the Department's webpage at www.insurance.utah.gov/insurers/ProfessionalEmployerOrganization.html.
 - (iii) The requirement in 31A-40-302(2)(g) will be satisfied by completing and submitting the UCAA Biographical Affidavit form posted on the Department's webpage at www.insurance.utah.gov/insurers/ProfessionalEmployerOrganization.html.
- (b) Professional Employer Organization - CERTIFIED Through An Assurance Organization.
 - (i) Comply with the requirements in Section 31A-40-303.
 - (ii) Complete the Professional Employer Organization - Certified Through An Assurance Organization license application form posted on the Department's webpage at www.insurance.utah.gov/insurers/ProfessionalEmployerOrganization.html.
 - (c) Professional Employer Organization - Small Operation License.
 - (i) Comply with the requirements in Section 31A-40-304.
 - (ii) Complete the Professional Employer Organization - Small Operation License application form posted on the Department's webpage at www.insurance.utah.gov/insurers/ProfessionalEmployerOrganization.html.
 - (d) Professional Employer Organization Group.
 - (i) Comply with the requirements in Section 31A-4-306.
 - (ii) Complete the appropriate Professional Employer Organization license application:
 - (A) Professional Employer Organization - Not Certified Through An Assurance Organization;
 - (B) Professional Employer Organization - Certified Through An Assurance Organization; or
 - (C) Professional Employer Organization - Small Operation License.

R590-246-5. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule 45 days from the rule's effective date.

R590-246-6. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, the remainder of this rule and its application to other persons and circumstances are not effected.

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	31A-40-304

R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-256. Health Benefit Plan Internet Portal Solvency Rating.****R590-256-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated by the Insurance Department pursuant to Utah Code Sections:

- (1) 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rule Making Act; and
- (2) 31A-22-635(7) which requires the Insurance Department to establish a methodology establishing a calendar year solvency rating to be posted on the internet portal.

R590-256-2. Purpose and Scope.

- (1) The purpose of this rule is to establish the methodology for determining the solvency rating for each insurer who posts a health benefit plan on the Internet portal.
- (2) The scope of this rule applies only to insurers who post a health benefit plan on the internet portal.

R590-256-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-17-601, the following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this rule:

- (1) "Insurer" means an insurer who posts a health benefit plan on the Internet portal under 63M-1-2504(2)(a).

R590-256-4. Solvency Rating Methodology.

- (1) An insurer's solvency rating shall fall within one of three tiers:
 - (a) Solvent;
 - (b) Hazardous; or
 - (c) Insolvent.
- (2) An insurer shall have a solvency rating of solvent if the insurer's annual risk based capital report demonstrates that the insurer is not in an action level event defined under Sections 31A-17-603 to 606.
- (3) An insurer shall have a solvency rating of hazardous if the insurer's annual risk based capital report demonstrates that the insurer is in an action level event defined under Sections 31A-17-603 or 604.
- (4) An insurer shall have a solvency rating of insolvent if the insurer's annual risk based capital report demonstrates that the insurer is in an action level event defined under Sections 31A-17-605 or 606.

R590-256-5. Enforcement Date.

The Commissioner will begin enforcing this rule on the effective date of this rule.

R590-256-6. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-259. Dependent Coverage to Age 26.****R590-259-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(3), 31A-2-212(5) and 31A-22-605(4).

R590-259-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to clarify marketplace rules relating to the coverage of children in the individual and group health benefit plan markets that have experienced disruption arising from implementation of federal health care reform.

(2)(a) Except as provided in R590-259-2(2)(b), this rule applies to any health insurer that provides individual or group health benefit plan coverage.

(b) Subject to R590-259-7, this rule applies to grandfathered plan coverage for individual and group health benefit plan coverage.

R590-259-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule.

(1) "Certificate of insurability" means a certificate issued to an individual by the Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool, pursuant to Subsection 31A-29-111(5)(c).

(2) "Grandfathered plan coverage" means coverage provided by a health insurer in which an individual was enrolled on March 23, 2010 for as long as it maintains that status in accordance with federal regulations.

(3) "Group health insurance coverage" means, in connection with a group health plan, health insurance coverage offered in connection with such plan.

(4) "Group health plan" means an employee welfare benefit plan as defined in section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, ERISA, to the extent that the plan provides medical care, as defined in R590-259-3(10), and including items and services paid for as medical care to employees, including both current and former employees, or their dependents as defined under the terms of the plan directly or through insurance, reimbursement, or otherwise.

(5)(a) "Health benefit plan" means a policy, contract, certificate or agreement offered by an insurer to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

(b) "Health benefit plan" includes short-term and catastrophic health insurance policies, and a policy that pays on a cost-incurred basis, except as otherwise specifically exempted in this definition.

(c) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

(i) coverage only for accident, or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof;

(ii) coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;

(iii) liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance;

(iv) workers' compensation or similar insurance;

(v) automobile medical payment insurance;

(vi) credit-only insurance;

(vii) coverage for on-site medical clinics; and

(viii) other similar insurance coverage, specified in federal regulations issued pursuant to Pub. L. No. 104-191, under which benefits for medical care are secondary or incidental to other insurance benefits.

(d) "Health benefit plan" does not include the following benefits if they are provided under a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance or are otherwise not an integral part of the plan:

(i) limited scope dental or vision benefits;

(ii) benefits for long-term care, nursing home care, home health care, community-based care, or any combination thereof;

or

(iii) other similar, limited benefits specified in federal regulations issued pursuant to Pub. L. No. 104-191.

(e) "Health benefit plan" does not include the following benefits if the benefits are provided under a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance, there is no coordination between the provision of the benefits and any exclusion of benefits under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor, and the benefits are paid with respect to an event without regard to whether benefits are provided with respect to such an event under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor:

(i) coverage only for a specified disease or illness; or

(ii) hospital indemnity or other fixed indemnity insurance.

(f) "Health benefit plan" does not include the following if offered as a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance:

(i) Medicare supplemental health insurance as defined under section 1882(g)(1) of the Social Security Act;

(ii) coverage supplemental to the coverage provided under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); or

(iii) similar supplemental coverage added to coverage under a group health plan.

(6) "Health insurer" means an insurer that offers a health benefit plan.

(7) "Individual carrier" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-30-103.

(8)(a) "Individual health insurance coverage" means health insurance coverage offered to individuals in the individual market, which includes a health benefit plan provided to individuals through a trust arrangement, association or other discretionary group that is not an employer plan, but does not include short-term limited duration insurance.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, a health insurer offering health insurance coverage in connection with a group health plan shall not be deemed to be a health insurer offering individual health insurance coverage solely because the insurer offers a conversion policy.

(9) "Individual market" means the market for health insurance coverage offered to individuals other than in connection with a group health plan.

(10) "Medical care" means amounts paid for:

(a) the diagnosis, care, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, or amounts paid for the purpose of affecting any structure or function of the body;

(b) transportation primarily for and essential to medical care referred to in R590-259-3(10)(a); and

(c) insurance covering medical care referred to in R590-259-3(10)(a) and (b).

(11) "Participant" adopts the meaning given under section 3(7) of ERISA.

(12) "Subscriber" means, in the case of individual health insurance contract, the person in whose name the contract is issued.

R590-259-4. Eligibility for Dependent Coverage to Age 26; Definition of Dependent; Uniformity of Plan Terms.

(1) A health insurer that makes available dependent coverage of children shall make that coverage available for children until attainment of 26 years of age.

(2) With respect to a child who has not attained 26 years of age, a health insurer shall not define dependent for purposes of eligibility for dependent coverage of children other than the terms of a relationship between a child and the plan participant, and, in the individual market, primary subscriber.

(3) A health insurer shall not deny or restrict coverage for a child who has not attained 26 years of age:

(a) based on the presence or absence of the child's financial dependency upon the participant, primary subscriber

or any other person, residency with the participant and in the individual market the primary subscriber, or with any other person, student status, employment or any combination of those factors; or

(b) based on eligibility for other coverage, except as provided in R590-259-7.

(4) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require a health insurer to make coverage available for the child of a child receiving dependent coverage, unless the grandparent becomes the adoptive parent of that grandchild.

(5) The terms of coverage in a health benefit plan offered by a health insurer providing dependent coverage of children cannot vary based on age except for children who are 26 years of age or older.

R590-259-5. Individuals Whose Coverage Ended by Reason of Cessation of Dependent Status - Applicability; Opportunity to Enroll; Written Notice; Effective Date.

(1) This section applies to any child:

(a) whose coverage ended, or who was denied coverage, or was not eligible for group health insurance coverage or individual health insurance coverage under a health benefit plan because, under the terms of coverage, the availability of dependent coverage of a child ended before the attainment of 26 years of age; and

(b) who becomes eligible, or is required to become eligible, for coverage on the first day of the first plan year and, in the individual market, the first day of the first policy year, beginning on or after September 23, 2010 by reason of the provisions of this section.

(2)(a) If group health insurance coverage or individual health insurance coverage, in which a child described in R590-259-5(1) is eligible to enroll, or is required to become eligible to enroll, in the coverage in which the child's coverage ended or did not begin for the reasons described in R590-259-5(1), and if the health insurer is subject to the requirements of this section the health insurer shall give the child an opportunity to enroll that continues for at least 30 days.

(b) The health insurer shall provide the opportunity to enroll, including the written notice beginning not later than the first day of the first plan year and in the individual market the first day of the first policy year, beginning on or after September 23, 2010.

(3)(a) The notice of opportunity to enroll shall include a statement that children whose coverage ended, or who were denied coverage, or were not eligible for coverage, because the availability of dependent coverage of children ended before the attainment of 26 years of age are eligible to enroll in the coverage.

(b)(i) The notice may be provided to an employee on behalf of the employee's child and, in the individual market, to the primary subscriber on behalf of the primary subscriber's child.

(ii) For group health insurance coverage:

(A) the notice may be included with other enrollment materials that the health insurer distributes to employees, provided the statement is prominent; and

(B) if a notice satisfying the requirements of this section is provided to an employee whose child is entitled to an enrollment opportunity under R590-259-5(2), the obligation to provide the notice of enrollment opportunity under R590-259-5(3) with respect to that child is satisfied.

(c) The written notice shall be provided beginning not later than the first day of the first plan year and in the individual market the first day of the first policy year, beginning on or after September 23, 2010.

(4) For an individual who enrolls under R590-259-5(2), the coverage shall take effect not later than the first day of the first plan year and, in the individual market, the first day of the

first policy year, beginning on or after September 23, 2010.

R590-259-6. Individuals Whose Coverage Ended by Reason of Cessation of Dependent Status - Group Health Plan Special Enrollee.

(1) A child enrolling in group health insurance coverage pursuant to R590-259-5 shall be treated as if the child were a special enrollee, as provided under 45 CFR Section 146.117(d).

(2)(a) The child and, if the child would not be a participant once enrolled, the participant through whom the child is otherwise eligible for coverage under the plan, shall be offered all the benefit packages available to similarly situated individuals who did not lose coverage by reason of cessation of dependent status.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, any difference in benefits or cost-sharing requirements constitutes a different benefit package.

(3) The child shall not be required to pay more for coverage than similarly situated individuals who did not lose coverage by reason of cessation of dependent status.

R590-259-7. Grandfathered Group Health Plans - Applicability.

(1) For plan years beginning before January 1, 2014, a group health plan providing group health insurance coverage that is a grandfathered plan and makes available dependent coverage of children may exclude an adult child who has not attained 26 years of age from coverage only if the adult child is eligible to enroll in an eligible employer-sponsored health benefit plan, as defined in section 5000A(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, other than the group health plan of a parent.

(2) For plan years, beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a group health plan providing group health insurance coverage that is a grandfathered plan shall comply with the requirements of R590-259-4 through 6.

R590-259-8. Enrollment Periods.

(1) An individual carrier shall offer:

(a) continuously enrollment for individuals applying for a new policy unless R590-259-9 applies; and

(b) for a dependent to be added to an existing policy:

(i) beginning May 1, 2011 and extending through June 15, 2011 for coverage effective July 1, 2011; and

(ii) at least once a year beginning 45 days prior to the policy renewal; or

(iii) continuously.

(2) During an enrollment period in R590-259-8(1), a dependent under the age of 19 shall be offered coverage on a guaranteed issue basis and without any limitations, pre-existing exclusions or riders based on health status.

(3) A health insurer shall provide prior written notice to each of its policyholders annually of the enrollment rights in R590-259-8(1)(b) that includes information as to the enrollment dates and how a dependent eligible for enrollment may apply for coverage with the insurer.

R590-259-9. Utah Alternative Mechanism Enrollment.

(1) An individual carrier shall only be required to offer coverage to an individual under age 19 if the individual first obtains a certificate of insurability from the Comprehensive High Risk Pool pursuant to Subsection 31A-30-108(3) and 31A-30-109(1), in which case, the coverage shall be offered by the carrier:

(a) on a continuous open enrollment basis; and

(b) on an underwritten basis without any limitations, pre-existing exclusions or riders based on health status.

(2) An individual carrier shall not:

(a) require a health benefit plan offered under the requirements of this section to cover more than one individual;

- (b) deny or unreasonably delay the issuance of a policy; or
- (c) refuse to issue a policy.

R590-259-10. Special Enrollment for Qualifying Events.

Nothing in this rule shall alter an applicant's ability to obtain health insurance during a special enrollment period, outside of the open enrollment period, resulting from a qualifying event as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

R590-259-11. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-259-12. Enforcement Date.

The department will begin enforcing the provisions of this rule immediately.

R590-259-13. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-261. Health Benefit Plan Adverse Benefit Determinations.****R590-261-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsection 31A-22-629(4) which requires the commissioner to adopt rules that establish standards for independent reviews, Subsection 31A-2-201(3)(a) wherein the commissioner may make rules to implement the provisions of Title 31A and 31A-2-212(5)(b) wherein the commissioner requires compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

R590-261-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to provide a uniform standard for the establishment and maintenance of an independent review procedure to assure that a claimant has the opportunity for an independent review of an adverse benefit determination.

R590-261-3. Scope.

(1) This rule applies to all health benefit plans as defined in 31A-1-301 except for a grandfathered health plan as described in 45 CFR 147.140.

(2) A grandfathered health benefit plan is subject to R590-203 or may voluntarily comply with this rule upon the written consent of the policyholder.

(3) A self-funded health plan may voluntarily comply with the independent review process set forth in this rule.

R590-261-4. Incorporation by Reference.

The following appendices are hereby incorporated by reference within this rule and are available at www.insurance.utah.gov/legalresources/currentrules.html:

(1) Appendix A, Independent Review Organization Application and Checklist, dated 2011.

(2) Appendix B, Independent Review Request Form, dated 2011

R590-261-5. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions apply for purposes of this rule:

(1)(a) "Adverse benefit determination" means, that based on the carrier's requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness of a covered benefit, the:

- (i) denial of a benefit;
- (ii) reduction of a benefit;
- (iii) termination of a benefit;
- (iv) failure to provide or make payment, in whole or part, for a benefit; or
- (v) rescission of coverage.

(b) "Adverse benefit determination" includes:

(i) denial, reduction, termination, failure to provide or make payment, or rescission that is based on a determination of an insured's eligibility to participate in a health benefit plan;

(ii) failure to provide or make payment, in whole or part, for a benefit resulting from the application of a utilization review; and

(c) failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be:

- (i) experimental;
- (ii) investigational; or
- (iii) not medically necessary or appropriate.

(2) "Carrier" means any person or entity that provides health insurance in this state including:

- (a) an insurance company;
- (b) a prepaid hospital or medical care plan;
- (c) a health maintenance organization;
- (d) a multiple employer welfare arrangement; and
- (e) any other person or entity providing a health insurance

plan under Title 31A.

(3) "Claimant" means an insured or legal representative of the insured, including a member of the insured's immediate family designated by the insured, making a claim under a policy.

(4) "Clinical reviewer" means a physician or other appropriate health care provider who:

(a) is an expert in the treatment of the claimant's medical condition that is the subject of the review

(b) is knowledgeable about the recommended health care service or treatment through recent or current actual clinical experience treating patients with the same or similar medical condition;

(c) holds an appropriate license or certification; and

(d) has no history of disciplinary actions or sanctions.

(5)(a) "Rescission" means a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage under a health benefit plan that has a retroactive effect.

(b) "Rescission" does not include a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage under a health benefit plan if the cancellation or discontinuance of coverage:

(i) has only a prospective effect; or

(ii) is effective retroactively to the extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay required premiums or contributions towards the cost of coverage.

R590-261-6. Adverse Benefit Determination Procedure Compliance.

An adverse benefit determination procedure shall be compliant with this rule and the requirements for adverse benefit determinations set forth in 29 CFR 2560.503-1 and 45 CFR 147.136.

R590-261-7. Notice of Right to Independent Review.

(1) With each notice of a final adverse benefit determination, the carrier shall provide written notice of the claimant's right for an independent review of the determination.

(2) The notice in Subsection (1) shall include the following, or substantially equivalent, statement:

"We have denied your request for the provision of or payment for a health care service or course of treatment. You may have the right to have our decision reviewed by a health care professional who has no association with us if our decision involved making a judgment as to the medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness of the health care service or treatment you requested. To receive additional information about an independent review, contact the Utah Insurance Commissioner by mail at Suite 3110 State Office Building, Salt Lake City UT 84114; by phone at 801 538-3077; or electronically at healthappeals.uid@utah.gov."

R590-261-8. Exhaustion of Internal Review Process.

The carrier's internal review process shall be exhausted prior to an independent review unless:

(1) the carrier agrees to waive the internal review process;

(2) the carrier has not complied with the requirements for the carrier's internal review process; or

(3) the claimant has requested an expedited independent review pursuant to Section 10 at the same time as requesting an expedited internal review.

R590-261-9. Independent Review Organizations.

(1) The commissioner shall compile and maintain a list of approved independent review organizations.

(2) To be considered for placement on the list of approved independent review organizations, an independent review organization shall:

(a) be accredited by a nationally recognized private accrediting entity;

- (b) meet the requirements of this rule; and
- (c) have written policies and procedures that ensure:
 - (i) that all reviews are conducted within the specified time frames;
 - (ii) the selection of qualified and impartial clinical reviewers;
 - (iii) the confidentiality of medical and treatment records and clinical review criteria; and
 - (iv) that any person employed by or under contract with the independent review organization adheres to the requirements of this rule.

(3) An applicant requesting placement on the list of approved independent review organizations shall submit for the commissioner's review:

- (a) the application form attached to this rule as Appendix A;
- (b) all documentation and information requested on the application, including proof of being accredited by a nationally recognized private accrediting entity; and
- (c) the application fee.
- (4) The commissioner shall terminate the approval of an independent review organization if the commissioner determines that the independent review organization has lost its accreditation or no longer satisfies the minimum requirements for approval.

(5)(a) An independent review organization may not own or control, or be owned or controlled by:

- (i) a carrier;
- (ii) a health benefit plan;
- (iii) a health benefit plan's fiduciary;
- (iv) an employer or sponsor of a health benefit plan;
- (v) a trade association of:
 - (A) health benefit plans;
 - (B) carriers; or
 - (C) health care providers; or
- (vi) an employee or agent of any one listed in Subsection (5)(a)(i) through (v).

(b) An independent review organization and the clinical reviewer assigned to conduct an independent review may not have a material professional, familial, or financial conflict of interest with:

- (i) the carrier;
- (ii) an officer, director, or management employee of the carrier;
- (iii) the health benefit plan;
- (iv) the plan administrator, plan fiduciaries, or plan employees;
- (v) the insured or claimant;
- (vi) the claimant's health care provider;
- (vii) the health care provider's medical group or independent practice association;
- (viii) a health care facility where the service would be provided; or
- (ix) the developer or manufacturer of the service that would be provided.

R590-261-10. Standard Independent Review.

(1) The carrier shall pay the cost of the independent review organization for conducting the independent review.

(2) The independent review of an adverse benefit determination is available to the claimant regardless of the dollar amount of the claim involved.

(3)(a) The claimant shall have 180 calendar days after the receipt of a notice of an adverse benefit determination to file a request with the commissioner for an independent review.

(b) The claimant shall use the Independent Review Request Form attached to this rule as Appendix B to file the request.

(c) A request for an independent review sent to the carrier

instead of the commissioner shall be forwarded to the commissioner by the carrier within one business day of receipt.

(4)(a) Upon receipt of a request for an independent review, the commissioner shall send a copy of the request to the carrier for a preliminary review.

(b) Within five business days following receipt of the copy of the request, the carrier shall determine whether:

(i) the individual is or was a covered person in the health benefit plan;

(ii) the health care service that is the subject of the adverse benefit determination is a covered expense;

(iii) the claimant has exhausted the carrier's internal review process; and

(iv) the claimant has provided all the information and forms required to process an independent review.

(c)(i) Within one business day after completion of the preliminary review, the carrier shall notify the commissioner and claimant in writing whether:

(A) the request is complete; and

(B) the request is eligible for independent review.

(ii) If the request:

(A) is not complete, the carrier shall inform the claimant and commissioner in writing what information or materials are needed to make the request complete; or

(B) is not eligible for independent review, the carrier shall inform the claimant and commissioner in writing the reasons for ineligibility.

(iii) If the carrier determines that the request for independent review is ineligible, the carrier's notice of ineligibility shall inform the claimant that the determination may be appealed to the commissioner.

(d)(i) The commissioner may determine that a request is eligible for independent review notwithstanding the carrier's initial determination that the request is ineligible and require that the request be referred for independent review.

(ii) In making the determination in (d)(i), the commissioner's decision shall be made in accordance with the terms of the claimant's health benefit plan and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of this rule.

(5) Upon receipt of the carrier's preliminary determination, the commissioner shall:

(a)(i) assign on a random basis an independent review organization from the list of approved independent review organizations based on the nature of the health care service that is the subject of the review;

(ii) notify the carrier of the assignment; and

(b) notify the claimant that the request has been accepted and that the claimant may submit additional information to the independent review organization within five business days of receipt of the commissioner's notification.

(5) Within 45 calendar days after receipt of the request for an independent review, the independent review organization shall provide written notice of its decision to uphold or reverse the adverse benefit determination to:

(a) the claimant;

(b) the carrier; and

(c) the commissioner.

(6) The independent review decision is binding on the carrier and claimant except to the extent that other remedies are available under federal or state law.

R590-261-11. Expedited Independent Review.

(1) An expedited independent review process shall be available if the adverse benefit determination:

(a) involves a medical condition of the claimant which would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the claimant or would jeopardize the claimant's ability to regain maximum function; or

(b) in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the

claimant's medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the adverse benefit determination.

(2) The independent review organization shall as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receipt of the request for an expedited independent review, make a decision to uphold or reverse the adverse benefit determination and notify the carrier and claimant.

R590-261-12. Independent Review of Experimental or Investigational Treatment Adverse Benefit Determinations.

(1) The claimant has 180 calendar days after the receipt of an adverse benefit determination that involves a denial of coverage based on a determination that the service or treatment recommended or requested is experimental or investigational to file a request with the commissioner for an independent review.

(2) In addition to the requirements for an independent review set forth in Sections 9 and 10, the following apply to an independent review involving experimental or investigational treatment:

(a) the request for an independent review based on experimental or investigational treatment shall be submitted with certification from the claimant's physician that:

(i) standard health care services or treatments have not been effective in improving the claimant's condition;

(ii) standard health care service or treatment is not medically appropriate for the claimant; or

(iii) there is no available standard health care service or treatment covered by the carrier that is more beneficial than the recommended or requested health care service or treatment.

(b) Within one business day after receipt of the request, the independent review organization shall select one or more clinical reviewers to conduct the review.

(c) The clinical reviewer shall provide to the independent review organization a written opinion within 20 calendar days after being selected.

(d) The independent review organization shall make a decision based on the clinical reviewer's opinion within 20 calendar days of receiving the opinion and shall notify the:

(i) claimant;

(ii) carrier; and

(iii) commissioner.

R590-261-13. Disclosure Requirements.

(1) Each carrier shall include a description of the independent review procedure in or attached to the policy and certificate, and may include a description with other evidence of coverage provided to the insured.

(2) The description required in Subsection (1) shall include a statement that informs the insured:

(a) of the right to file a request for an independent review of a final adverse benefit determination and include the contact information for the commissioner; and

(b) that an authorization to obtain medical records may be required for the purpose of reaching a decision.

R590-261-14. Records.

(1) An independent review organization shall maintain a written record of each independent review for the current year plus 5 years.

(2) The records of an independent review organization shall be available for review by the commissioner upon request.

R590-261-15. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-261-16. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner shall begin enforcing the provisions of this rule July 1, 2011.

R590-261-17. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R592. Insurance, Title and Escrow Commission.**R592-11. Title Insurance Producer Annual and Controlled Business Reports.****R592-11-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to:

(1) Section 31A-2-404(2)(a), which requires the Title and Escrow Commission (Commission) to make rules related to title insurance;

(2) Section 31A-23a-413, which requires the annual filing of a report by each title insurance producer, as defined in R592-11-3, containing a verified statement of the producer's financial condition, transactions, and affairs; and

(3) Subsection 31A-23a-503(8), which requires the annual filing of a controlled business report.

R592-11-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to establish the form and filing deadline for the Title Insurance Producer Annual Report and Controlled Business Report required by Section 31A-23a-413 and Subsection 31A-23a-503(8)(a).

(2) This rule applies to all title insurance producers as defined in R592-11-3.

R592-11-3. Definition.

For the purpose of this rule the Commission adopts the definitions as set forth in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-2-402 and the following:

(1) "Title insurance producer" includes:

(a) a title insurance agency as defined in 31A-1-301(6);

(b) an individual title producer not designated to a title insurance agency; and

(c) an attorney licensed to practice law in Utah who is also an individual title producer not designated to a title insurance agency.

R592-11-4. Title Insurance Producer Annual Report.

(1) Title insurance producers, as defined in R592-11-3, shall file a Title Insurance Producer Annual Report containing the information shown in subsection 2 below.

(2) A Title Insurance Producer Annual Report shall consist of:

(a) a balance sheet and an income and expense statement prepared and presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

(b) the name and address of each financial institution where a title or escrow trust account is maintained;

(c) unless the producer is an attorney exempted under 31A-23a-204(8), proof of financial protection that complies with Subsection 31A-23a-204(2) consisting of one or more of the following:

(i) a copy of the declarations page of a fidelity bond;

(ii) a copy of the declarations page of a professional liability insurance policy; or

(iii) a copy of the commissioner's approval of equivalent financial protection; and approved by the commissioner;

(d) the name, address, and percentage of ownership of each owner.

(3) A title insurance producer, as defined in R592-11-3, shall file a Title Insurance Producer Annual Report not later than April 30 of each year.

(4) The Title Insurance Producer Annual Report period shall be the preceding calendar year.

(5) A Title Insurance Producer Annual Report will be considered protected data if the producer submitting the report requests classification as a protected record in accordance with Sections 63G-2-305 and 63G-2-309.

R592-11-5. Controlled Business Report.

(1) A title insurance producer, as defined in R592-11-3,

shall file an annual Controlled Business Report not later than April 30 of each year.

(2) The Controlled Business Report period shall be the preceding calendar year and shall contain the information required in Subsection 31A-23a-503(8)(a).

(3) A Controlled Business Report is a public record upon filing.

R592-11-6. Electronic Filing of Title Insurance Producer Annual Report and Controlled Business Report.

(1) The Title Insurance Producer Annual Report and the Controlled Business Report shall be submitted together electronically via email to market.uid@utah.gov.

(2) The Title Insurance Producer Annual Report and the Controlled Business Report shall be submitted not later than April 30 of each year as attachments to the Title Insurance Agency Annual Reports Transmittal Form.

(3) The following report forms, which are available on the department's website, shall be used to submit the Title Insurance Producer Annual Report and the Controlled Business Report:

(a) Title Insurance Producer Annual and Controlled Business Reports Transmittal form; and

(b) Controlled Business Report form.

(4) Actual copies of the forms may be used or may be adapted to a particular word processing system, however, if adapted, the content, size, font, and format shall be similar.

R592-11-7. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R592-11-8. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule 5 days from the rule's effective date.

R592-11-9. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R602. Labor Commission, Adjudication.**R602-1. General Provisions.****R602-1-1. Time.**

A. An Order is deemed issued on the date on the face of the Order which is the date the presiding officer signs the Order.

B. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules or by applicable statute:

1. The day of the act, event, finding, or default, or the date an Order is issued, shall not be included;

2. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a state legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next working day;

3. When the period of time prescribed is less than seven days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and state legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation;

4. No additional time for mailing will be allowed.

R602-1-2. Witness Fees.

Each witness who shall appear before the Commission by its order shall receive from the Commission for his/her attendance fees and mileage as provided for witnesses by the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Otherwise, each party is required to subpoena witnesses at their own expense.

R602-1-3. Representatives at Adjudicative Proceedings.

1. Representatives who are not duly admitted and licensed to practice law in Utah shall not be allowed to appear on behalf of a party before the Adjudication Division.

2. Individuals who are parties to an adjudicative proceeding before the Adjudication Division may appear pro se.

3. Corporations who are parties to an adjudicative proceeding before the Adjudication Division shall be represented by legal counsel who are duly admitted to practice law in Utah.

4. All legal counsel who appear on behalf of a party before the Adjudication Division are required to file with the Division the electronic address to receive delivery of documents in adjudicative proceedings before the Division.

5. All legal counsel who deliver documents to the Adjudication Division on behalf of a party shall include the e-mail address of the party represented to receive delivery of documents in adjudicative proceedings before the Division. Failure to provide a party's electronic address gives the Adjudication Division consent to deliver that party's document(s) to their attorney of record.

R602-1-4. Filing of Documents.

1. Pursuant to Section 34A-1-304 and subject to the limitations and requirements of this rule, a document required or permitted by statute or rule may be delivered by electronic means. All documents filed with the administrative law judge shall be filed with all other parties to the adjudicative proceeding and shall provide verification of mailing, electronic transmittal, or service on, all parties to whom copies of the documents are mailed or personally delivered.

2. Parties shall not file courtesy copies with the Division.

3. Delivery by electronic transmittal is limited to documents in PDF format delivered to sites specified by the Adjudication Division or the Commission. Documents delivered by electronic transmittal must include signatures. Electronic documents filed in non-PDF format are not considered delivered to the Division of Adjudication.

4. Each electronically transmitted document shall include a delivery certificate that lists the time and date on which the document was transmitted, the name of the person who transmitted the document, and the name and email address of each person or entity to which the document was transmitted. If a party utilizes delivery by electronic transmittal, the

document filed must include an electronic address where the party may receive documents. The Adjudication Division and all opposing parties may use electronic transmittal as the sole method of delivery to that party.

5. The first document delivered to the Adjudication Division becomes the original document filed. Any copies of the document filed with the Adjudication Division will not be retained.

R602-1-5. Official Record.

As contemplated by Section 34A-1-302(3) the only official record of any formal or informal hearing conducted by the Division is the audio recording kept by the administrative law judge during the hearing. Any recording or record kept of a formal or informal hearing other than that kept by the administrative law judge shall not be used for any purpose requiring an official record of the proceedings as contemplate by Section 34A-1-302(3).

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R602. Labor Commission, Adjudication.**R602-2. Adjudication of Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Claims.****R602-2-1. Pleadings and Discovery.****A. Definitions.**

1. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.
2. "Division" means the Division of Adjudication within the Labor Commission.
3. "Application for Hearing" means Adjudication Form 001 Application for Hearing Industrial Accident Claim, Adjudication Form 026 Application for Hearing Occupational Disease Claim, Adjudication Form 025 Application for Dependent's Benefits and/or Burial Benefits Industrial Accident, Adjudication Form 027 Application for Dependent's Benefits Occupational Disease, or other request for agency action complying with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act Utah Code Section 63G-4-102 et seq. filed by an employer of insurance carrier regarding a workers' compensation claim.
4. "Supporting medical documentation" means Adjudication Form 113 Summary of Medical Record or other medical report or treatment note completed by a physician that indicates the presence or absence of a medical causal connection between benefits sought and the alleged industrial injury or occupational disease.
5. "Authorization to Release Medical Records" is Adjudication Form 308 Authorization to Disclose, Release and Use Protected Health Information authorizing the injured workers' medical providers to provide medical records and other medical information to the commission or a party.
6. "Supporting documents" means supporting medical documentation, Adjudication Form 307 Medical Treatment Provider List, Adjudication Form 308 Authorization to Disclose, Release and Use Protected Health Information and, when applicable, Adjudication Form 152 Appointment of Counsel.
7. "Petitioner" means the person or entity who has filed an Application for Hearing.
8. "Respondent" means the person or entity against whom the Application for Hearing was filed.
9. "Discovery motion" includes a motion to compel or a motion for protective order.
10. "Designated agent" is the agent authorized to receive all notices and orders in workers' compensation adjudications pursuant to Utah Code Section 34A-2-113. All designated agents shall provide the Adjudication Division an electronic address to receive delivery of documents from the Adjudication Division.

B. Application for Hearing.

1. Whenever a claim for compensation benefits is denied by an employer or insurance carrier, the burden rests with the injured worker, authorized representative of a deceased worker's estate, dependent of a deceased worker or medical provider, to initiate agency action by filing an appropriate Application for Hearing with the Division. Applications for hearing shall include an original, Adjudication Form 308 Authorization to Disclose, Release and Use Protected Health Information.
2. An employer, insurance carrier, or any other party with standing under the Workers' Compensation Act may obtain a hearing before the Adjudication Division by filing a request for agency action with the Division complying with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act Utah Code Section 63G-4-102 et seq.
3. All Applications for Hearing shall include supporting medical documentation of the claim where there is a dispute over medical issues. Applications for Hearing without supporting documentation and a properly completed Adjudication Form 308 Authorization to Disclose, Release and Use Protected Health Information may not be mailed to the employer or insurance carrier for answer until the appropriate

documents have been provided. In addition to respondent's answer, a respondent may file a motion to dismiss the Application for Hearing where there is no supporting medical documentation filed to demonstrate medical causation when such is at issue between the parties.

4. When an Application for Hearing with appropriate supporting documentation is filed with the Division, the Division shall forthwith mail to the respondents a copy of the Application for Hearing, supporting documents and Notice of Formal Adjudication and Order for Answer.

5. In cases where the injured worker is represented by an attorney, a completed and signed Adjudication Form 152 Appointment of Counsel form shall be filed with the Application for Hearing or upon retention of the attorney.

C. Answer.

1. The respondent(s) shall have 30 days from the date of mailing of the Order for Answer, to file a written answer to the Application for Hearing.

2. The answer shall admit or deny liability for the claim and shall state the reasons liability is denied. The answer shall state all affirmative defenses with sufficient accuracy and detail that the petitioner and the Division may be fully informed of the nature and substance of the defenses asserted.

3. All answers shall include a summary of benefits which have been paid to date on the claim, designating such payments by category, i.e. medical expenses, temporary total disability, permanent partial disability, etc.

4. When liability is denied based upon medical issues, copies of medical reports sufficient to support the denial of liability shall be filed with the answer.

5. If the answer filed by the respondents fails to sufficiently explain the basis of the denial, fails to include medical reports or records to support the denial, or contains affirmative defenses without sufficient factual detail to support the affirmative defense, the Division may strike the answer filed and order the respondent to file within 20 days, a new answer which conforms with the requirements of this rule.

6. All answers must state whether the respondent is willing to mediate the claim.

7. Petitioners are allowed to timely amend the Application for Hearing, and respondents are allowed to timely amend the answer, as newly discovered information becomes available that would warrant the amendment. The parties shall not amend their pleadings later than 45 days prior to the scheduled hearing without leave of the Administrative Law Judge.

8. Responses and answers to amended pleadings shall be filed within ten days of service of the amended pleading without further order of the Labor Commission.

D. Default.

1. If a respondent fails to file an answer as provided in Subsection C above, the Division may enter a default against the respondent.

2. If default is entered against a respondent, the Division may conduct any further proceedings necessary to take evidence and determine the issues raised by the Application for Hearing without the participation of the party in default pursuant to Section 63G-4-209(4), Utah Code.

3. A default of a respondent shall not be construed to deprive the Employer's Reinsurance Fund or Uninsured Employers' Fund of any appropriate defenses.

4. The defaulted party may file a motion to set aside the default under the procedures set forth in Section 63G-4-209(3), Utah Code. The Adjudication Division shall set aside defaults upon written and signed stipulation of all parties to the action.

E. Waiver of Hearing.

1. The parties may, with the approval of the administrative law judge, waive their right to a hearing and enter into a stipulated set of facts, which may be submitted to the administrative law judge. The administrative law judge may use

the stipulated facts, medical records and evidence in the record to make a final determination of liability or refer the matter to a Medical Panel for consideration of the medical issues pursuant to R602-2-2.

2. Stipulated facts shall include sufficient facts to address all the issues raised in the Application for Hearing and answer.

3. In cases where Medical Panel review is required, the administrative law judge may forward the evidence in the record, including but not limited to, medical records, fact stipulations, radiographs and deposition transcripts, to a medical panel for assistance in resolving the medical issues.

F. Discovery.

1. Upon filing the answer, the respondent and the petitioner may commence discovery. Discovery documents may be delivered by electronic transmittal. Discovery allowed under this rule may include interrogatories, requests for production of documents, depositions, and medical examinations. Discovery shall not include requests for admissions. Appropriate discovery under this rule shall focus on matters relevant to the claims and defenses at issue in the case. All discovery requests are deemed continuing and shall be promptly supplemented by the responding party as information comes available.

2. Without leave of the administrative law judge, or written stipulation, any party may serve upon any other party written interrogatories, not exceeding 25 in number, including all discrete subparts, to be answered by the party served. The frequency or extent of use of interrogatories, requests for production of documents, medical examinations and/or depositions shall be limited by the administrative law judge if it is determined that:

a. The discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or is obtainable from another source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive;

b. The party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity by discovery in the action to obtain the discovery sought; or

c. The discovery is unduly burdensome or expensive, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties' resources, and the importance of the issues at stake in the adjudication.

3. Upon reasonable notice, the respondent may require the petitioner to submit to a medical examination by a physician of the respondent's choice.

4. All parties may conduct depositions pursuant to the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure and Section 34A-1-308, Utah Code.

5. Requests for production of documents are allowed, but limited to matters relevant to the claims and defenses at issue in the case, and shall not include requests for documents provided with the petitioner's Application for Hearing, nor the respondents' answer.

6. Parties shall diligently pursue discovery so as not to delay the adjudication of the claim. If a hearing has been scheduled, discovery motions shall be filed no later than 45 days prior to the hearing unless leave of the administrative law judge is obtained.

7. Discovery motions shall contain copies of all relevant documents pertaining to the discovery at issue, such as mailing certificates and follow up requests for discovery. The responding party shall have 10 days from the date the discovery motion is mailed to file a response to the discovery motion.

8. Parties conducting discovery under this rule shall maintain mailing certificates and follow up letters regarding discovery to submit in the event Division intervention is necessary to complete discovery. Discovery documents shall not be filed with the Division at the time they are forwarded to opposing parties.

9. Any party who fails to obey an administrative law judge's discovery order shall be subject to the sanctions available under Rule 37, Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

G. Subpoenas.

1. Commission subpoena forms shall be used in all discovery proceedings to compel the attendance of witnesses. All subpoenas shall be signed by the administrative law judge assigned to the case, or the duty judge where the assigned judge is not available. Subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses shall be served at least 14 days prior to the hearing consistent with Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 45. Witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the party which subpoenas the witness.

2. A subpoena to produce records shall be served on the holder of the record at least 14 days prior to the date specified in the subpoena as provided in Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 45. All fees associated with the production of documents shall be paid by the party which subpoenas the record.

H. Medical Records Exhibit.

1. The parties are expected to exchange medical records during the discovery period.

2. Petitioner shall submit all relevant medical records contained in his/her possession to the respondent for the preparation of a joint medical records exhibit at least twenty (20) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

3. The respondent shall prepare a joint medical record exhibit containing all relevant medical records. The medical record exhibit shall include all relevant treatment records that tend to prove or disprove a fact in issue. Hospital nurses' notes, duplicate materials, and other non-relevant materials need not be included in the medical record exhibit.

4. The medical records shall be indexed, paginated, arranged by medical care provider in chronological order and bound. The medical records may not be filed via electronic transmittal.

5. The medical record exhibit prepared by the respondent shall be delivered to the Division and the petitioner or petitioner's counsel at least ten (10) working days prior to the hearing. Late-filed medical records may or may not be admitted at the discretion of the administrative law judge by stipulation or for good cause shown.

6. The administrative law judge may require the respondent to submit an additional copy of the joint medical record exhibit in cases referred to a medical panel.

7. The petitioner is responsible to obtain radiographs and diagnostic films for review by the medical panel. The administrative law judge shall issue subpoenas where necessary to obtain radiology films.

I. Hearing.

1. Notices of hearing shall be mailed to the addresses of record of the parties. The parties shall provide current addresses to the Division for receipt of notices or risk the entry of default and loss of the opportunity to participate at the hearing.

2. Judgment may be entered without a hearing after default is entered or upon stipulation and waiver of a hearing by the parties.

3. No later than 45 days prior to the scheduled hearing, all parties shall file a signed pretrial disclosure form that identifies: (1) fact witnesses the parties actually intend to call at the hearing; (2) expert witnesses the parties actually intend to call at the hearing; (3) language translator the parties intend to use at the hearing; (4) exhibits, including reports, the parties intend to offer in evidence at the hearing; (5) the specific benefits or relief claimed by the petitioner; (6) the specific defenses that the respondent actually intends to litigate; (7) whether, or not, a party anticipates that the case will take more than four hours of hearing time; (8) the job categories or titles the respondents claim the petitioner is capable of performing if the claim is for permanent total disability, and; (9) any other issues that the parties intend to ask the administrative law judge to adjudicate. The administrative law judge may exclude witnesses, exhibits, evidence, claims, or defenses as appropriate of any party who

fails to timely file a signed pre-trial disclosure form as set forth above. The parties shall supplement the pre-trial disclosure form with information that newly becomes available after filing the original form. The pre-trial disclosure form does not replace other discovery allowed under these rules.

4. If the petitioner requires the services of language translation during the hearing, the petitioner has the obligation of providing a person who can translate between the petitioner's native language and English during the hearing. If the respondents are dissatisfied with the proposed translator identified by the petitioner, the respondents may provide a qualified translator for the hearing at the respondent's expense.

5. The petitioner shall appear at the hearing prepared to outline the benefits sought, such as the periods for which compensation and medical benefits are sought, the amounts of unpaid medical bills, and a permanent partial disability rating, if applicable. If mileage reimbursement for travel to receive medical care is sought, the petitioner shall bring documentation of mileage, including the dates, the medical provider seen and the total mileage.

6. The respondent shall appear at the hearing prepared to address the merits of the petitioner's claim and provide evidence to support any defenses timely raised.

7. Parties are expected to be prepared to present their evidence on the date the hearing is scheduled. Requests for continuances may be granted or denied at the discretion of the administrative law judge for good cause shown. Lack of diligence in preparing for the hearing shall not constitute good cause for a continuance.

8. Subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Labor Commission, the evidentiary record shall be deemed closed at the conclusion of the hearing, and no additional evidence will be accepted without leave of the administrative law judge.

J. Motions-Time to Respond.

Responses to all motions other than discovery motions shall be filed within ten (10) days from the date the motion was filed with the Division. Reply memoranda shall be filed within seven (7) days from the date a response was filed with the Division.

K. Notices.

1. Orders and notices mailed by the Division to the last address of record provided by a party are deemed served on that party.

2. Where an attorney appears on behalf of a party, notice of an action by the Division served on the attorney is considered notice to the party represented by the attorney.

L. Form of Decisions.

Decisions of the presiding officer in any adjudicative proceeding shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 63G-4-203 or 63G-4-208, Utah Code.

M. Motions for Review.

1. Any party to an adjudicative proceeding may obtain review of an Order issued by an Administrative Law Judge by filing a written request for review with the Adjudication Division in accordance with the provisions of Section 63G-4-301 and Section 34A-1-303, Utah Code. Unless a request for review is properly filed, the Administrative Law Judge's Order is the final order of the Commission. If a request for review is filed, other parties to the adjudicative proceeding may file a response within 20 calendar days of the date the request for review was filed. If such a response is filed, the party filing the original request for review may reply within 10 calendar days of the date the response was filed. Thereafter the Administrative Law Judge shall:

a. Reopen the case and enter a Supplemental Order after holding such further hearing and receiving such further evidence as may be deemed necessary;

b. Amend or modify the prior Order by a Supplemental Order; or

c. Refer the entire case for review under Section 34A-2-801, Utah Code.

2. If the Administrative Law Judge enters a Supplemental Order, as provided in this subsection, it shall be final unless a request for review of the same is filed.

N. Procedural Rules.

In formal adjudicative proceedings, the Division shall generally follow the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure regarding discovery and the issuance of subpoenas, except as the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure are modified by the express provisions of Section 34A-2-802, Utah Code or as may be otherwise modified by these rules.

O. Requests for Reconsideration and Petitions for Judicial Review.

A request for reconsideration of an Order on Motion for Review may be allowed and shall be governed by the provisions of Section 63G-4-302, Utah Code. Any petition for judicial review of final agency action shall be governed by the provisions of Section 63G-4-401, Utah Code.

R602-2-2. Guidelines for Utilization of Medical Panel.

Pursuant to Section 34A-2-601, the Commission adopts the following guidelines in determining the necessity of submitting a case to a medical panel:

A. A panel will be utilized by the Administrative Law Judge where one or more significant medical issues may be involved. Generally a significant medical issue must be shown by conflicting medical reports. Significant medical issues are involved when there are:

1. Conflicting medical opinions related to causation of the injury or disease;

2. Conflicting medical opinion of permanent physical impairment which vary more than 5% of the whole person,

3. Conflicting medical opinions as to the temporary total cutoff date which vary more than 90 days;

4. Conflicting medical opinions related to a claim of permanent total disability, and/or

5. Medical expenses in controversy amounting to more than \$10,000.

B. A hearing on objections to the panel report may be scheduled if there is a proffer of conflicting medical testimony showing a need to clarify the medical panel report. Where there is a proffer of new written conflicting medical evidence, the Administrative Law Judge may, in lieu of a hearing, re-submit the new evidence to the panel for consideration and clarification.

C. Any expenses of the study and report of a medical panel or medical consultant and of their appearance at a hearing, as well as any expenses for further medical examination or evaluation, as directed by the Administrative Law Judge, shall be paid from the Uninsured Employers' Fund, as directed by Section 34A-2-601.

R602-2-3. Compensation for Medical Panel Services.

Compensation for medical panel services, including records review, examination, report preparation and testimony, shall be \$125 per half hour for medical panel members and \$137.50 per half hour for the medical panel chair.

R602-2-4. Attorney Fees.

A. Pursuant to Section 34A-1-309, the Commission adopts the following rule to regulate and fix reasonable fees for attorneys representing applicants in workers' compensation or occupational illness claims.

1. This rule applies to all fees awarded after July 1, 2007.

2. Fees awarded prior to the effective date of this rule are determined according to the prior version of this rule in effect on the date of the award.

B. Upon written agreement, when an attorney's services

are limited to consultation, document preparation, document review, or review of settlement proposals, the attorney may charge the applicant an hourly fee of not more than \$125 for time actually spent in providing such services, up to a maximum of four hours.

1. Commission approval is not required for attorneys fees charged under this subsection B. It is the applicant's responsibility to pay attorneys fees permitted by this subsection B.

2. In all other cases involving payment of applicants' attorneys fees which are not covered by this subsection B., the entire amount of such attorneys fees are subject to subsection C. or D. of this rule.

C. Except for legal services compensated under subsection B. of this rule, all legal services provided to applicants shall be compensated on a contingent fee basis.

1. For purposes of this subsection C., the following definitions and limitations apply:

a. The term "benefits" includes only death or disability compensation and interest accrued thereon.

b. Benefits are "generated" when paid as a result of legal services rendered after Adjudication Form 152 Appointment of Counsel form is signed by the applicant. A copy of this form must be filed with the Commission by the applicant's attorney.

c. In no case shall an attorney collect fees calculated on more than the first 312 weeks of any and all combinations of workers' compensation benefits.

2. Fees and costs authorized by this subsection shall be deducted from the applicant's benefits and paid directly to the attorney on order of the Commission. A retainer in advance of a Commission approved fee is not allowed.

3. Attorney fees for benefits generated by the attorney's services shall be computed as follows:

a. For all legal services rendered through final Commission action, the fee shall be 25% of weekly benefits generated for the first \$25,000, plus 20% of the weekly benefits generated in excess of \$25,000 but not exceeding \$50,000, plus 10% of the weekly benefits generated in excess of \$50,000, to a maximum of \$15,250.

b. For legal services rendered in prosecuting or defending an appeal before the Utah Court of Appeals, an attorney's fee shall be awarded amounting to 30% of the benefits in dispute before the Court of Appeals. This amount shall be added to any attorney's fee awarded under subsection C.3.a. for benefits not in dispute before the Court of Appeals. The total amount of fees awarded under subsection C.3.a. and this subsection C.3.b. shall not exceed \$22,000;

c. For legal services rendered in prosecuting or defending an appeal before the Utah Supreme Court, an attorney's fee shall be awarded amounting to 35% of the benefits in dispute before the Supreme Court. This amount shall be added to any attorney's fee awarded under subsection C.3.a. and subsection C.3.b. for benefits not in dispute before the Supreme Court. The total amount of fees awarded under subsection C.3.a, subsection C.3.b. and this subsection C.3.c shall not exceed \$27,000.

D. The following expenses, fees and costs shall be presumed to be reasonable and necessary and therefore reimbursable in a workers compensation claim:

1. Medical records and opinion costs;
2. Deposition transcription costs;
3. Vocational and Medical Expert Witness fees;
4. Hearing transcription costs;
5. Appellate filing fees; and
6. Appellate briefing expenses.

F. Other reasonable expenses, fees and costs may be awarded as reimbursable as the Commission may in its discretion decides in a particular workers compensation claim.

E. In "medical only" cases in which awards of attorneys' fees are authorized by Subsection 34A-1-309(4), the amount of

such fees and costs shall be computed according to the provisions of subsection C and D.

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R602. Labor Commission, Adjudication.**R602-4. Procedures for Termination of Temporary Total Disability Compensation Pursuant to Reemployment Under Section 34A-2-410.5.****R602-4-1. Purpose, Authority and Scope.**

Section 34A-2-410.5 allows an employer or its insurance carrier ("employer" hereafter) to request Labor Commission permission to reduce or terminate an employee's temporary disability compensation. Under authority of section 34A-2-410.5(7), the Commission establishes these rules to govern the adjudication of such requests. This rule supersedes the provisions of R602-2, R602-3, and R602-5 as to any actions brought pursuant to section 34A-2-410.5.

R602-4-2. Commission Permission Required.

An employer shall not terminate or reduce an employee's temporary disability compensation pursuant to section 34A-2-410.5 prior to issuance of a final order by the Commission ordering the reduction or termination.

R602-4-3. Mediation.

Prior to filing a request to terminate or reduce temporary disability compensation pursuant to section 34A-2-410.5, the parties are encouraged to request assistance from the Mediation Unit of the Commission's Industrial Accidents Division.

R602-4-4. Pleadings and Discovery.**A. Definitions.**

1. "Application" means an Application for Hearing for Termination or Reduction of Compensation (Adjudication Form 402), all supporting documents, proof of service and Notice of Request for Termination or Reduction of Compensation (Adjudication Form 404) which together constitute the request for agency action regarding termination or reduction of benefits pursuant to Section 34A-2-410.5.

2. "Supporting medical documentation" means any medical provider's report or treatment note that addresses the employee's medical condition or functional restrictions.

3. "Supporting documents" means supporting medical documentation. Persons with Knowledge List (Adjudication Form 403), any documents related to reasons for the requested termination or reduction, and any documents describing the employee's work duties.

4. "Proof of Service" means any of the following: 1) the employee's signed and dated acceptance of service of the Application and all supporting documents; 2) a certificate of service of the Application and all supporting documents signed by the employer or insurer's counsel and accompanied by a return receipt signed by the employee; or 3) a return of service showing personal service of the Application and all supporting documents on the employee according to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 4(d)(1).

5. "persons with Knowledge List" (Adjudication Form 403) means a party's list of all persons who have material knowledge regarding the reasons for the request to terminate or reduce compensation. The list must specify the full name of the person, a summary of the knowledge possessed by the person, and a statement whether the party will produce the person as a witness at hearing.

6. "Notice of Request for Termination or Reduction of Compensation" means Adjudication Form 404.

7. "Petitioner" means the employer who has filed an Application for Hearing.

8. "Respondent" means the employee against whom the Application for Hearing was filed.

B. Application for Hearings.

1. An employer may request Commission approval to terminate or reduce an employee's temporary disability compensation under section 34A-2-410.5 by filing an

Application with the Commission' Adjudication Division.

2. An Application is not deemed filed with the Division until the employer submits a completed Application with all required documentation.

C. Discovery.

1. At least 15 days prior to a hearing on an Application, each party shall mail or otherwise serve on the opposing party a list of all witnesses that party will produce at the hearing. Because it is presumed that the employee will appear at the hearing, the employee is not required to list himself or herself on the list. The employer will also mail to or otherwise serve on the employee a copy of all exhibits the employer intends to submit at the hearing.

2. Testimony of witnesses and exhibits not disclosed as required by this Rule shall not be admitted into evidence at the hearing. A party's failure to subpoena or otherwise produce an individual previously identified by that party as an intended witness may give rise to an inference that the individual's testimony would have been adverse to the party failing to produce the witness.

3. Other than disclosures required by this rule and voluntary exchanges of information, the parties may not engage in any other discovery procedures.

4. Subpoenas may be used only to compel attendance of witnesses at hearing, and not for obtaining documents or compelling attendance at depositions. All subpoenas shall be signed by an administrative law judge.

D. Defaults and Motions.

1. Defaults in proceedings under Section 34A-2-410.5 shall only be issued at the time of hearing based on nonattendance of a party at the hearing.

2. Motions will only be considered at the time of hearing.

E. Hearings.**1. Scheduling and Notice.**

A hearing will be held within 30 days after an Application is filed with the Commission's Adjudication Division. The Division will send notice of hearings to the addresses of the employer and employee set forth on the Application. A party must immediately notify the Division of any change or correction of the addresses listed on the Application. The Division will also mail notice to the address of any party's attorney as disclosed on the Application or by an Appearance of counsel filed with the Division. Notice by the Division to a party's attorney is considered notice to the party itself.

2. Hearings.

Each hearing pursuant to section 34A-2-410.5 shall be conducted by an administrative law judge as a formal evidentiary hearing. The evidentiary record shall be deemed closed at the conclusion of the hearing, and no additional evidence will be accepted thereafter. After hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision within 45 days from the date the Application was filed.

F. Motions for Review.

Commission review of an administrative law judge's decision is subject to the provisions of section 63G-4-301, section 34A-1-1-303, and R602-2-1(M).

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R602. Labor Commission, Adjudication.
R602-7. Adjudication of Discrimination Claims.
R602-7-1. Statutory Authority.

Section 34A-5-107(5)(c) provides a right for a person filing a charge of discrimination with the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division to file a written request to the Division of Adjudication for an evidentiary hearing to review de novo a determination and order issued by the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division. Section 34A-5-107(13) authorizes the Labor Commission to establish rules governing these proceedings.

R602-7-2. Applicability of Rule.

The provisions of R602-7 pertaining to requests for hearing pursuant Section 34A-5-107 (5) (c) supersede the Administrative Rules contained in R602-2, R602-3, R602-4, R602-5, R602-6 and R602-8 as to any actions brought pursuant to Section 34A-5-107 (5) (c).

R602-7-3. Adjudication of Actions Commenced Pursuant to Section 34A-5-107(5)(c).

1. Pleadings and Discovery.

a. Definitions.

i. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.

ii. "Division" means the Division of Adjudication within the Labor Commission.

iii. "Request for De Novo Review" pursuant to Section 34A-5-107(5)(c) means a written request filed with the Commission and directed to the Division requesting de novo review of a specific Determination and Order issued by the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division and shall include the following:

A. the name, mailing address, electronic address and telephone number of the party seeking de novo review and of their attorney, if applicable.

B. the name, mailing address, electronic address and telephone number of the opposing parties and of their attorney if applicable.

C. the date the Determination and Order was issued by the Utah Antidiscrimination Division.

D. a request for relief, specifying the type and extent of relief requested, and a statement of facts supporting the requested relief.

iv. "Petitioner" means the charging party in the original case resulting in the Determination and Order issued by the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division.

v. "Respondent" means the respondent in the original case resulting in the Determination and Order issued by the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division.

b. Scheduling Conference and Order.

Upon receipt of the Request for De Novo Review the Division may schedule a scheduling conference to be attended by the parties and, where required by R602-1-3.1, their attorneys. The Division will issue a Scheduling Order containing deadlines and requirements for the filing of Petitioner's Statement, deadlines and requirements for the filing of Respondent's Answer, discovery deadlines, motion deadlines and any other deadlines deemed appropriate for the orderly administration of the case as determined by the administrative law judge assigned to the case.

c. Respondent's Answer.

The Respondent's Answer shall include:

i. the name, mailing address, electronic address and telephone number of the party;

ii. the Adjudication Division's file number;

iii. the name of the adjudicative proceeding;

iv. an admission or denial of the specific facts alleged by the Petitioner.

v. any affirmative defenses relied on by the Respondent

and specific facts in support of the affirmative defenses.

vi. a statement summarizing the reasons that the relief requested by the Petitioner should be denied.

vii. the signature of the person filing Respondent's Answer.

d. Discovery.

i.(A) Required disclosures; Discovery methods.

1. Initial disclosures. Except in cases exempt under subdivision (c)(i)(A)(II) and except as otherwise stipulated or directed by order, a party shall, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to other parties:

Aa. the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information supporting its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment, identifying the subjects of the information;

Bb. a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all discoverable documents, data compilations, electronically stored information, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party supporting its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment;

Cc. a computation of any category of damages claimed by the disclosing party, making available for inspection and copying all discoverable documents or other evidentiary material on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered; and

Dd. Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or ordered by the administrative law judge, the disclosures required by subdivision (c)(i)(A)(I) shall be made within 14 days after the disclosure meeting of the parties under subdivision (c)(i)(E). A party shall make initial disclosures based on the information then reasonably available and is not excused from making disclosures because the party has not fully completed the investigation of the case or because the party challenges the sufficiency of another party's disclosures or because another party has not made disclosures.

II. Disclosure of expert testimony.

Aa. A party shall disclose to other parties the identity of any person who may be used at hearing to present expert opinion evidence.

Bb. Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or ordered by the administrative law judge, this disclosure shall, with respect to a witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony, be accompanied by a written report prepared and signed by the witness or party. The report shall contain the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify; the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify; a summary of the grounds for each opinion; the qualifications of the witness.

III. Prehearing disclosures. A party shall provide to other parties the following information regarding the evidence that it may present at hearing other than solely for impeachment:

Aa. the name and, if not previously provided, the address and telephone number of each witness, separately identifying witnesses the party expects to present and witnesses the party may call if the need arises;

Bb. an appropriate identification of each document or other exhibit, including summaries of other evidence, separately identifying those which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises.

Cc. Disclosures required by subdivision (c)(i)(A)(III) shall be made at least 30 days before hearing.

IV. Form of disclosures and other discovery. Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or ordered by the administrative law judge, all disclosures and discovery shall be made in writing, signed and served. Discovery and disclosure documents may be delivered by electronic means.

V. Methods to discover additional matter. Parties may obtain discovery by one or more of the following methods: depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents or things or permission to enter upon land or other property, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission.

B. Discovery scope and limits. Unless otherwise limited by order of the administrative law judge in accordance with these rules, the scope of discovery is as follows:

I. In general. Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the hearing if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

II. A party need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the party identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. The party shall expressly make any claim that the source is not reasonably accessible, describing the source, the nature and extent of the burden, the nature of the information not provided, and any other information that will enable other parties to assess the claim. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the party from whom discovery is sought must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the administrative law judge may order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of subsection (c)(i)(B)(III). The administrative law judge may specify conditions for the discovery.

III. Limitations. The frequency or extent of use of the discovery methods set forth in Subdivision (c)(i)(A)(V) shall be limited by the administrative law judge if it determines that:

Aa. the discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or is obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive;

Bb. the party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity by discovery in the action to obtain the information sought; or

Cc. the discovery is unduly burdensome or expensive, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties' resources, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation. The administrative law judge may act upon his or her own initiative after reasonable notice or pursuant to a motion under Subdivision (c)(i)(C).

IV. Hearing preparation: Materials.

(Aa) Subject to the provisions of Subdivision (c)(i)(B)(V) of this rule, a party may obtain discovery of documents and tangible things otherwise discoverable under Subdivision (c)(i)(B)(I) of this rule and prepared in anticipation of litigation or for hearing by or for another party or by or for that other party's representative (including the party's attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent) only upon a showing that the party seeking discovery has substantial need of the materials in the preparation of the case and that the party is unable without undue hardship to obtain the substantial equivalent of the materials by other means. In ordering discovery of such materials when the required showing has been made, the administrative law judge shall protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a party concerning the litigation.

Bb. A party may obtain without the required showing a

statement concerning the action or its subject matter previously made by that party. Upon request, a person not a party may obtain without the required showing a statement concerning the action or its subject matter previously made by that person. If the request is refused, the person may move for an order. The provisions of Rule 37(a)(4) U. R. C.P. apply to the award of expenses incurred in relation to the motion. For purposes of this paragraph, a statement previously made is (a) a written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person making it, or (b) a stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement by the person making it and contemporaneously recorded.

V. Hearing preparation: Experts.

A party may depose any person who has been identified as an expert whose opinions may be presented at hearing.

VI. Claims of Privilege or Protection of Hearing Preparation Materials.

Aa. Information withheld. When a party withholds information otherwise discoverable under these rules by claiming that it is privileged or subject to protection as hearing preparation material, the party shall make the claim expressly and shall describe the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced or disclosed in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection.

Bb. Information produced. If information is produced in discovery that is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as hearing-preparation material, the party making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has and may not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved. A receiving party may promptly present the information to the administrative law judge under seal for a determination of the claim. If the receiving party disclosed the information before being notified, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve it. The producing party must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

C. Protective orders. Upon motion by a party or by the person from whom discovery is sought, accompanied by a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without action by the administrative law judge, and for good cause shown, the administrative law judge may make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense, including one or more of the following:

I. that the discovery not be had;

II. that the discovery may be had only on specified terms and conditions, including a designation of the time or place;

III. that the discovery may be had only by a method of discovery other than that selected by the party seeking discovery;

IV. that certain matters not be inquired into, or that the scope of the discovery be limited to certain matters;

V. If the motion for a protective order is denied in whole or in part, the administrative law judge may, on such terms and conditions as are just, order that any party or person provide or permit discovery. The provisions of Rule 37(a)(4) U. R. C. P. apply to the award of expenses incurred in relation to the motion.

D. Supplementation of responses. A party who has made a disclosure or responded to a request for discovery with a response is under a duty to supplement the disclosure or response to include information thereafter acquired if ordered by the administrative law judge or in the following circumstances:

I. A party is under a duty to supplement at appropriate

intervals disclosures if the party learns that in some material respect the information disclosed is incomplete or incorrect and if the additional or corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the other parties during the discovery process or in writing. With respect to testimony of an expert from whom a report is required the duty extends both to information contained in the report and to information provided through a deposition of the expert.

II. A party is under a duty reasonably to amend a prior response to an interrogatory, request for production, or request for admission if the party learns that the response is in some material respect incomplete or incorrect and if the additional or corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the other parties during the discovery process or in writing.

E. Disclosure Meeting. The following applies to all cases.

I. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the scheduling order the parties shall meet in person or by telephone to discuss the nature and basis of their claims and defenses, to discuss the possibilities for settlement of the action, to make or arrange for the disclosures required by this rule, to discuss any issues relating to preserving discoverable information and to develop a stipulated discovery plan. Respondent's counsel shall schedule the meeting. The attorneys of record shall be present at the meeting and shall attempt in good faith to agree upon the disclosure plan.

II. The plan shall include:

Aa. what changes should be made in the form or requirement for disclosures under subdivision (c)(i)(A);

Bb. the subjects on which discovery may be needed;

Cc. any issues relating to preservation, disclosure or discovery of electronically stored information, including the form or forms in which it should be produced;

Dd. any issues relating to claims of privilege or of protection as hearing-preparation material;

III. The discovery plan of the parties shall only be filed with the Division as an attachment to any discovery motion.

F. Signing of discovery requests, responses, and objections.

I. Every request for discovery or response or objection thereto made by a party shall be signed by at least one attorney of record or by the party if the party is not represented, whose address shall be stated. The signature of the attorney or party constitutes a certification that the person has read the request, response, or objection and that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry it is: (1) consistent with these rules and warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law; (2) not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation; and (3) not unreasonable or unduly burdensome or expensive, given the needs of the case, the discovery already had in the case, the amount in controversy, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation. If a request, response, or objection is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the party making the request, response, or objection, and a party shall not be obligated to take any action with respect to it until it is signed.

II. If a certification is made in violation of the rule, the administrative law judge, upon motion or upon his or her own initiative, shall impose upon the person who made the certification, the party on whose behalf the request, response, or objection is made, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the violation, including a reasonable attorney fee.

G. Filing. A party shall only file disclosures or requests for discovery with the Division as an exhibit to a discovery motion.

ii. Subpoenas.

Subpoenas may only be issued by the administrative law judge assigned to the case or the presiding judge if the assigned administrative law judge is unavailable. Commission subpoena forms shall be used in all discovery proceedings. Subpoenas shall be issued at least seven business days prior to a scheduled hearing or appearance unless good cause is shown for a shorter period. Witness fees and costs shall be paid by the party requesting the subpoena pursuant to Utah Code Section 34A-1-302(c).

iii. Parties conducting discovery under this rule shall maintain mailing certificates and follow up letters regarding discovery to submit in the event Division intervention is necessary to complete discovery. Discovery documents shall not be filed with the Division at the time they are forwarded to opposing parties.

iv. Sanctions. Any party who fails to obey an administrative law judge's discovery order shall be subject to the sanctions available under Rule 37, Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

d. Notices

i. Orders and notices mailed by the Division to the last address of record provided by a party is deemed served on that party.

ii. Where an attorney appears on behalf of a party, notice of an action by the Division served on the attorney is considered notice to the party represented by the attorney.

2. Motions - Time to Respond.

Unless otherwise provided by statute or the Administrative Law Judge, responses to all motions shall be filed within ten (10) days from the date the motion was filed with the Adjudication Division.

R602-7-4. Hearings.

1. Evidentiary hearings shall be conducted formally in accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-4-206. The petitioner shall have the burden of proving the claim of discrimination by a preponderance of evidence. After the close of the proceedings, the administrative law judge will issue an order pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-208 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4.

2. In those cases where the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division in its Determination and Order made a reasonable cause finding, the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division shall be given an opportunity at the evidentiary hearing to briefly outline the basis of its Determination. The presentation by the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division shall not be considered evidence by the administrative law judge in issuing an order.

R602-7-5. Motions for Review.

1. Any party to an adjudicative proceeding may obtain review of an Order issued by an administrative law judge by filing a written request for review with the Division in accordance with the provisions of Utah Code Subsection 34A-5-107 (11), 63G-4-301 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4. Unless a request for review is properly filed, the administrative law judge's order is the final order of the Commission. If a request for review is filed, other parties to the adjudicative proceeding may file a response within 20 calendar days of the date the request for review was filed. Thereafter, the administrative law judge shall:

a. Reopen the case and enter a Supplemental Order after holding such further hearing and receiving such further evidence as may be deemed necessary;

b. Amend or modify the prior order by a Supplemental Order, or

c. Refer the entire case for review.

2. If the administrative law judge enters a Supplemental

Order, as provided in this subsection, it shall be final unless a request for review of the same is filed.

R602-7-6. Request for Reconsideration.

A request for reconsideration of an Order on Motion for Review may be allowed and shall be governed by the provision of Utah Code Section 63G-4-302. Any petition for judicial review of final agency action shall be governed by the provisions of Utah Code Section 63G-4-401 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4.

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R602. Labor Commission, Adjudication.**R602-8. Adjudication of Utah Occupational Safety and Health Citation Claims.****R602-8-1. Statutory Authority.**

Section 34A-6-105, Section 34A-6-303 and Section 34A-6-304 provide that an administrative law judge from the Division of Adjudication shall hear and determine timely filed contests of citations issued by Utah Occupational Safety and Health. Sections 34A-1-304, 34A-6-104(1)(c) and 34A-6-301(7)(a) authorize the Labor Commission to promulgate rules governing these proceedings.

R602-8-2. Applicability of Rule.

The provisions of R602-8 pertaining to requests for hearing pursuant to Section 34A-6-105, Section 34A-6-303 and Section 34A-6-304 supersede the Administrative Rules contained in R602-2, R602-3, R602-4, R602-5, R602-6 and R602-7 as to any actions brought pursuant to Section 34A-6-105, Section 34A-6-303 and Section 34A-6-304.

R602-8-3. Adjudication of Actions Commenced Pursuant to Section 34A-6-105, Section 34A-6-303 and Section 34A-6-304.

- I. Pleadings and Discovery.
 - a. Definitions.
 - i. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.
 - ii. "Division" means the Division of Adjudication within the Labor Commission.
 - iii. "Notice of Contest" pursuant to Section 34A-6-303 means a written request filed with the Commission and directed to the Division requesting an evidentiary hearing on a citation issued by the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division and shall include the following:
 - A. the name, mailing address, electronic address and telephone number of the party filing the Notice of Contest and that of their attorney, if applicable.
 - B. the date and number of the citation issued by the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division.
 - C. An admission or denial of the specific facts alleged in support of each violation alleged in the citation and a statement of agreement or disagreement with each proposed penalty set forth in the citation.
 - D. Any affirmative defenses relied on by the cited party and specific facts in support of the affirmative defenses.
 - E. A request for relief, specifying the type and extent of relief requested, and a statement of facts supporting the requested relief.
 - F. A statement requesting or declining an informal conference with the Administrator of Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division.
 - iv. "Petitioner" means Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division.
 - v. "Respondent" means the person or entity cited by Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division.
 - b. Scheduling Conference and Order.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Contest the Division may schedule a scheduling conference to be attended by the parties and, where required by R602-1-3.1, their attorneys. The Division will issue a Scheduling Order containing deadlines and requirements for the litigation including discovery deadlines, motion deadlines and any other deadlines deemed appropriate for the orderly administration of the case as determined by the administrative law judge assigned to the case.

 - c. Discovery.
 - i.(A) Required disclosures; Discovery methods.
 - I. Initial disclosures. Except in cases exempt under subdivision (c)(i)(A)(II) and except as otherwise stipulated or directed by order, a party shall, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to other parties:
 - Aa. the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information supporting its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment, identifying the subjects of the information;
 - Bb. a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all discoverable documents, data compilations, electronically stored information, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party supporting its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment;
 - Cc. a computation of any category of fines or penalties claimed by the disclosing party, making available for inspection and copying all discoverable documents or other evidentiary material on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered; and
 - Dd. The disclosures required by subdivision (c)(i)(A)(I) shall be made within 14 days after the disclosure meeting of the parties under subdivision (c)(i)(E). A party shall make initial disclosures based on the information then reasonably available and is not excused from making disclosures because the party has not fully completed the investigation of the case or because the party challenges the sufficiency of another party's disclosures or because another party has not made disclosures.
 - II. Disclosure of expert testimony.
 - Aa. A party shall disclose to other parties the identity of any person who may be used at hearing to present expert opinion evidence.
 - Bb. Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or ordered by the Administrative law judge, this disclosure shall, with respect to a witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony, be accompanied by a written report prepared and signed by the witness or party. The report shall contain the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify; the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify; a summary of the grounds for each opinion; the qualifications of the witness.
 - III. Prehearing disclosures. A party shall provide to other parties the following information regarding the evidence that it may present at hearing other than solely for impeachment:
 - Aa. the name and, if not previously provided, the address and telephone number of each witness, separately identifying witnesses the party expects to present and witnesses the party may call if the need arises;
 - Bb. an appropriate identification of each document or other exhibit, including summaries of other evidence, separately identifying those which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises.
 - Cc. Disclosures required by subdivision (c)(i)(A)(III) shall be made at least 30 days before hearing.
 - IV. Form of disclosures and other discovery. Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or ordered by the administrative law judge, all disclosures and discovery shall be made in writing, signed and served. Discovery and disclosure documents may be delivered by electronic means.
 - V. Methods to discover additional matter. Parties may obtain discovery by one or more of the following methods: depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents or things or permission to enter upon land or other property, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission.
 - B. Discovery scope and limits. Unless otherwise limited by order of the administrative law judge in accordance with these rules, the scope of discovery is as follows:
 - I. In general. Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or

defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the hearing if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

II. A party need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the party identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. The party shall expressly make any claim that the source is not reasonably accessible, describing the source, the nature and extent of the burden, the nature of the information not provided, and any other information that will enable other parties to assess the claim. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the party from whom discovery is sought must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the administrative law judge may order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of subsection (c)(i)(B)(III). The administrative law judge may specify conditions for the discovery.

III. Limitations. The frequency or extent of use of the discovery methods set forth in Subdivision (c)(i)(A)(V) shall be limited by the administrative law judge if it determines that:

Aa. the discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or is obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive;

Bb. the party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity by discovery in the action to obtain the information sought; or

Cc. the discovery is unduly burdensome or expensive, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties' resources, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation. The administrative law judge may act upon his or her own initiative after reasonable notice or pursuant to a motion under Subdivision (c)(i)(C).

IV. Hearing preparation: Materials.

Aa. Subject to the provisions of Subdivision (c)(i)(B)(V) of this rule, a party may obtain discovery of documents and tangible things otherwise discoverable under Subdivision (c)(i)(B)(I) of this rule and prepared in anticipation of litigation or for hearing by or for another party or by or for that other party's representative (including the party's attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent) only upon a showing that the party seeking discovery has substantial need of the materials in the preparation of the case and that the party is unable without undue hardship to obtain the substantial equivalent of the materials by other means. In ordering discovery of such materials when the required showing has been made, the administrative law judge shall protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a party concerning the litigation.

Bb. A party may obtain without the required showing a statement concerning the action or its subject matter previously made by that party. Upon request, a person not a party may obtain without the required showing a statement concerning the action or its subject matter previously made by that person. If the request is refused, the person may move for an order. The provisions of Rule 37(a)(4) U. R. C. P. apply to the award of expenses incurred in relation to the motion. For purposes of this paragraph, a statement previously made is (a) a written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person making it, or (b) a stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement by the person making it and contemporaneously recorded.

V. Hearing preparation: Experts.

Aa. A party may depose any person who has been identified as an expert whose opinions may be presented at hearing.

VI. Claims of Privilege or Protection of Hearing Preparation Materials.

Aa. Information withheld. When a party withholds information otherwise discoverable under these rules by claiming that it is privileged or subject to protection as hearing preparation material, the party shall make the claim expressly and shall describe the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced or disclosed in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection.

Bb. Information produced. If information is produced in discovery that is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as hearing-preparation material, the party making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has and may not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved. A receiving party may promptly present the information to the administrative law judge under seal for a determination of the claim. If the receiving party disclosed the information before being notified, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve it. The producing party must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

C. Protective orders. Upon motion by a party or by the person from whom discovery is sought, accompanied by a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without action by the administrative law judge, and for good cause shown, the administrative law judge may make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense, including one or more of the following:

I. that the discovery not be had;

II. that the discovery may be had only on specified terms and conditions, including a designation of the time or place;

III. that the discovery may be had only by a method of discovery other than that selected by the party seeking discovery;

IV. that certain matters not be inquired into, or that the scope of the discovery be limited to certain matters;

V. If the motion for a protective order is denied in whole or in part, the administrative law judge may, on such terms and conditions as are just, order that any party or person provide or permit discovery. The provisions of Rule 37(a)(4) U. R. C. P. apply to the award of expenses incurred in relation to the motion.

D. Supplementation of responses. A party who has made a disclosure or responded to a request for discovery with a response is under a duty to supplement the disclosure or response to include information thereafter acquired if ordered by the administrative law judge or in the following circumstances:

I. A party is under a duty to supplement at appropriate intervals disclosures if the party learns that in some material respect the information disclosed is incomplete or incorrect and if the additional or corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the other parties during the discovery process or in writing. With respect to testimony of an expert from whom a report is required the duty extends both to information contained in the report and to information provided through a deposition of the expert.

II. A party is under a duty reasonably to amend a prior response to an interrogatory, request for production, or request for admission if the party learns that the response is in some material respect incomplete or incorrect and if the additional or

corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the other parties during the discovery process or in writing.

E. Disclosure Meeting. The following applies to all cases.

I. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the scheduling order the parties shall meet in person or by telephone to discuss the nature and basis of their claims and defenses, to discuss the possibilities for settlement of the action, to make or arrange for the disclosures required by this rule, to discuss any issues relating to preserving discoverable information and to develop a stipulated discovery plan. Petitioner's counsel shall schedule the meeting. The attorneys of record shall be present at the meeting and shall attempt in good faith to agree upon the disclosure plan.

II. The plan shall include:

Aa. what changes should be made in the form for disclosures under subdivision (c)(i)(A);

Bb. the subjects on which discovery may be needed;

Cc. any issues relating to preservation, disclosure or discovery of electronically stored information, including the form or forms in which it should be produced;

Dd. any issues relating to claims of privilege or of protection as hearing-preparation material;

III. The discovery plan of the parties shall only be filed with the Division as an attachment to any discovery motion.

F. Signing of discovery requests, responses, and objections.

I. Every request for discovery or response or objection thereto made by a party shall be signed by at least one attorney of record or by the party if the party is not represented, whose address shall be stated. The signature of the attorney or party constitutes a certification that the person has read the request, response, or objection and that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry it is: (1) consistent with these rules and warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law; (2) not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation; and (3) not unreasonable or unduly burdensome or expensive, given the needs of the case, the discovery already had in the case, the amount in controversy, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation. If a request, response, or objection is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the party making the request, response, or objection, and a party shall not be obligated to take any action with respect to it until it is signed.

II. If a certification is made in violation of the rule, the administrative law judge, upon motion or upon its own initiative, shall impose upon the person who made the certification, the party on whose behalf the request, response, or objection is made, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the violation, including a reasonable attorney fee.

G. Filing. A party shall only file disclosures or requests for discovery with the Division as an exhibit to a discovery motion.

ii. Subpoenas. Subpoenas may only be issued by the administrative law judge assigned to the case or the presiding judge if the assigned administrative law judge is unavailable. Commission subpoena forms shall be used in all discovery proceedings. Subpoenas shall be issued at least seven business days prior to a scheduled hearing or appearance unless good cause is shown for a shorter period. Witness fees and costs shall be paid by the party requesting the subpoena pursuant to Utah Code Section 34A-1-302 (c).

iii. Parties conducting discovery under this rule shall maintain mailing certificates and follow up letters regarding discovery to submit in the event Division intervention is

necessary to complete discovery. Discovery documents shall not be filed with the Division at the time they are forwarded to opposing parties.

iv. Sanctions. Any party who fails to obey an administrative law judge's discovery order shall be subject to the sanctions available under Rule 37, Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. Notices

a. Orders and notices mailed by the Division to the last address of record provided by a party is deemed served on that party.

b. Where an attorney appears on behalf of a party, notice of an action by the Division served on the attorney is considered notice to the party represented by the attorney.

3. Motions - Time to Respond.

Unless otherwise provided by statute or the Administrative Law Judge, response to all motions shall be filed within ten (10) days from the date the motion was filed with the Adjudication Division.

R602-8-4. Hearings.

Evidentiary hearing shall be conducted formally in accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-4-206. Petitioner shall have the burden of proving the factual and legal sufficiency of the citation and penalty by a preponderance of evidence. After the close of the proceedings, the administrative law judge will issue an order pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-208 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4.

R602-8-5. Motions for Review.

1. Any party to an adjudicative proceeding may obtain review of an Order issued by an administrative law judge by filing a written request for review with the Adjudication Division in accordance with the provisions of Utah Code Sections 34A-6-304, 63G-4-301 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4. Unless a request for review is properly filed, the administrative law judge's order is the final order of the Commission. If a request for review is filed, other parties to the adjudicative proceeding may file a response within 20 calendar days of the date the request for review was filed. Thereafter, the administrative law judge shall:

a. Reopen the case and enter a Supplemental Order after holding such further hearing and receiving such further evidence as may be deemed necessary;

b. Amend or modify the prior order by a Supplemental Order, or

c. Refer the entire case for review.

2. If the administrative law judge enters a Supplemental Order, as provided in this subsection, it shall be final unless a request for review of the same is filed.

R602-8-6. Request for Reconsideration.

A request for reconsideration of an Order on Motion for Review may be allowed and shall be governed by the provision of Utah Code Section 63G-4-302. Any petitioner for judicial review of final agency action shall be governed by the provisions of Utah Code Section 63G-4-401 and Utah Administrative Rule R602-1-4.

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R612. Labor Commission, Industrial Accidents.**R612-12. Workers' Compensation Coverage Waivers.****R612-12-1. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule is enacted under authority of 34A-1-104 of the Utah Labor Commission Act and Title 34A, Chapter Two, Part One, the Workers' Compensation Coverage Waivers Act ("the Act"). The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures for workers' compensation coverage waivers ("coverage waivers"). The rule also addresses the effect of coverage waivers and the adjudicative procedures to be followed by the Division in granting, denying, or revoking coverage waivers.

R612-12-2. Administration by Industrial Accidents Division.

Except as otherwise provided, the Utah Labor Commission's Division of Industrial Accidents ("Division") shall administer the provisions of the Act and this rule.

R612-12-3. Procedure for Application and Issuance of Certificate.

A. A business entity may apply for a coverage waiver by completing a form provided by the Commission, submitting required supporting documents, and paying a fee of \$50. The Division's determination of whether to grant or deny a request for coverage waiver shall be conducted as informal proceedings under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

B. Supporting documents. 34A-2-1004 of the Workers' Compensation Coverage Waivers Act requires a business entity to submit the following documentation to support its request for a coverage waiver:

- (1) a copy of two or more of the following:
 - (a) the business entity's federal or state income tax return that shows business income for the complete taxable year that immediately precedes the day on which the business entity submits the information;
 - (b) a valid business license;
 - (c) a license to engage in an occupation or profession, including a license under Title 58, Occupations and Professions; or
 - (d) documentation of an active liability insurance policy that covers the business entity's activities; or
- (2) a copy of one item listed in Subsection (1) and a copy of two or more of the following:
 - (a) proof of a bank account for the business entity;
 - (b) proof that for the business entity there is:
 - (i) a telephone number; and
 - (ii) a physical location; or
 - (c) an advertisement of services in a newspaper of general circulation or telephone directory showing the business entity's:
 - (i) name; and
 - (ii) contact information.

C. Fee. A business entity applying for a workers' compensation coverage waiver certificate shall submit payment of a fee of \$50.00. Such fees are used to defray the costs of processing and evaluating the application and are nonrefundable. If payment of the fee is made by check, the Division may delay issuance of a coverage waiver until it has verified that the check will be honored.

D. Issuance or Denial of Certificate. If the Division determines that a business entity has satisfied each requirement for a coverage waiver, the Division will issue the coverage waiver. If the Division determines that a business entity has not satisfied each requirement for a workers' compensation insurance waiver, the Division will issue a written denial to the business entity, stating the basis for denial and setting forth the business entity's appeal rights.

R612-12-4. Duration, Renewal and Revocation.

A. Duration. Subject to revocation of a coverage waiver as provided by subparagraph C. of this section, a coverage

waiver remains in effect for the following time periods:

1. A coverage waiver issued by a licensed workers' compensation insurance company prior to July 1, 2011, the effective date of the Workers' Compensation Coverage Waivers Act, shall remain effective for the period shown on the coverage waiver.

2. A coverage waiver issued by the Division after July 1, 2011, shall be effective for one year from the date the coverage waiver is issued.

B. Renewal. The Division will renew a business entity's coverage waiver if:

1. The business entity requests renewal; and
2. The business entity satisfies all requirements in effect at the time of the renewal request.

C. Revocation. If the Division has reason to believe that a business entity no longer qualifies for a coverage waiver, the Division shall institute proceedings to determine whether the business entity's coverage waiver should be revoked. Such proceedings shall be conducted as informal proceedings under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act. If the Division concludes that the business entity does not satisfy each requirement for a workers' compensation insurance waiver, the Division will issue a written order revoking the waiver certificate, stating the basis for revocation, and setting forth the business entity's appeal rights. The Division may also initiate other proceedings authorized by the Utah Workers' Compensation Act to compel the business entity to obtain workers' compensation coverage for its employees.

R612-12-5. Review of Division Decisions to Deny or Revoke Waiver Certificate.

A business entity may challenge a Division decision to deny or revoke the business entity's coverage waiver by filing an appeal of the decision with the Commission's Adjudication Division. Such appeal proceedings shall be assigned to an administrative law judge and conducted as de novo formal adjudicatory proceedings pursuant to the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

R612-12-6. Effect, Verification and Limitation of Coverage Waiver.

A. Effect of coverage waiver. 34A-2-103 (7) (c) permits an employer contracting with a business entity to rely upon a valid coverage waiver issued by the Division as proof that the business entity is not required to have a workers' compensation insurance policy.

B. Verification of coverage waiver. An employer seeking to rely upon a business entity's coverage waiver shall retain the following documents:

1. A photocopy of the coverage waiver issued to the business entity by the Division; and
2. A printout of the Division's web page showing that the business entity's coverage waiver had not been revoked as of the date on which the employer contracted with the business entity.

C. Limitations to effect of coverage waiver. A coverage waiver does not excuse a business entity from obtaining and maintaining workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees who are entitled to such coverage under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act. If and when a business entity has such employees, any coverage waiver previously issued to that business entity becomes void and the business entity must immediately obtain workers' compensation coverage.

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R652. Natural Resources; Forestry, Fire and State Lands.**R652-150. Utah Bioprospecting Act.****R652-150-100. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule is adopted pursuant to the authority of Subsection 65A-1-4(2), which requires the Division to promulgate rules, and by Section 65A-14-101 et seq., to clarify the procedure through which operators must register with the Division and notify the Division of the intent to conduct bioprospecting activities.

The State of Utah recognizes, that due to the microenvironments present on State lands, there is a potential for unique organisms to have evolved that represent a valuable resource for the residents of the State. This Bioprospecting rule has been enacted to foster the discovery and evaluation of these resources in a way that benefits the citizens of Utah. By registration of Bioprospecting the State reserves the right for the citizens to share in any future economic value of these resources

R652-150-200. Definitions.

1. Bioprospecting: the removal from a natural environment for research or commercial use of a naturally occurring microorganism, plant, or fungus; or information concerning a naturally occurring microorganism's, plant's, or fungus' physical or genetic properties.

2. Nonfederal public land: land within the state that:

(a) is not owned, controlled, or held in trust by the federal government; and

(b)(i) is owned or controlled by:

(A) the state;

(B) a county, city, or town; or

(C) a governmental entity other than the federal government; or

(ii) is school and institutional trust lands, as defined in Section 53C-1-103.

3. Bioprospector: a person who engages in bioprospecting.

4. Person means:

(a) an individual;

(b) a nonprofit or profit corporation;

(c) a partnership;

(d) a sole proprietorship;

(e) other type of business organization; or

(f) any combination acting in concert with one another.

R652-150-300. Exceptions.

For purposes of Section 65A-14-101 et seq., and this rule, the following entities and/or activities are exempt from the requirements of this rule:

1. horticultural cultivation, except for horticultural genetic engineering conducted in a manner otherwise constituting bioprospecting;

2. an agricultural enterprise;

3. a forest and range management practice;

4. invasive weed management;

5. Christmas tree and related sales; and

6. incidental removal of a microorganism, plant, or fungus while engaged in bona fide research or commercial enterprises.

This rule does not modify or replace any other requirement under federal, state, or local law related to an act that under Section 65A-14-101 et seq. is considered bioprospecting, including any requirement to obtain the permission of a landowner. In addition, this rule applies only to bioprospecting activities occurring on non-federal public land.

R652-150-400. Procedures for Registration.

1. Registration Form. To register for bioprospecting activities, a person or entity shall complete and submit a registration form provided by the Division as specified in R652-3.

2. Time of Filing. The registration form shall be submitted

to the Division's headquarter office, at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 3520, PO Box 145703, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5703 during office hours. Except as provided, all applications received, whether by U.S. Mail or delivery over the counter, shall be immediately stamped with the exact date of filing.

3. Non-refundable Registration Fees. All registration forms shall be accompanied with a non-refundable registration fee, to be determined by the Division, as specified in R652-4.

4. Registration Form Review. Upon receipt of the registration form, the Division will review the form for completeness. If the registration form is deemed complete, the Division will acknowledge receipt and approval of requested registration by providing the person or entity a written correspondence to include a registration number, the date of registration expiration and a copy of the processed registration form included as an attachment.

R652-150-500. Term of Registration.

Registration shall be valid until June 30 of the current fiscal year. A registrant must renew the registration with the Division for any continuing activities into the new fiscal year by submitting a completed registration form to the Division as specified in R652-150-400.

R652-150-600. Reservation of Economic Interest.

1. The right of a person to engage in an act of bioprospecting is subject to the State's reservation of any right the State may have to an economic benefit derived from:

(a) the act of bioprospecting;

(b) a microorganism, plant, or fungus removed from a natural environment in the state; or

(c) information concerning a microorganism's, plant's, or fungus' physical or genetic properties removed from a natural environment in the state.

2. A person may not engage in an act of bioprospecting in this state if the person, as part of the registration required under Section 65A-14-201, does not agree in writing to negotiate in good faith with the State if the State asserts an economic interest described in R652-150-600-1.

3. Registrants shall record GPS coordinates of the sites where samples are gathered and provide those coordinates to the Division and include those coordinates in any publications resulting from the bioprospecting.

R652-150-700. Economic Benefits of Bioprospecting Denied.

1. A person who engages in an act of bioprospecting in violation of Section 65A-14-101 et seq. and this rule is guilty of criminal trespass punishable in accordance with Section 76-6-206.

2. If found guilty of a violation under Section 65A-14-101 et seq. or this rule, a court may in addition to a penalty imposed under Section 76-6-206, order restitution that is proportional to the economic interests the State may have under Section 65A-14-202.

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65A-14-101

R722. Public Safety, Criminal Investigations and Technical Services, Criminal Identification.**R722-300. Concealed Firearm Permit and Instructor Rule.****R722-300-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures whereby the bureau administers the Concealed Firearms Act in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7.

R722-300-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-5-704(17) which provides that the commissioner may make rules necessary to administer Title 53, Chapter 5.

R722-300-3. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Sections 53-5-702, 53-5-711, 76-10-501.

(2) In addition:

(a) "applicant" means an individual seeking to obtain or renew a permit, a temporary permit, an instructor certification, or a LEOJ permit from the bureau;

(b) "certified firearms instructor" means an individual certified by the bureau pursuant to Section 53-5-704(9) who can certify that an applicant meets the general firearm familiarity requirement under Section 53-5-704(8);

(c) "certified firearms instructor official seal" means a red, self-inking stamp containing the information required in Subsection 53-5-704(11)(a)(iii) which meets the design requirements described on the bureau's website;

(d) "crime of violence" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States which has, as an element, the use, threatened use, or attempted use of physical force or a dangerous weapon;

(e) "felony" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States for which the penalty is a term of imprisonment in excess of one year;

(f) "FBI" means the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(g) "instructor certification" means a concealed firearm instructor certification issued by the bureau pursuant to Section 53-5-704(9);

(h) "LEOJ permit" means a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued to a judge or law enforcement official by the bureau pursuant to 53-5-711;

(i) "nonresident" means a person who:

(i) does not live in the state of Utah; or

(ii) has established a domicile outside Utah, as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-202.

(j) "NRA" means the National Rifle Association;

(k) "offense involving domestic violence" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States involving any of the conduct described in:

(i) Section 77-36-1; or

(ii) 18 U.S.C Section 921(a)(33);

(l) "offense involving moral turpitude" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States involving conduct which:

(i) is done knowingly contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals;

(ii) has an element of falsification or fraud; or

(iii) contains an element of harm or injury directed to another person or another's property;

(m) "offense involving the use of alcohol" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States involving any of the conduct described in:

(i) Section 32A-12-209;

(ii) Section 32A-12-220;

(iii) Section 41-6a-501(2) related to the use of alcohol;

(iv) Section 41-6a-526; or

(v) Section 76-10-528 related to carrying a dangerous weapon while under the influence of alcohol;

(n) "offense involving the unlawful use of narcotics or controlled substances" means:

(i) any offense listed in Section 41-6a-501(2) involving the use of a controlled substance;

(ii) any offense involving the use or possession of any controlled substance found in Title 58, Chapters 37, 37a, or 37b; or

(iii) the crime of carrying a dangerous weapon while under the influence of a controlled substance pursuant to Section 76-10-528;

(o) "past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence" means verifiable incidents, regardless of whether there has been an arrest or conviction, that would lead a reasonable person to believe that an individual has a violent nature and would be a danger to themselves or others, including an attempt or threat to commit suicide.

(p) "permit" means a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by the bureau pursuant to Section 53-5-704;

(q) "POST" means the Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training;

(r) "revocation" means the permanent deprivation of a permit, instructor certification, or certificate of qualification. Revocation of a permit, instructor certification, or certificate of qualification does not preclude an individual from applying for a new permit, instructor certification, or certificate of qualification if the reason for revocation no longer exists;

(s) "suspension" means the temporary deprivation, for a specified period of time, of a permit, instructor certification, or certificate of qualification; and

(t) "temporary permit" means a temporary permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by the bureau pursuant to Section 53-5-705.

R722-300-4. Application for a Permit to Carry a Concealed Firearm.

(1)(a) An applicant seeking to obtain a permit must submit a completed permit application packet to the bureau.

(b) The permit application packet shall include:

(i) a written application form provided by the bureau which shall include the address of the applicant's permanent residence;

(ii) a photocopy of a state-issued driver license or identification card;

(iii) one recent color photograph of passport quality which contains the applicant's name written on the back of the photograph;

(iv) one completed FBI applicant fingerprint card (Form FD-258) with the applicant's legible fingerprints;

(v) a non-refundable processing fee of \$60.00 for Utah residents and \$65.00 for nonresidents, in the form of cash, check, money order, or credit card, which consists of the fee established by Section 53-5-704 and 53-5-707, along with the FBI fingerprint processing fee;

(vi) evidence indicating that the applicant has general familiarity with the types of firearms to be concealed as required by Subsection 53-5-704(6)(d);

(vii) any mitigating information that the applicant wishes the bureau to consider when determining whether the applicant meets the qualifications set forth in Subsection 53-5-704(2)(a); and

(viii) if the applicant is a nonresident who resides in a state that recognizes the validity of the Utah permit or has reciprocity with Utah's concealed firearm permit law, a copy of the applicant's current concealed firearm permit or concealed

weapon permit issued by the applicant's state of residency.

(2) An applicant may establish evidence of general familiarity with the types of firearms to be concealed as required in Subsection 53-5-704(6)(d) by submitting a signed certificate, issued within one year of the date of the application, bearing a certified firearms instructor's official seal, certifying that the applicant has completed the required firearms course of instruction established by the bureau.

(3) If the applicant is employed as a law enforcement officer, the applicant:

(i) shall not be required to pay the application fee; and

(ii) may establish evidence of general familiarity with the types of firearms to be concealed as required in Subsection 53-5-704(6)(d) by submitting documentation from a law enforcement agency located within the state of Utah indicating that the applicant has successfully completed the firearm qualification requirements of that agency within the last five years.

(4)(a) Upon receipt of a complete permit application packet, the bureau shall conduct a thorough background investigation to determine if the applicant meets the requirements found in Subsections 53-5-704(2) and (3).

(b) The background investigation shall consist of the following:

(i) sending the fingerprint card to the FBI for a review of the applicant's criminal history record pursuant to Section 53-5-706; and

(ii) verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the application packet through a search of local, state and national records which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (A) the Utah Computerized Criminal History database;
- (B) the National Crime Information Center database;
- (C) the Utah Law Enforcement Information Network;
- (D) state driver license records;
- (E) the Utah Statewide Warrants System;
- (F) juvenile court criminal history files;
- (G) expungement records maintained by the bureau;
- (H) the National Instant Background Check System;
- (I) the Utah Gun Check Inquiry Database;
- (J) Immigration and Customs Enforcement records; and
- (K) Utah Department of Corrections Offender Tracking System; and
- (L) the Mental Gun Restrict Database.

(5)(a) If the background check indicates that an applicant does not meet the qualifications set forth in Subsection 53-5-704(2)(a), the bureau shall consider any mitigating circumstances submitted by the applicant.

(b) If the applicant does not meet the qualifications set forth in Subsection 53-5-704(2)(a) because the applicant has been convicted of a crime, the bureau may find that mitigating circumstances exist if the applicant was not convicted of a registerable sex offense, as defined in Subsection 77-27-21.5(1)(n), and the following time periods have elapsed from the date the applicant was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last:

- (i) five years in the case of a class A misdemeanor;
- (ii) four years in the case of a class B misdemeanor; or
- (iii) three years in the case of any other misdemeanor or infraction.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision, the bureau may not grant a permit if the applicant does not meet the qualifications in Subsection 53-5-704(2)(a)(viii).

(6)(a) If the bureau determines that the applicant meets the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-704(2) and (3), the bureau shall issue a permit to the applicant within 60 days.

(b) The permit shall be mailed to the applicant at the address listed on the application.

(7)(a) If the bureau determines that the applicant does not

meet the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-704(2) and (3), the bureau shall mail a letter of denial to the applicant, return receipt requested.

(b) The denial letter shall state the reasons for denial and indicate that the applicant has a right to request a review hearing before the board by filing a petition for review within 60 days as provided in Section 53-5-704(16).

R722-300-5. Application for a Concealed Firearms Instructor Certification.

(1)(a) An applicant seeking to be certified as a Utah concealed firearms instructor must submit a completed instructor certification application packet to the bureau.

(b) The instructor certification application packet shall include:

(i) a written instructor certification application form provided by the bureau;

(ii) a photocopy of a state-issued driver license or identification card;

(iii) one recent color photograph of passport quality which contains the applicant's name written on the back of the photograph;

(iv) a non-refundable processing fee of \$50.00, in the form of cash, check, money order, or credit card;

(v) evidence that the applicant has completed a firearm instructor training course from the NRA or POST, or received training equivalent to one of these courses, as required by Subsection 53-5-704(9)(a)(iii); and

(vi) evidence that the applicant has completed the course of instruction provided under the direction of the bureau and passed the certification test provided in Subsection 53-5-704(9)(c), within one year of the date of the application.

(2)(a) If the bureau determines that an applicant meets the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-704(9), the bureau shall issue an instructor certification to the applicant.

(b) An instructor certification identification card shall be mailed to the applicant at the address listed on the application.

(3)(a) If the bureau determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-704(9), the bureau shall mail a denial letter to the applicant, return receipt requested.

(b) The denial letter shall state the reasons for denial and indicate that the applicant has a right to request a review hearing before the board by filing a petition for review within 60 days as provided in Section 53-5-704(16).

R722-300-6. Renewal of a Concealed Firearms Permit or Concealed Firearms Instructor Certification.

(1)(a) An applicant seeking to renew a permit or an instructor certification must submit a completed renewal packet to the bureau.

(b) The renewal packet shall include:

(i) a written renewal form provided by the bureau which shall include the current address of the applicant's permanent residence;

(ii) one recent color photograph of passport quality which contains the applicant's name written on the back of the photograph; and

(iv) a non-refundable processing fee in the form of cash, check, money order, or credit card which is \$15.00 fee to renew a permit or \$25.00 fee to renew an instructor certification.

(2) In addition to the items listed in Subsection (1)(b), an instructor seeking to renew an instructor certification must submit evidence that the instructor has completed the course of instruction provided under the direction of the bureau and passed the certification test provided in Subsection 53-5-704(9)(c), within one year of the date of the application.

(3) A renewal packet may be submitted no earlier than 60 days prior to the expiration of a current permit or certification.

(4) A fee consisting of \$7.50 will be collected for renewal packets submitted on a permit or an instructor certification that has been expired for more than thirty days but less than one year.

(b) Renewal packets for a permit or an instructor certification which has been expired for more than one year will not be accepted and the applicant will have to re-apply for a permit or an instructor certification.

(5) When renewing a permit or an instructor certification the bureau shall conduct a background investigation.

(6)(a) If the bureau determines that the applicant meets the requirements to renew a permit or an instructor certification, the bureau shall mail the renewed permit or instructor certification identification card to the applicant.

(b) The renewed permit or instructor certification identification card shall be mailed to the applicant at the address listed on the renewal application.

(7)(a) If the bureau determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements to renew a permit or an instructor certification, the bureau shall mail a denial letter to the applicant, return receipt requested.

(b) The denial letter shall state the reasons for denial and indicate that the applicant has a right to request a review hearing before the board by filing a petition for review within 60 days as provided in Section 53-5-704(16).

R722-300-7. Application for a Temporary Permit to Carry a Concealed Firearm.

(1)(a) In order to obtain a temporary permit an applicant must submit a completed permit application packet to the bureau as provided by R722-300-4.

(b) In addition, the applicant must provide written documentation to establish extenuating circumstances which would justify the need for a temporary permit to carry a concealed firearm.

(2) When reviewing an application for a temporary permit to carry a concealed firearm the bureau shall conduct the same background investigation as provided in R722-300-4.

(3)(a) If the bureau finds that extenuating circumstances exist to justify the need for a temporary permit, the bureau shall issue a temporary permit to the applicant.

(b) The temporary permit shall be mailed to the applicant at the address listed on the application.

(4) If the bureau finds that the applicant is otherwise eligible to receive a permit under Section 53-5-704, the bureau shall request that the applicant surrender the temporary permit prior to the issuance of the permit under Section 53-5-704.

R722-300-8. Application for a LEOJ Permit.

(1)(a) In order to obtain a LEOJ permit under Section 53-5-711, an applicant must submit a completed permit application packet to the bureau as provided by R722-300-4.

(b) In addition, the applicant must provide written documentation to establish to the satisfaction of the bureau that:

(i) the applicant is a law enforcement official or judge as defined in Section 53-5-711; and

(ii) that the applicant has completed the course of training required by Subsection 53-5-711(2)(b).

(2) When reviewing an application for a LEOJ permit the bureau shall conduct the same background investigation as if the individual were seeking a permit.

(3)(a) If the bureau finds that the applicant meets the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-711(2), the bureau shall issue a LEOJ permit to the applicant.

(b) The LEOJ permit shall be mailed to the applicant at the address listed on the application.

(4)(a) If the bureau finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-711(2), the bureau shall mail a denial letter to the applicant, return receipt

requested.

(b) The denial letter shall state the reasons for denial and indicate that the applicant has a right to request a review hearing before the board by filing a petition for review within 60 days as provided in Subsection 53-5-704(16).

R722-300-9. Termination of LEOJ Status.

(1) When the bureau receives notice that a LEOJ permit holder resigns or is terminated from a position as a law enforcement official or judge, the LEOJ permit will be revoked and the bureau shall issue a permit, pursuant to 53-5-704, if the former LEOJ permit holder otherwise meets the requirements found in that section.

(2) If a former LEOJ permit holder gains new employment as a law enforcement official or judge, the bureau shall re-issue a LEOJ permit.

R722-300-10. Suspension or Revocation of a Permit to Carry a Concealed Firearm, Concealed Firearms Instructor Certification, or a LEOJ Permit.

(1) A permit may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) the bureau determines that the permit holder does not meet the requirements found in Subsection 53-5-704(2);

(b) the bureau determines that the permit holder has committed a violation under Subsection 53-5-704(3); or

(c) the permit holder knowingly and willfully provided false information on an application for a permit, or a renewal of a permit.

(2) An instructor certification may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) the bureau determines that the instructor has become ineligible to possess a firearm under Section 76-10-506 or federal law; or

(b) the instructor knowingly and willfully provided false information to the bureau.

(3) A LEOJ permit may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) the bureau determines that a LEOJ permit holder is no longer employed as a law enforcement official or judge; or

(b) a LEOJ permit holder fails to provide proof of annual requalification by November 30 of each year as required by Section 53-5-711.

(4)(a) If the bureau suspends or revokes a permit, an instructor certification, or a LEOJ permit, the bureau shall mail a notice of agency action to the permit holder, instructor, or LEOJ permit holder, return receipt requested,

(b) The notice of agency action shall state the reasons for suspension or revocation and indicate that the permit holder, instructor, LEOJ permit holder has a right to request a review hearing before the board by filing a petition for review within 60 days as provided in Section 53-5-704(16).

R722-300-11. Review Hearing Before the Board.

(1)(a) Review hearings before the board will be informal and shall be conducted according to the provisions in Section 63G-4-203.

(b) At the hearing, the bureau must establish the allegations contained in the notice of agency action by a preponderance of the evidence.

(2) Upon request, an applicant, permit holder, instructor, or LEOJ permit holder who is seeking review before the board is entitled to review all the materials in the bureau's file upon which the bureau intends to use in the hearing.

(3) In accordance with Section 63G-4-209 the board may enter an order of default against an applicant, permit holder, instructor, or LEOJ permit holder who fails to appear at the hearing.

(4) Within 30 days of the date of the hearing the board

shall issue an order which shall:

(a) state the board's decision and the reasons for the board's decision; and

(b) indicate that the applicant, permit holder, instructor, or LEOJ permit holder has a right to appeal the decision of the board by filing a petition for judicial review within 30 days as provided in Section 63G-4-402.

R722-300-12. Records Access.

(1) Information provided to the bureau by an applicant shall be considered "private" in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(d).

(2) Information gathered by the bureau and placed in an applicant's file shall be considered "protected" in accordance with Subsections 63G-2-305(9).

(3) When a permit has been issued to an applicant, the names, address, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of the applicant are protected records pursuant to Section 53-5-708.

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R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.**R765-604. New Century Scholarship.****R765-604-1. Purpose.**

To provide policy and procedures for the administration of the New Century Scholarship which was established to encourage students to accelerate their education by earning an associate's degree in high school from an institution within the Utah System of Higher Education.

R765-604-2. References.

- 2.1. 53B-8-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

R765-604-3. Definitions.

3.1. "Applicant" means a student who is in their last term in high school and on track to complete the high school graduation requirements of a public school established by the State Board of Education and the student's school district or charter school or a private high school in the state that is accredited by a regional accrediting body approved by the Utah State Board of Regents, or a home-school student.

3.2. "Associate's Degree" means an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree received from, or verified by, a regionally accredited institution within the Utah System of Higher Education. If the institution does not offer the above listed degrees, equivalent academic requirements will suffice under subsection 3.4.2. of this rule.

3.3. "Awards" means New Century Scholarship funds.

3.4. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Regents.

3.5. "Completes the requirements for an associate's degree" means that an applicant completes either of the following:

3.5.1. all the required courses for an associate's degree from an institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers associate's degrees; and applies for the associate's degree from the institution; or

3.5.2. all the required courses for an equivalency to the associate's degree from a higher education institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers baccalaureate degrees but does not offer associate's degrees.

3.6. "Full-time" means a minimum of twelve credit hours.

3.7. "High school" means a public high school established by the Utah State Board of Education or a private high school within the boundaries of the State of Utah. If a private high school, it shall be accredited by a regional accrediting body approved by the Board.

3.8. "High school graduation date" means the day on which the recipient's class graduates from high school. For home-schooled students refer to subsection 4.2.1 of this rule.

3.9. "Home-schooled" refers to a student who has not graduated from a Utah high school and received a high school grade point average.

3.10. "Math and science curriculum" means the rigorous math and science curriculum developed and approved by the Board which, if completed, qualifies a high school student for an award. Curriculum requirements can be found at the Web site of the Utah System of Higher Education.

3.11. "New Century Scholarship" means a renewable scholarship to be awarded to applicants who complete the eligibility requirements of Section 4 of this rule.

3.12. "Reasonable progress" means enrolling and completing at least twelve credit hours during fall and spring semesters and earning a 3.0 grade point average or higher each semester. If applicable, applicants attending summer must enroll full-time according to their institution and or program policy regarding full-time status.

3.13. "Recipient" means an applicant who receives an award under the requirements set forth in this rule.

3.14. "Renewal Documents" means a college transcript demonstrating that the recipient has met the required semester grade point average and a detailed schedule providing proof of

full-time enrollment for the semester which the recipient is seeking award payment.

3.15. "Scholarship Review Committee" means the committee to review New Century Scholarship applications and make final decisions regarding awards.

3.16. "Two years of full-time equivalent enrollment" means the equivalent of four semesters of full-time enrollment (minimum of twelve credit hours per semester).

3.17. "The Utah System of Higher Education" means the institutions that comprise Utah's public higher education institutions including the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Utah Valley University, Dixie State College of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, and Snow College.

R765-604-4. Recipient Requirements.

4.1. General Academic Requirements: Unless an exception applies, to qualify as a recipient a student shall:

4.1.1. complete the requirements for an associate's degree or the math and science curriculum at a regionally accredited institution within the Utah System of Higher Education

4.1.1.1. with at least a 3.0 grade point average

4.1.1.2. by applicant's high school graduation date; and

4.1.2. complete the high school graduation requirements of a Utah high school with at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

4.2. Utah Home-schooled Applicants: For Utah home-schooled applicants the following requirement applies:

4.2.1. If a home-schooled applicant would have completed high school in 2011 or after, the high school graduation date (under subsection 4.1.1.2.) is June 15 of the year the applicant would have completed high school.

4.2.2. ACT Composite Score Requirement: A composite ACT score of 26 or higher is required in place of the high school grade point average requirement (under subsection 4.1.2).

4.3. Mandatory Fall Term Enrollment: A recipient shall enroll full-time at an eligible institution by Fall semester immediately following the student's high school graduation date or receive an approved deferral or leave of absence from the Board under subsection 8.7 of this rule.

4.4. Citizenship Requirement: A recipient shall be a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen who is eligible to receive federal student aid.

4.5. No Criminal Record Requirement: A recipient shall not have a criminal record, with the exception of a misdemeanor traffic citation.

4.6. Regents' Scholarship: A recipient shall not receive both an award and the Regents' Scholarship established in Utah Code Section 53B-8-108.

R765-604-5. Application Procedures.

5.1. Application Contact: Qualifying students shall apply for the award through the Board.

5.2. General procedure: An application for an award shall contain the following:

5.2.1. Application Form: the official application will become available on the New Century Web site each November prior to the February 1 deadline; and

5.2.2. College Transcript: an official college transcript showing college courses, Advanced Placement and transfer work an applicant has completed to meet the requirements for the associate's degree and verification of the date the award was earned; and

5.2.3. High School Transcript: an official high school transcript with high school graduation dated posted (if applicable).

5.2.4. ACT Score: a copy of the student's verified ACT score (if applicable).

5.3. Registrar Verification: If an applicant is enrolled at an institution which does not offer an associate's degree or an institution that will not award the associate's degree until the academic on-campus residency requirement has been met, the registrar must verify that the applicant has completed the equivalent academic requirements under 4.1.1.

5.4. Application Deadline: Applicants shall meet the following deadlines to qualify for an award:

5.4.1. Application Submission: Applicants must submit a scholarship application to the Scholarship Review Committee no later than February 1 of the year of their high school graduation date or the year they would have graduated from high school.

5.4.2. Support Documentation Submission: All necessary support documentation shall be submitted on or before September 1 following the applicant's high school graduation date. In some cases exceptions may be made as Advanced Placement and transfer work verification may be delayed at an institutional level and no fault of the applicant. Scholarship awards may be denied if all documentation is not complete and submitted by the specified deadlines. If any documentation demonstrates that the applicant did not satisfactorily fulfill all coursework and GPA requirements or if any information, including the attestation of criminal record and citizenship status, proves to be falsified, awards may be denied.

5.4.3. Priority Deadline: A priority deadline may be established each year. Applicants who meet the priority deadline may be given first priority of consideration for awards.

5.5. Incomplete Documentation: Applications or other submissions that have missing information or missing documents are considered incomplete, will not be considered, and may result in failure to meet a deadline.

R765-604-6. Awards.

6.1. Value of the Award: The award is up to the amount provided by the law and determined each Spring by the Board based on legislative funding and number of applicants. The total value may change in accordance with subsection 6.2. The award shall be disbursed semester-by-semester over the shortest of the following time periods:

6.1.1. Four semesters of full-time enrollment (minimum of twelve credit hours per semester).

6.1.2. Sixty credit hours.

6.1.3. Until the student meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

6.2. The Board May Decrease Award: If the appropriation from the Utah Legislature for the scholarship is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the scholarship, the Board may reduce or limit the award.

6.3. Eligible Institutions: An award may be used at either

6.3.1. Public Institution: a four-year institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers baccalaureate programs; or

6.3.2. Private Nonprofit Institution: a private not-for-profit higher education four-year institution in the state of Utah accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.

6.4. Enrollment at Multiple Institutions: The award may be used at more than one of the eligible institutions within the same semester for the academic year 2010-11. Starting in 2011 when the award goes to a flat rate the award may only be used at the institution from which the student is earning a baccalaureate degree.

6.5. Student Transfer: The award may be transferred to a different eligible institution upon request of the recipient.

6.6. Financial Aid and other Scholarships: With the exception of the Regents' Scholarship (as detailed in subsection 4.6 of this policy) tuition waivers, financial aid, or other scholarships will not affect a recipient's total award amount.

R765-604-7. Disbursement of Award.

7.1. Disbursement Schedule of Award: The award shall be disbursed semester-by-semester over the shortest of the following time periods:

7.1.1. Four semesters of full-time enrollment;

7.1.2. Sixty credit hours; or

7.1.3. Until the recipient meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

7.2. Enrollment Documentation: The recipient shall submit to the Scholarship Review Committee a copy of a class schedule verifying that the recipient is enrolled full-time (twelve or more credit hours) at an eligible institution. Documentation must include the student's name, the semester the recipient will attend, institution that they are attending and the number of credits for which the recipient is enrolled.

7.3. Award Payable to Institution: The award will be made payable to the institution. The institution shall pay over to the recipient any excess award funds not required for tuition payments. Award funds should be used for higher education expenses including tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction.

7.4. Dropped Hours After Award: If a recipient drops credit hours after having received the award which results in enrollment below full-time the scholarship will be revoked (see 8.1) unless the student needs fewer than twelve hours for completion of a degree.

R765-604-8. Continuing Eligibility.

8.1. Reasonable Progress Toward Degree Completion: The Board may cancel a recipient's scholarship if the student fails to :

8.1.1. Maintain 3.0 GPA: to maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher for each semester for which the student has received awards; or

8.1.2. Reasonable Progress: to make reasonable progress (twelve credit hours) toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree and submit the documentation by the deadline as described in subsection 8.2. A recipient must apply and receive an approved deferral or leave of absence under subsection 8.7 if he or she will not enroll full-time in continuous fall and spring semesters.

8.2. Duty of Student to Report Reasonable Progress: Each semester, the recipient must submit to the Board a copy of his or her grades for verification of grade point average and completion of the required minimum of twelve semester credit hours. Recipients will not be paid for the coming semester until the requested documentation has been received. If the recipient fails to maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher for two consecutive semesters or fails to enroll and complete twelve credit hours, the scholarship will be revoked. These documents must be submitted by the following dates:

8.2.1. Proof of enrollment for Fall Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by September 30.

8.2.2. Proof of enrollment for Spring Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by February 15.

8.2.3. Proof of enrollment for Summer Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by June 30.

8.2.4. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Winter Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by February 15.

8.2.5. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Spring Term and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by May 30.

8.2.6. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Summer Term and proof of

completion of the previous semester or term must be submitted by July 30.

8.3. Probation: If a recipient earns less than a 3.0 grade point average in any single semester, the recipient must earn a 3.0 grade point average or better the following semester to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. If the recipient again at anytime earns less than a 3.0 grade point average the scholarship will be revoked.

8.4. Final Semester: A recipient will not be required to enroll full-time if the recipient can complete the degree program with fewer credits.

8.5. No Awards After Five Years: The Board will not make an award to a recipient for an academic term that begins more than five years after the recipient's high school graduation date.

8.6. No Guarantee of Degree Completion: An award does not guarantee that the recipient will complete his or her baccalaureate program within the recipient's scholarship eligibility period.

8.7. Deferral or Leave of Absence.

8.7.1. A recipient shall apply to the Board for a deferral of award or a leave of absence if they do not continuously enroll full-time.

8.7.2. A deferral or leave of absence will not extend the time limits of the scholarship under subsection 8.5.

8.7.3. Deferrals or leaves of absence may be granted, at the discretion of the Board, for military service, humanitarian/religious service, documented medical reasons, and other exigent reasons.

R765-604-9. Appeals.

9.1. Scholarship Determinations: Submission of a scholarship application does not guarantee a scholarship award. Individual scholarship applications will be reviewed, and award decisions made, at the discretion of a Scholarship Review Committee. Awards are based on available funding, applicant pool, and applicants' completion of scholarship criteria. Each applicant will receive a letter informing the applicant of the decision on his/her application.

9.2. Appeals: Applicants and recipients have the right to appeal an adverse decision.

9.2.1. Appeals shall be postmarked within 30 days of date of notification by submitting a completed Appeal Application found on the program Web site.

9.2.2. An appeal filed before the applicant/recipient receives official notification from the Scholarship Review Committee regarding their application, will not be considered.

9.2.3. The appeal shall provide evidence that an adverse decision was made in error, such as that in fact, the applicant/recipient met all scholarship requirements and submitted all requested documentation by the deadline.

9.2.4. Appeals are not accepted for late document submission.

9.2.5. A submission of an appeal does not guarantee a reversal of the original decision.

9.2.6. It is the applicant/recipient's responsibility to file the appeal, including all supplementary documentation. All documents shall be mailed to the New Century Scholarship address.

9.2.7. Appeals will be reviewed and decided by an appeals committee appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

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R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.**R765-608. Utah Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship Program.****R765-608-1. Purpose.**

To provide policy and procedures for administering the Utah Engineering and Computer Science Program ("UECSP" or "program").

R765-608-2. References.

2.1. Utah Code. Title 53B, Chapter 6, Section 105.7, Initiative student scholarship program.

2.2. State Board of Regents Policy R601, Board of Directors of the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority.

2.3. State Board of Regents Policy R608, Utah Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship Program.

R765-608-3. Effective Date.

These policies and procedures are effective September 1, 2001.

R765-608-4. Definitions.

4.1. Eligible Student - A student who is enrolled on at least a half-time basis in a Qualifying Institution in a Qualifying Program, in good standing, and maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution.

4.2. Qualifying Institution - A college or university of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) which offers one or more Qualifying Programs.

4.3. Qualifying Program - An accredited engineering, computer science, or related technology degree program. Related technology degree programs shall be limited to those certified by the Commissioner of Higher Education, in accordance with such criteria as may be established pursuant to UCA 53B-6-105.

4.4. Recipient - A person who declares intent to complete a qualifying program and who receives a scholarship award.

4.5. Technology Initiative Advisory Board - or the Advisory Board is the committee whose members are appointed by the heads of all three branches of government; the majority of members are appointed by the governor.

4.6. USHE - the Utah System of Higher Education, which includes the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Utah Valley University, Southern Utah University, Dixie State College, Snow College, College of Eastern Utah, Salt Lake Community College.

R765-608-5. Policy.

5.1. Program Description - UECSP is a program authorized as part of the higher education Engineering and Computer Science Initiative established with an effective date of July 1, 2001. UCA 53B-6-105.7 provides for establishment of the program "to recruit and train engineering, computer science, and related technology students to assist in providing for and advancing the intellectual and economic welfare of the state," and authorizes the State Board of Regents to provide by rule for the overall administration of the program.

5.2. Program Administration - Staff to the Regents will administer the program including funding distribution. The Technology Initiative Advisory Board assists and makes recommendations to the State Board of Regents.

5.3. Program Design - The Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall make recommendations by June 1 of each year to the State Board of Regents on the allocation and distribution of monies from the program fund. These funds are to be used for degree programs in the areas of engineering, computer science, and related technology programs. The distribution of these funds to the institutions is based on a formula which shall be developed by the Technology Initiative Advisory Board based on several components:

5.3.1 the number of graduates from the previous year,

5.3.2 the number and level of degrees offered, and

5.3.3 the program length of the degree offered at each institution.

5.4 Recipients' Post-Graduation Employment. It is the intent of the program that recipients of the UECSP funding will work in the state of Utah, in a field requiring the use of their degree, after graduating from a qualifying program.

5.5 Cancellation Policy. A scholarship may be cancelled at any time by the institution of attendance, if the student fails to make reasonable progress towards obtaining the degree or there appears to be a reasonable certainty that the student does not intend to work in the state upon graduation.

R765-608-6. Funds.

6.1. Distribution of Funds. Scholarship funds will be distributed annually to the institutions for disbursement to the awarded students.

6.2. Reporting of Funds. Institutions will report annually on the performance of the funds at the fiscal year's end. These reporting measures may include, but are not limited to the following:

6.2.1. the number of awards given,

6.2.2. the amount of the award,

6.2.3. the recipients' completion of course work,

6.2.4. the recipients' anticipated graduation date, and

6.2.5. the program in which the recipient is enrolled.

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R861. Tax Commission, Administration.**R861-1A. Administrative Procedures.****R861-1A-2. Rulemaking Power Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210 and 63-46a-4.**

A. Policy and Scope. In accordance with the responsibility placed upon it by law, the Commission shall enact appropriate rules. These rules shall prescribe practices and procedures for the Commission and other state and county officials and agencies over which the Commission has supervisory power and shall interpret laws the Commission is charged with administering when such interpretation is deemed necessary and in the public interest.

B. Preparation. In the preparation of rules the Commission may refer to appropriate materials and consult such parties as it deems advisable, whether or not such persons are employees of the Commission. Drafts of proposed rules may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for examination as to legality and form.

C. Notice and Hearing. The Commission may publish, by means of local communication, notice of its intent to exercise its rulemaking power in a particular area. Notice therein will be given of a scheduled hearing or hearings not sooner than 15 days after such notice, at which hearing or hearings any party who would be substantially affected by such exercise may present argument in support thereof or in objection thereto. Such notice and hearing or hearings will be instituted when the Commission deems them to be of substantial value and in the public interest or in accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 63-46a-5. Such notice and hearing or hearings shall not be a prerequisite to the validity of any rule.

D. Adoption. Rules will be adopted by the Commission at formal meetings with a quorum present. Adopted rules will be written and entered into the official minutes of the Commission, which minutes are a public record available for examination by interested members of the public at the Commission offices. This proceeding and no other will be necessary for validity, unless otherwise required by the rulemaking procedures.

E. Effective Date. In accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 63-46a-4.

F. Publication. Copies of adopted rules will be prepared and made available to interested parties requesting the same. Such rules may also be published periodically in booklets and bulletins. It shall be the policy of the Commission to provide for publication of all new rules at the time of each compilation of rules in the particular area. No rule, however, shall be deemed invalid by failure to prepare copies for distribution or to provide for publication in the manner herein described.

G. Petitions for Exercise of Rulemaking Power. The Commission may be petitioned to exercise its power to adopt a rule of general application. Such petition shall be submitted in writing by any party who would be substantially and directly affected by such rule. The Commission will have wide discretion in this area and will exercise this rulemaking power upon petition only when it deems that such exercise would be of substantial value to the citizens of Utah. If the Commission accepts such a petition, it may adopt such rule as it deems appropriate; however, the petitioning party may submit a proposed rule for the consideration of the Commission. If the Commission acts favorably upon such a petition, it will adopt and publish the rule in the manner hereinabove described, and in addition notify the petitioner of such adoption by mail at his last known address. If the Commission declines to act on such petition, it will so notify the petitioning party in the same manner.

H. Repeal and Amendment. The procedure above described for the enactment of rules shall also be followed for the amendment or repeal of existing rules.

R861-1A-3. Division Conferences Pursuant to Utah Code**Ann. Sections 59-1-210 and 63G-4-102.**

Any party directly affected by a commission action or contemplated action may request a conference with the supervisor or designated officer of the division involved in that action.

(1) A request may be oral or written.

(2) A conference will be conducted in an informal manner in an effort to clarify and narrow the issues and problems involved.

(3) The party requesting a conference will be notified of the result:

(a) orally or in writing;

(b) in person or through counsel; and

(c) at the conclusion of the conference or within a reasonable time thereafter.

(4) A conference may be held at any time prior to a hearing, whether or not a petition for hearing, appeal, or other commencement of an adjudicative proceeding has been filed.

R861-1A-9. Tax Commission as Board of Equalization Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-212, 59-2-1004, and 59-2-1006.

A. Equalization Responsibilities. The Commission will sit as the State Board of Equalization in discharge of the equalization responsibilities given it by law. The Commission may sit on its own initiative to correct the valuation of property that has been overassessed, underassessed, or nonassessed as described in Section 59-2-212, and as a board of appeal from the various county boards of equalization described in Section 59-2-1004.

B. Proceedings. In all cases, appeals to the Commission shall be scheduled for hearing pursuant to Commission rules.

C. Appeals from county boards of equalization.

1. A notice of appeal filed by the taxpayer with the auditor pursuant to Section 59-2-1006 shall be presumed to have been timely filed unless the county provides convincing evidence to the contrary. In the absence of evidence of the date of mailing of the county board of equalization decision by the county auditor to the taxpayer, it shall be presumed that the decision was mailed three days after the meeting of the county board of equalization at which the decision was made.

2. If the county has not formally adopted board of equalization rules and procedures under Section 59-2-1001 that have been approved by the Commission, the procedures contained in this rule must be followed.

3. An appeal from a decision of a county board must be presented upon the same issues as were submitted to the county board in the first instance. The Commission shall consider, but is not limited to, the facts and evidence submitted to the county board.

4. The county board of equalization or county hearing officer shall prepare minutes of hearings held before them on property tax appeals. The minutes shall constitute the record on appeal.

a) For appeals concerning property value, the record shall include:

(1) the name and address of the property owner;

(2) the identification number, location, and description of the property;

(3) the value placed on the property by the assessor;

(4) the basis stated in the taxpayer's appeal;

(5) facts and issues raised in the hearing before the county board that are not clearly evident from the assessor's records; and

(6) the decision of the county board of equalization and the reasons for the decision.

b) Exempt Property. With respect to a decision affecting the exempt status of a property, the county board of equalization shall prepare its decision in writing, stating the reasons and

statutory basis for the decision.

5. Appeals from dismissal by the county boards of equalization.

a) Decisions by the county board of equalization are final orders on the merits, and appeals to the Commission shall be on the merits except for the following:

- (1) dismissal for lack of jurisdiction;
- (2) dismissal for lack of timeliness;
- (3) dismissal for lack of evidence to support a claim for relief.

b) On an appeal from a dismissal by a county board for the exceptions under C.5.a), the only matter that will be reviewed by the Commission is the dismissal itself, not the merits of the appeal.

c) An appeal may be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction when the claimant limits arguments to issues not under the jurisdiction of the county board of equalization.

6. An appeal filed with the Commission may be remanded to the county board of equalization for further proceedings if the Commission determines that:

- a) dismissal under C.5.a)(1) or (3) was improper;
- b) the taxpayer failed to exhaust all administrative remedies at the county level; or
- c) in the interest of administrative efficiency, the matter can best be resolved by the county board.

7. An appeal filed with the Commission shall be remanded to the county board of equalization for further proceedings if the Commission determines that dismissal under C.5.a)(2) is improper under R884-24P-66.

8. To achieve standing with the county board of equalization and have a decision rendered on the merits of the case, the taxpayer shall provide the following minimum information to the county board of equalization:

- a) the name and address of the property owner;
- b) the identification number, location, and description of the property;
- c) the value placed on the property by the assessor;
- d) the taxpayer's estimate of the fair market value of the property; and
- e) a signed statement providing evidence or documentation that supports the taxpayer's claim for relief.

9. If no signed statement is attached, the county will notify the taxpayer of the defect in the claim and permit at least ten calendar days to cure the defect before dismissing the matter for lack of sufficient evidence to support the claim for relief.

10. If the taxpayer appears before the county board of equalization and fails to produce the evidence or documentation under C.8.e), the county shall send the taxpayer a notice of intent to dismiss, and permit the taxpayer at least 20 calendar days to supply the evidence or documentation. If the taxpayer fails to provide the evidence or documentation within 20 days, the county board of equalization may dismiss the matter for lack of evidence to support a claim for relief.

11. If the minimum information required under C.8. is supplied and the taxpayer produces the evidence or documentation described in the taxpayer's signed statement under C.8.e), the county board of equalization shall render a decision on the merits of the case.

R861-1A-10. Miscellaneous Provisions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Rights of Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed to remove or diminish any right of any party under the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Utah, or any existing law.

B. Effect of Partial Invalidation. If any part of these rules be declared unconstitutional or in conflict with existing statutory law by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

C. Enactment of Inconsistent Legislation. Any statute passed by the Utah Legislature inconsistent with these rules or any part thereof will effect a repeal of that part of these rules with which it is inconsistent, but of no other part.

D. Presumption of Familiarity. It will be presumed that parties dealing with the Commission are familiar with:

1. these rules and the provisions thereof,
2. the revenue laws of the state of Utah, and
3. all rules enacted by the Commission in its administration thereof.

R861-1A-11. Appeal of Corrective Action Order Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-704.

A. Appeal of Corrective Action Order. Any county appealing a corrective action order issued pursuant to Section 59-2-704, shall, within 10 days of the mailing of the order, request in writing a hearing before the Commission. The Commission shall immediately set the time and place of the hearing, which shall be held no later than June 30 of the tax year to which the corrective action order applies.

B. Hearings. Hearings on corrective action order appeals shall be conducted as formal hearings and shall be governed by the procedures contained in these rules. If the parties are able to stipulate to a modification of the corrective action order, and it is evident that there is a reasonable basis for modifying the corrective action order, an amended corrective action order may be executed by the Commission. One or more commissioners may preside at a hearing under this rule with the same force and effect as if a quorum of the Commission were present. However, a decision must be made and an order signed by a quorum of the Commission.

C. Decisions and Orders. The Commission shall render its decision and order no later than July 10 of the tax year to which the corrective action order applies. Upon reaching a decision, the Commission shall immediately notify the clerk of the county board of equalization and the county assessor of that decision.

D. Sales Information. Access to Commission property sales information shall be available by written agreement with the Commission to any clerk of the county board of equalization and county assessor appealing under this rule. All other reasonable and necessary information shall be available upon request, according to Commission guidelines.

E. Conflict with Other Rules. This rule supersedes all other rules that may otherwise govern these proceedings before the Commission.

R861-1A-12. Policies and Procedures Regarding Public Disclosure Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

This rule outlines the policies and procedures of the Commission regarding the public disclosure of and access to documents, workpapers, decisions, and other information prepared by the Commission under provisions of Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Property Tax Orders. Property tax orders signed by the Commission will be mailed to the appropriately named parties in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. Property tax orders may also be made available to persons other than the named parties upon written request to the Commission. Nonparty requests will be subject to the following limitations.

1. If, upon consultation with the taxpayer, the Commission determines that a particular property tax order contains information which, if disclosed, would constitute a significant competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer, the Commission may either prohibit the disclosure of the order or require that applicable information be removed from the order prior to it being made publicly available.

2. The limitation in subsection 1. does not apply if the taxpayer affirmatively waives protection against disclosure of the information.

B. Other Tax Orders. Written orders signed by the Commission relating to all tax appeals other than property tax matters will also be mailed to the appropriately named parties in accordance with the Commission rules of procedure. Copies of these orders or information about them will not be provided to any person other than the named parties except for the following circumstances:

1. if the Commission determines that the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality; or
2. if the Commission determines that the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of references to the parties, specific tax amounts, or any other information attributable to a return filed with the Commission.

C. Imposition and Waiver of Penalty and Interest.

1. All facts surrounding the imposition of penalty and interest charges as well as requests for waiver of penalty and interest charges are considered confidential and will not be disclosed to any persons other than the parties specifically involved. These facts include the names of the involved parties, the amount of penalty and interest, type of tax involved, amount of the tax owed, reasons for the imposition of the penalty and interest, and any other information relating to imposition of the penalty and interest, except as follows:

(a) if the Commission affirmatively determines that a finding of fraud is involved and seeks the imposition of the appropriate fraud penalties, the Commission may make all pertinent facts available to the public once legal action against the parties has been commenced; or

(b) if the Commission determines that the parties have affirmatively waived their rights to confidentiality, the Commission will make all pertinent facts available to the public.

D. Commission Notes and Workpapers.

1. All workpapers, notes, and other material prepared by the commissioners, as well as staff and employees of the Commission, are to be considered confidential, and access to the specific material is restricted to employees of the Commission and its legal counsel only. Examples of this restricted material include audit workpapers and notes, ad valorem appraisal worksheets, and notes taken during hearings and deliberations. In the case of information prepared as part of an audit, the auditing division will, upon request, provide summary information of the findings to the taxpayer. These items will not be available to any person or party by discovery carried out pursuant to these rules or the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. Relevant workpapers of the property tax division prepared in connection with the assessment of property by the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-217, shall be provided to the owner of the property to which the assessment relates, at the owner's request.

E. Reciprocal Agreements. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-537, 59-10-545 and 59-12-109, the Commission may enter into individual reciprocal agreements to share specific tax information with authorized representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Service, tax officials of other states, and representatives of local governments within the state of Utah; provided, however, that no information will be provided to any governmental entity if providing such information would violate any statute or any agreement with the Internal Revenue Service.

F. Other Agreements. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-109, the Commission may provide departments and political subdivisions of the state of Utah with copies of returns and other information required by Chapter 12 of Title 59. This information is available only in official matters and must be requested in writing by the head of the department or political subdivision. The request must specifically indicate the information being sought and how the information will be used. The Commission will respond in writing to the request and shall impose conditions of confidentiality on the use of the information disclosed.

G. Multistate Tax Commission. The Commission is authorized to share specific tax information for audit purposes with the Multistate Tax Commission.

H. Statistical Information. The Commission authorizes the preparation and publication of statistical information regarding the payment and collection of state taxes. The information will be prepared by the various divisions of the Commission and made available after review and approval of the Commission.

I. Public Record Information. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 59-1-403(3)(c), the Commission may publicize the name and other appropriate information, as contained in the public record, concerning delinquent taxpayers, including their addresses, the amount of money owed by tax type, as well as any legal action taken by the Commission, including charges filed, property seized, etc. No information will be released which is not part of the existing public record.

R861-1A-13. Requests for Accommodation and Grievance Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-3-201, 28 CFR 35.107 1992 edition, and 42 USC 12201.

(1) Individuals with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to services, programs, or activities, or a job or work environment in the following manner.

(a) Requests shall be directed to:

Accommodations Coordinator
Utah State Tax Commission
210 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84134

Telephone: 801-297-3811 TDD: 801-297-3819 or relay at 711

(b) Requests shall be made at least three working days prior to any deadline by which the accommodation is needed.

(c) Requests shall include the following information:

(i) the individual's name and address;

(ii) a notation that the request is made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;

(iii) a description of the nature and extent of the individual's disability;

(iv) a description of the service, program, activity, or job or work environment for which an accommodation is requested; and

(v) a description of the requested accommodation if an accommodation has been identified.

(2) The accommodations coordinator shall review all requests for accommodation with the applicable division director and shall issue a reply within two working days.

(a) The reply shall advise the individual that:

(i) the requested accommodation is being supplied; or

(ii) the requested accommodation is not being supplied because it would cause an undue hardship, and shall suggest alternative accommodations. Alternative accommodations must be described; or

(iii) the request for accommodation is denied. A reason for the denial must be included; or

(iv) additional time is necessary to review the request. A projected response date must be included.

(b) All denials of requests under Subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (2)(a)(iii) shall be approved by the executive director or designee.

(c) All replies shall be made in a suitable format. If the suitable format is a format other than writing, the reply shall also be made in writing.

(3) Individuals with a disability who are dissatisfied with the reply to their request for accommodation may file a request for review with the executive director in the following manner.

(a) Requests for review shall be directed to:

Executive Director
Utah State Tax Commission
210 North 1950 West

Salt Lake City, Utah 84134
Telephone: 801-297-3841 TDD: 801-297-3819 or relay
at 711

(b) A request for review must be filed within 180 days of the accommodations coordinator's reply.

(c) The request for review shall include:

- (i) the individual's name and address;
- (ii) the nature and extent of the individual's disability;
- (iii) a copy of the accommodation coordinator's reply;
- (iv) a statement explaining why the reply to the individual's request for accommodation was unsatisfactory;
- (v) a description of the accommodation desired; and
- (vi) the signature of the individual or the individual's legal representative.

(4) The executive director shall review all requests for review and shall issue a reply within 15 working days after receipt of the request for review.

(a) If unable to reach a decision within the 15 working day period, the executive director shall notify the individual with a disability that the decision is being delayed and the amount of additional time necessary to reach a decision.

(b) All replies shall be made in a suitable format. If the suitable format is a format other than writing, the reply shall also be made in writing.

(5) The record of each request for review, and all written records produced or received as part of each request for review, shall be classified as protected under Section 63G-2-305 until the executive director issues a decision.

(6) Once the executive director issues a decision, any portions of the record that pertain to the individual's medical condition shall remain classified as private under Section 63G-2-302 or controlled under Section 63G-2-304, whichever is appropriate. All other information gathered as part of the appeal shall be classified as private information. Only the written decision of the executive director shall be classified as public information.

(7) Individuals with a disability who are dissatisfied with the executive director's decision may appeal that decision to the commission in the manner provided in Sections 63G-4-102 through 63G-4-105.

R861-1A-15. Requirement of Social Security and Federal Identification Numbers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Taxpayers shall provide the Tax Commission with their social security number or federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

B. Sole proprietor and partnership applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for every owner or partner of the applying entity:

- 1. name;
- 2. home address;
- 3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

C. Corporation and limited liability applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for every officer or managing member of the applying entity:

- 1. name;
- 2. home address; and
- 3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

D. Business trust applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for the responsible trustees:

- 1. name;
- 2. home address; and
- 3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

R861-1A-16. Utah State Tax Commission Management Plan Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-207.

(1) The executive director reports to the commission. The executive director shall meet with the commission periodically to report on the status and progress of this agreement, update the commission on the affairs of the agency and seek policy guidance. The chairman of the commission shall designate a liaison of the commission to coordinate with the executive director in the execution of this agreement.

(2) The structure of the agency is as follows:

(a) The Office of the Commission, including the commissioners and the following units that report to the commission:

- (i) Internal Audit;
- (ii) Appeals;
- (iii) Economic and Statistical; and
- (iv) Public Information.

(b) The Office of the Executive Director, including the executive director's staff and the following divisions that report to the executive director:

- (i) Administration;
- (ii) Taxpayer Services;
- (iii) Motor Vehicle;
- (iv) Auditing;
- (v) Property Tax;
- (vi) Processing; and
- (vii) Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

(3) The Executive Director shall oversee service agreements from other departments, including the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Technology Services.

(4) The commission hereby delegates full authority for the following functions to the executive director:

(a) general supervision and management of the day to day management of the operations and business of the agency conducted through the Office of the Executive Director and through the divisions set out in Subsection (2)(b);

(b) management of the day to day relationships with the customers of the agency;

(c) all original assessments, including adjustments to audit, assessment, and collection actions, except as provided in Subsections (4)(d) and (5);

(d) waivers of penalty and interest or offers in compromise agreements in amounts under \$10,000, in conformance with standards established by the commission;

(e) except as provided in Subsection (5)(g), voluntary disclosure agreements with companies, including multilevel marketers;

(f) determination of whether a county or taxing entity has satisfied its statutory obligations with respect to taxes and fees administered by the commission;

(g) human resource management functions, including employee relations, final agency action on employee grievances, and development of internal policies and procedures; and

(h) administration of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

(5) The executive director shall prepare and, upon approval by the commission, implement the following actions, agreements, and documents:

- (a) the agency budget;
- (b) the strategic plan of the agency;
- (c) administrative rules and bulletins;
- (d) waivers of penalty and interest in amounts of \$10,000

or more as per the waiver of penalty and interest policy;

(e) offer in compromise agreements that abate tax, penalty and interest over \$10,000 as per the offer in compromise policy;

(f) stipulated or negotiated agreements that dispose of matters on appeal; and

- (g) voluntary disclosure agreements that meet the

following criteria:

(i) the company participating in the agreement is not licensed in Utah and does not collect or remit Utah sales or corporate income tax; and

(ii) the agreement forgives a known past tax liability of \$10,000 or more.

(6) The commission shall retain authority for the following functions:

(a) rulemaking;

(b) adjudicative proceedings;

(c) private letter rulings issued in response to requests from individual taxpayers for guidance on specific facts and circumstances;

(d) internal audit processes;

(e) liaison with the governor's office;

(i) Correspondence received from the governor's office relating to tax policy will be directed to the Office of the Commission for response. Correspondence received from the governor's office that relates to operating issues of the agency will be directed to the Office of the Executive Director for research and appropriate action. The executive director shall prepare a timely response for the governor with notice to the commission as appropriate.

(ii) The executive director and staff may have other contact with the governor's office upon appropriate notice to the commission; and

(f) liaison with the Legislature.

(i) The commission will set legislative priorities and communicate those priorities to the executive director.

(ii) Under the direction of the executive director, staff may be assigned to assist the commission and the executive director in monitoring legislative meetings and assisting legislators with policy issues relating to the agency.

(7) Correspondence that has been directed to the commission or individual commissioners that relates to matters delegated to the executive director shall be forwarded to a staff member of the Office of the Executive Director for research and appropriate action. A log shall be maintained of all correspondence and periodically the executive director will review with the commission the volume, nature, and resolution of all correspondence from all sources.

(8) The executive director's staff may occasionally act as support staff to the commission for purposes of conducting research or making recommendations on tax issues.

(a) Official communications or assignments from the commission or individual commissioners to the staff reporting to the executive director shall be made through the executive director.

(b) The commissioners and the Office of the Commission staff reserve the right to contact agency staff directly to facilitate a collegial working environment and maintain communications within the agency. These contacts will exclude direct commands, specific policy implementation guidance, or human resource administration.

(9) The commission shall meet with the executive director periodically for the purpose of exchanging information and coordinating operations.

(a) The commission shall discuss with the executive director all policy decisions, appeal decisions or other commission actions that affect the day to day operations of the agency.

(b) The executive director shall keep the commission apprised of significant actions or issues arising in the course of the daily operation of the agency.

(c) When confronted with circumstances that are not covered by established policy or by instances of real or potential conflicts of interest, the executive director shall refer the matter to the commission.

R861-1A-18. Allocations of Remittances Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210 and 59-1-705.

A. Remittances received by the commission shall be applied first to penalty, then interest, and then to tax for the filing period and account designated by the taxpayer.

B. If no designation for period is made, the commission shall allocate the remittance so as to satisfy all penalty, interest, and tax for the oldest period before applying any excess to other periods.

C. Fees associated with Tax Commission collection activities shall be allocated from remittances in the manner designated by statute. If a statute does not provide for the manner of allocating those fees from remittances, the commission shall apply the remittance first to the collection activity fees, then to penalty, then interest, and then to tax for the filing period.

R861-1A-20. Time of Appeal Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-301, 59-1-501, 59-2-1007, 59-7-517, 59-10-532, 59-10-533, 59-10-535, 59-12-114, 59-13-210, 63G-4-201, 63G-4-401, 68-3-7, and 68-3-8.5.

(1) A request for a hearing to correct a centrally assessed property tax assessment pursuant to Section 59-2-1007 must be in writing. The request is deemed to be timely if:

(a) it is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(b) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before June 1.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a petition for redetermination of a deficiency must be received in the commission offices no later than 30 days from the date of a notice that creates the right to appeal. The petition is deemed to be timely if:

(a) in the case of mailed or hand-delivered documents:

(i) the petition is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the 30-day period; or

(ii) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before the last day of the 30-day period; or

(b) in the case of electronically-filed documents, the petition is received no later than midnight of the last day of the 30-day period.

(3) A petition for redetermination of a claim for refund filed in accordance with Sections 59-10-532 or 59-10-533 is deemed to be timely if:

(a) in the case of mailed or hand-delivered documents:

(i) the petition is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(ii) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(b) in the case of electronically-filed documents, the petition is received no later than midnight of the last day of the time frame provided by statute.

(4) Any party adversely affected by an order of the commission may seek judicial review within the time frame provided by statute. Copies of the appeal shall be served upon the commission and upon the Office of the Attorney General.

R861-1A-22. Petitions for Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-501, and 63G-4-201.

(1) Time for Petition. Unless otherwise provided by Utah statute, petitions for adjudicative actions shall be filed within the time frames specified in R861-1A-20. If the last day of the 30-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the

period shall run until the end of the next Tax Commission business day.

(2) Contents. A petition for adjudicative action need not be in any particular form, but shall be in writing and, in addition to the requirements of 63G-4-201, shall contain the following:

(a) name and street address and, if available, a fax number or e-mail address of petitioner or the petitioner's representative;

(b) a telephone number where the petitioning party or that party's representative can be reached during regular business hours;

(c) petitioner's tax identification, social security number or other relevant identification number, such as real property parcel number or vehicle identification number;

(d) particular tax or issue involved, period of alleged liability, amount of tax in dispute, and, in the case of a property tax issue, the lien date;

(e) if the petition results from a letter or notice, the petition will include the date of the letter or notice and the originating division or officer; and

(f) in the case of property tax cases, the assessed value sought.

(3) Effect of Nonconformance. The commission will not reject a petition because of nonconformance in form or content, but may require an amended or substitute petition meeting the requirements of this section when such defects are present. An amended or substitute petition must be filed within 15 days after notice of the defect from the commission.

R861-1A-23. Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-202.

(1) All matters shall be designated as formal proceedings and set for an initial hearing, a status conference, or a scheduling conference pursuant to R861-1A-26.

(2) A matter may be diverted to a mediation process pursuant to R861-1A-32 upon agreement of the parties and the presiding officer.

R861-1A-24. Formal Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-502.5, 63G-4-206, and 63G-4-208.

(1) At a formal proceeding, an administrative law judge appointed by the commission or a commissioner may preside.

(a) Assignment of a presiding officer to a case will be made pursuant to agency procedures and not at the request of any party to the appeal.

(b) A party may request that one or more commissioners be present at any hearing. However, the decision of whether the request is granted rests with the commission.

(c) If more than one commissioner or administrative law judge is present at any hearing, the hearing will be conducted by the presiding officer assigned to the appeal, unless otherwise determined by the commission.

(2) A formal proceeding includes an initial hearing pursuant to Section 59-1-502.5, unless it is waived upon agreement of all parties, and a formal hearing on the record, if the initial hearing is waived or if a party appeals the initial hearing decision.

(a) Initial Hearing.

(i) An initial hearing pursuant to Section 59-1-502.5 shall be in the form of a conference.

(ii) In accordance with Section 59-1-502.5, the commission shall make no record of an initial hearing.

(iii) Any issue may be settled in the initial hearing, but any party has a right to a formal hearing on matters that remain in dispute after the initial hearing decision is issued.

(iv) Any party dissatisfied with the result of the initial hearing must file a timely request for a formal hearing before pursuing judicial review of unsettled matters.

(b) Formal Hearing.

(i) The commission shall make a record of all formal hearings, which may include a written record or an audio recording of the proceeding.

(ii) Evidence presented at the initial hearing will not be included in the record of the formal hearing, unless specifically requested by a party and admitted by the presiding officer.

R861-1A-26. Procedures for Formal Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-501 and 63G-4-204 through 63G-4-209.

(1) A scheduling or status conference may be held.

(a) At the conference, the parties and the presiding officer may:

(i) establish deadlines and procedures for discovery;

(ii) discuss scheduling;

(iii) clarify other issues;

(iv) determine whether to refer the action to a mediation process; and

(v) determine whether the initial hearing will be waived.

(b) The scheduling or status conference may be converted to an initial hearing upon agreement of the parties.

(2) Notice of Hearing. At least ten days prior to a hearing date, the Commission shall notify the petitioning party or the petitioning party's representative by mail, e-mail, or facsimile of the date, time and place of any hearing or proceeding.

(3) Proceedings Conducted by Telephone. Any proceeding may be held with one or more of the parties on the telephone if the presiding officer determines that it will be more convenient or expeditious for one or more of the parties and does not unfairly prejudice the rights of any party. Each party to the proceeding is responsible for notifying the presiding officer of the telephone number where contact can be made for purposes of conducting the hearing.

(4) Representation.

(a) A party may pursue an appeal before the commission without assistance of legal counsel or other representation. However, a party may be represented by legal counsel or other representation at every stage of adjudication. Failure to obtain legal representation shall not be grounds for complaint at a later stage in the adjudicative proceeding or for relief on appeal from an order of the commission.

(i) For appeals concerning Utah corporate franchise and income taxes or Utah individual income taxes, legal counsel must file a power of attorney or the taxpayer must submit a signed petition for redetermination (Tax Commission form TC-738) on which the taxpayer has authorized legal counsel to represent him or her in the appeal. For all other appeals, legal counsel may, as an alternative, submit an entry of appearance.

(ii) Any representative other than legal counsel must submit a signed power of attorney authorizing the representative to act on the party's behalf and binding the party by the representative's action, unless the taxpayer submits a signed petition for redetermination (Tax Commission form TC-738) on which the taxpayer has authorized the representative to represent him or her in the appeal.

(iii) If a party is represented by legal counsel or other representation, all documents will be directed to the party's representative. Documents will be mailed to the representative's street or other address as shown in documents submitted by the representative. Documents may also be transmitted by facsimile number, e-mail address or other electronic means. A request by a party that documents be transmitted by e-mail shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality of any confidential information disclosed in that e-mail.

(b) Any division of the commission named as party to the proceeding may be represented by the Attorney General's Office upon an attorney of that office submitting an entry of appearance.

(5) Subpoena Power.

(a) Issuance. Subpoenas may be issued to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence.

(i) If all parties are represented by counsel, an attorney admitted to practice law in Utah may issue and sign the subpoena.

(ii) In all other cases, the party requesting the subpoena must prepare it and submit it to the presiding officer for review and, if appropriate, signature. The presiding officer may inform a party of its rights under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Service. Service of the subpoena shall be made by the party requesting it in a manner consistent with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(6) Motions.

(a) Consolidation. The presiding officer has discretion to consolidate cases when the same tax assessment, series of assessments, or issues are involved in each, or where the fact situations and the legal questions presented are virtually identical.

(b) Continuance. A continuance may be granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

(i) In the absence of a scheduling order:

(A) Each party to an appeal may receive one continuance, upon request, prior to the initial hearing.

(B) If the initial hearing is waived or a formal hearing is timely requested after an initial hearing decision is issued, each party may receive one continuance, upon request, prior to the formal hearing.

(C) A request must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the proceeding for which the continuance is requested and may be denied if a party is prejudiced by the continuance.

(ii) If a scheduling order has been issued or the requesting party has already been granted a continuance, a continuance request must be submitted in writing to the presiding officer. The request must set forth specific reasons for the continuance. After reviewing the request with one or more commissioners, the presiding officer shall grant the request only if the presiding officer determines that adequate cause has been shown and that no other party or parties will be unduly prejudiced.

(c) Default. The presiding officer may enter an order of default against a party in accordance with Section 63G-4-209.

(i) The default order shall include a statement of the grounds for default and shall be delivered to all parties.

(ii) A defaulted party may seek to have the default set aside according to procedures set forth in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(d) Ruling on Motions. Motions may be made during the hearing or by written motion.

(i) Each motion shall include the grounds upon which it is based and the relief or order sought. Copies of written motions shall be served upon all other parties to the proceeding.

(ii) Upon the filing of any motion, the presiding officer may:

(A) grant or deny the motion; or

(B) set the matter for briefing, hearing, or further proceedings.

(iii) If a hearing on a motion is held that may dispose of all or a portion of the appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal, the commission shall make a record of the proceeding, which may include a written record or an audio recording of the proceeding.

(e) Requests to Withdraw Locally-Assessed Property Tax Appeals.

(i) A party who appeals a county board of equalization decision to the commission may unilaterally withdraw its appeal if:

(A) it submits a written request to withdraw the appeal 20 or more days prior to:

(I) the initial hearing; or

(II) the formal hearing, if the parties waived the initial

hearing or participated in a mediation conference in lieu of the initial hearing; and

(B) no other party has filed a timely appeal of the county board of equalization decision.

(ii) A party who appeals an initial hearing decision issued by the commission may unilaterally withdraw its appeal if:

(A) it submits a written request to withdraw 20 or more days prior to the formal hearing, regardless of whether the party who appealed the initial hearing order is also the party who appealed the county board of equalization decision; and

(B) no other party has filed a timely appeal of the initial hearing decision.

R861-1A-27. Discovery Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-205.

(1) Discovery procedures in formal proceedings shall be established during the scheduling, and status conference in accordance with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure and other applicable statutory authority.

(2) The party requesting information or documents may be required to pay in advance the costs of obtaining or reproducing such information or documents.

R861-1A-28. Evidence in Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210, 63G-4-206, 76-8-502, and 76-8-503.

(1) Except as otherwise stated in this rule, formal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Utah Rules of Evidence, and the degree of proof in a hearing before the commission shall be the same as in a judicial proceeding in the state courts of Utah.

(2) Every party to an adjudicative proceeding has the right to introduce evidence. The evidence may be oral or written, real or demonstrative, direct or circumstantial.

(a) The presiding officer may admit any reliable evidence possessing probative value which would be accepted by a reasonably prudent person in the conduct of his affairs.

(b) The presiding officer may admit hearsay evidence. However, no decision of the commission will be based solely on hearsay evidence.

(c) If a party attempts to introduce evidence into a hearing, and that evidence is excluded, the party may proffer the excluded testimony or evidence to allow the reviewing judicial authority to pass on the correctness of the ruling of exclusion on appeal.

(3) At the discretion of the presiding officer or upon stipulation of the parties, the parties may be required to reduce their testimony to writing and to prefile the testimony.

(a) Prefiled testimony may be placed on the record without being read into the record if the opposing parties have had reasonable access to the testimony before it is presented. Except upon finding of good cause, reasonable access shall be not less than ten working days.

(b) Prefiled testimony shall have line numbers inserted at the left margin and shall be authenticated by affidavit of the witness.

(c) The presiding officer may require the witness to present a summary of the prefiled testimony. In that case, the witness shall reduce the summary to writing and either file it with the prefiled testimony or serve it on all parties within 10 days after filing the testimony.

(d) If an opposing party intends to cross-examine the witness on prefiled testimony or the summary of prefiled testimony, that party must file a notice of intent to cross-examine at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing so that witness can be scheduled to appear or within a time frame agreed upon by the parties.

(4) The presiding officer shall rule and sign orders on matters concerning the evidentiary and procedural conduct of

the proceeding.

(5) Oral testimony at a formal hearing will be sworn. The oath will be administered by the presiding officer or a person designated by him. Anyone testifying falsely under oath may be subject to prosecution for perjury in accordance with the provisions of Sections 76-8-502 and 76-8-503.

(6) Any party appearing in an adjudicative proceeding may submit a memorandum of authorities. The presiding officer may request a memorandum from any party if deemed necessary for a full and informed consideration of the issues.

R861-1A-29. Decisions, Orders, and Reconsideration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-205 and 63G-4-302.

(1) "Taxpayer" for purposes of the requirement under Section 59-1-205 that in a tie vote of the commission the position of the taxpayer is considered to have prevailed, includes:

(a) a person that has received a license issued by the commission; or

(b) an applicant for a license issued by the commission.

(2) Decisions and Orders.

(a) Initial hearing decisions, formal hearing decisions, and other dispositive orders.

(i) A quorum of the commission shall deliberate all hearing decisions and other orders that could dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(ii) A quorum of the commission shall sign all hearing decisions and other orders that dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iii) An administrative law judge, if he or she was the presiding officer for an appeal, may elect not to sign the commission's hearing decisions and other orders that dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iv) An initial hearing decision shall become final upon the expiration of 30 days after the date of its issuance, except in any case where a party has earlier requested a formal hearing in writing. The date a party requests a formal hearing is the earlier of the date the envelope containing the request is postmarked or the date the request is received at the commission.

(b) Orders that are not dispositive.

(i) A quorum of the commission is not required to participate in an order that does not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(ii) The presiding officer is authorized to sign all orders that do not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iii) The commission may, at its option, sign any order that does not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(3) Reconsideration. Within 20 days after the date that an order that is dispositive of a portion or all of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal is issued, any party may file a written request for reconsideration alleging mistake of law or fact, or discovery of new evidence.

(a) The commission shall respond to the petition within 20 days after the date that it was received in the appeals unit to notify the petitioner whether the reconsideration is granted or denied, or is under review.

(i) If no notice is issued within the 20-day period, the commission's lack of action on the request shall be deemed to be a denial and a final order.

(ii) For purposes of calculating the 30-day limitation period for pursuing judicial review, the date of the commission's order on the reconsideration or the order of denial is the date of the final agency action.

(b) If no petition for reconsideration is made, the 30-day limitation period for pursuing judicial review begins to run from

the date of the final agency action.

R861-1A-30. Ex Parte Communications Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 63G-4-203 and 63G-4-206.

(1) No commissioner or administrative law judge shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any party to an appeal any communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal unless notice and an opportunity to be heard are afforded to all parties.

(2) No party shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any commissioner or administrative law judge an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the appeal. Discussion of procedural matters are not considered ex parte communication relevant to the merits of the appeal.

(3) A presiding officer may receive aid from staff assistants if:

(a) the assistants do not receive ex parte communications of a type that the presiding officer is prohibited from receiving, and,

(b) in an instance where assistants present information which augments the evidence in the record, all parties shall have reasonable notice and opportunity to respond to that information.

(4) Any commissioner or administrative law judge who receives an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal shall place the communication into the case file and afford all parties an opportunity to comment on the information.

R861-1A-31. Declaratory Orders Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-503.

(1) A party has standing to bring a declaratory action if that party is directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by an agency action within the meaning of the relevant statute.

(2) A party with standing may petition for a declaratory order to challenge:

(a) the commission's interpretation of statutory language as stated in an administrative rule; or

(b) the commission's grant of authority under a statute.

(3) The commission shall not accept a petition for declaratory order on matters pending before the commission in an audit assessment, refund request, collections action or other agency action, or on matters pending before the court on judicial review of a commission decision.

(4) The commission may refuse to render a declaratory order if the order will not completely resolve the controversy giving rise to the proceeding or if the petitioner has other remedies through the administrative appeals processes. The commission's decision to accept or reject a petition for declaratory order rests in part on the petitioner's standing to raise the issue and on a determination that the petitioner has not already incurred tax liability under the statutes or rules challenged.

(5) A declaratory order that invalidates all or part of an administrative rule shall trigger the rulemaking process to amend the rule.

R861-1A-32. Mediation Process Pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-102.

(1) Except as otherwise precluded by law, a resolution to any matter of dispute may be pursued through mediation.

(a) The parties may agree to pursue mediation any time before the formal hearing on the record.

(b) The choice of mediator and the apportionment of costs shall be determined by agreement of the parties.

(2) If mediation produces a settlement agreement, the agreement shall be submitted to the presiding officer pursuant to R861-1A-33.

(a) The settlement agreement shall be prepared by the parties or by the mediator, and promptly filed with the presiding officer.

(b) The settlement agreement shall be adopted by the commission if it is not contrary to law.

(c) If the mediation does not resolve all of the issues, the parties shall prepare a stipulation that identifies the issues resolved and the issues that remain in dispute.

(d) If any issues remain unresolved, the appeal will be scheduled for a formal hearing pursuant to R861-1A-23.

R861-1A-33. Settlement Agreements Pursuant to Utah Code Sections 59-1-210 and 59-1- 502.5.

A. "Settlement agreement" means a stipulation, consent decree, settlement agreement or any other legally binding document or representation that resolves a dispute or issue between the parties.

B. Procedure:

1. Parties with an interest in a matter pending before a division of the Tax Commission may submit a settlement agreement for review and approval, whether or not a petition for hearing has been filed.

2. Parties to an appeal pending before the commission may submit a settlement agreement to the presiding officer for review and approval.

3. Each settlement agreement shall be in writing and executed by each party or each party's legal representative, if any, and shall contain:

- a) the nature of the claim being settled and any claims remaining in dispute;
- b) a proposed order for commission approval; and
- c) a statement that each party has been notified of, and allowed to participate in settlement negotiations.

4. A settlement agreement terminates the administrative action on the issues settled before all administrative remedies are exhausted, and, therefore, precludes judicial review of the issues. Each settlement agreement shall contain a statement that the agreement is binding and constitutes full resolution of all issues agreed upon in the settlement agreement.

5. The signed agreement shall stay further proceedings on the issues agreed upon in the settlement until the agreement is accepted or rejected by the commission or the commission's designee.

a) If approved, the settlement agreement shall take effect by its own terms.

b) If rejected, action on the claim shall proceed as if no settlement agreement had been reached. Offers made during the negotiation process will not be used as an admission against that party in further adjudicative proceedings.

R861-1A-34. Private Letter Rulings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Private letter rulings are written, informational statements of the commission's interpretation of statutes or administrative rules, or informational statements concerning the application of statutes and rules to specific facts and circumstances.

1. Private letter rulings address questions that have not otherwise been addressed in statutes, rules, or decisions issued by the commission.

2. The commission shall not knowingly issue a private letter ruling on a matter pending before the commission in an audit assessment, refund request, or other agency action, or regarding matters that are pending before the court on judicial review of a commission decision. Any private letter ruling inadvertently issued on a matter pending agency or judicial action shall be set aside until the conclusion of that action.

3. Requests for private letter rulings must be addressed to the commission in writing. If the requesting party is dissatisfied

with the ruling, that party may resubmit the request along with new facts or information for commission review.

B. The weight afforded a private letter ruling in a subsequent audit or administrative appeal depends upon the degree to which the underlying facts addressed in the ruling were adequate to allow thorough consideration of the issues and interests involved.

C. A private letter ruling is not a final agency action. Petitioner must use the designated appeal process to address judiciable controversies arising from the issuance of a private letter ruling.

1. If the private letter ruling leads to a denial of a claim, an audit assessment, or some other agency action at a divisional level, the taxpayer must use the appeals procedures to challenge that action within 30 days of the final division decision.

2. If the only matter at issue in the private letter ruling is a challenge to the commission's interpretation of statutory language or a challenge to the commission's authority under a statute, the matter may come before the commission as a petition for declaratory order submitted within 30 days of the date of the ruling challenged.

R861-1A-35. Manner of Retaining Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210, 59-5-104, 59-5-204, 59-6-104, 59-7-506, 59-8-105, 59-8a-105, 59-10-501, 59-12-111, 59-13-211, 59-13-312, 59-13-403, 59-14-303, and 59-15-105.

A. Definitions.

1. "Database Management System" means a software system that controls, relates, retrieves, and provides accessibility to data stored in a database.

2. "Electronic data interchange" or "EDI technology" means the computer-to-computer exchange of business transactions in a standardized, structured electronic format.

3. "Hard copy" means any documents, records, reports, or other data printed on paper.

4. "Machine-sensible record" means a collection of related information in an electronic format. Machine-sensible records do not include hard-copy records that are created or recorded on paper or stored in or by an imaging system such as microfilm, microfiche, or storage-only imaging systems.

5. "Storage-only imaging system" means a system of computer hardware and software that provides for the storage, retention, and retrieval of documents originally created on paper. It does not include any system, or part of a system, that manipulates or processes any information or data contained on the document in any manner other than to reproduce the document in hard copy or as an optical image.

6. "Taxpayer" means the person required, under Title 59 or other statutes administered by the Tax Commission, to collect, remit, or pay the tax or fee to the Tax Commission.

B. If a taxpayer retains records in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer shall make the records available to the commission in machine-sensible format upon request by the commission.

C. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit a taxpayer from demonstrating tax compliance with traditional hard-copy documents or reproductions thereof, in whole or in part, whether or not the taxpayer also has retained or has the capability to retain records on electronic or other storage media in accordance with this rule. However, this does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to comply with B.

D. Recordkeeping requirements for machine-sensible records.

1. Machine-sensible records used to establish tax compliance shall contain sufficient transaction-level detail information so that the details underlying the machine-sensible records can be identified and made available to the commission upon request. A taxpayer has discretion to discard duplicated records and redundant information provided its responsibilities

under this rule are met.

2. At the time of an examination, the retained records must be capable of being retrieved and converted to a standard record format.

3. Taxpayers are not required to construct machine-sensible records other than those created in the ordinary course of business. A taxpayer who does not create the electronic equivalent of a traditional paper document in the ordinary course of business is not required to construct such a record for tax purposes.

4. Electronic Data Interchange Requirements.

a) Where a taxpayer uses electronic data interchange processes and technology, the level of record detail, in combination with other records related to the transactions, must be equivalent to that contained in an acceptable paper record.

b) For example, the retained records should contain such information as vendor name, invoice date, product description, quantity purchased, price, amount of tax, indication of tax status, and shipping detail. Codes may be used to identify some or all of the data elements, provided that the taxpayer provides a method that allows the commission to interpret the coded information.

c) The taxpayer may capture the information necessary to satisfy D.4.b) at any level within the accounting system and need not retain the original EDI transaction records provided the audit trail, authenticity, and integrity of the retained records can be established. For example, a taxpayer using electronic data interchange technology receives electronic invoices from its suppliers. The taxpayer decides to retain the invoice data from completed and verified EDI transactions in its accounts payable system rather than to retain the EDI transactions themselves. Since neither the EDI transaction nor the accounts payable system captures information from the invoice pertaining to product description and vendor name, i.e., they contain only codes for that information, the taxpayer also retains other records, such as its vendor master file and product code description lists and makes them available to the commission. In this example, the taxpayer need not retain its EDI transaction for tax purposes.

5. Electronic data processing systems requirements.

a) The requirements for an electronic data processing accounting system should be similar to that of a manual accounting system, in that an adequately designed accounting system should incorporate methods and records that will satisfy the requirements of this rule.

6. Business process information.

a) Upon the request of the commission, the taxpayer shall provide a description of the business process that created the retained records. The description shall include the relationship between the records and the tax documents prepared by the taxpayer, and the measures employed to ensure the integrity of the records.

b) The taxpayer shall be capable of demonstrating:

(1) the functions being performed as they relate to the flow of data through the system;

(2) the internal controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing; and

(3) the internal controls used to prevent unauthorized addition, alteration, or deletion of retained records.

c) The following specific documentation is required for machine-sensible records retained pursuant to this rule:

(1) record formats or layouts;

(2) field definitions, including the meaning of all codes used to represent information;

(3) file descriptions, e.g., data set name; and

(4) detailed charts of accounts and account descriptions.

E. Records maintenance requirements.

1. The commission recommends but does not require that taxpayers refer to the National Archives and Record

Administration's (NARA) standards for guidance on the maintenance and storage of electronic records, such as labeling of records, the location and security of the storage environment, the creation of back-up copies, and the use of periodic testing to confirm the continued integrity of the records. The NARA standards may be found at 36 C.F.R., Section 1234.(1995).

2. The taxpayer's computer hardware or software shall accommodate the extraction and conversion of retained machine-sensible records.

F. Access to machine-sensible records.

1. The manner in which the commission is provided access to machine-sensible records as required in B. may be satisfied through a variety of means that shall take into account a taxpayer's facts and circumstances through consultation with the taxpayer.

2. Access will be provided in one or more of the following manners:

a) The taxpayer may arrange to provide the commission with the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

b) The taxpayer may arrange for a third party to provide the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

c) The taxpayer may convert the machine-sensible records to a standard record format specified by the commission, including copies of files, on a magnetic medium that is agreed to by the commission.

d) The taxpayer and the commission may agree on other means of providing access to the machine-sensible records.

G. Taxpayer responsibility and discretionary authority.

1. In conjunction with meeting the requirements of D., a taxpayer may create files solely for the use of the commission. For example, if a data base management system is used, it is consistent with this rule for the taxpayer to create and retain a file that contains the transaction-level detail from the data base management system and meets the requirements of D. The taxpayer should document the process that created the separate file to show the relationship between that file and the original records.

2. A taxpayer may contract with a third party to provide custodial or management services of the records. The contract shall not relieve the taxpayer of its responsibilities under this rule.

H. Alternative storage media.

1. For purposes of storage and retention, taxpayers may convert hard-copy documents received or produced in the normal course of business and required to be retained under this rule to microfilm, microfiche or other storage-only imaging systems and may discard the original hard-copy documents, provided the conditions of this section are met. Documents that may be stored on these media include general books of account, journals, voucher registers, general and subsidiary ledgers, and supporting records of details, such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, exemption certificates, and credit memoranda.

2. Microfilm, microfiche and other storage-only imaging systems shall meet the following requirements:

a) Documentation establishing the procedures for converting the hard-copy documents to microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging system must be maintained and made available on request. This documentation shall, at a minimum, contain a sufficient description to allow an original document to be followed through the conversion system as well as internal procedures established for inspection and quality assurance.

b) Procedures must be established for the effective identification, processing, storage, and preservation of the stored documents and for making them available for the period they are required to be retained.

c) Upon request by the commission, a taxpayer must

provide facilities and equipment for reading, locating, and reproducing any documents maintained on microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging system.

d) When displayed on equipment or reproduced on paper, the documents must exhibit a high degree of legibility and readability. For this purpose, legibility is defined as the quality of a letter or numeral that enables the observer to identify it positively and quickly to the exclusion of all other letters or numerals. Readability is defined as the quality of a group of letters or numerals being recognizable as words or complete numbers.

e) All data stored on microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging systems must be maintained and arranged in a manner that permits the location of any particular record.

f) There is no substantial evidence that the microfilm, microfiche or other storage-only imaging system lacks authenticity or integrity.

I. Effect on hard-copy recordkeeping requirements.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of this rule do not relieve taxpayers of the responsibility to retain hard-copy records that are created or received in the ordinary course of business as required by existing law and regulations. Hard-copy records may be retained on a recordkeeping medium as provided in H.

2. Hard-copy records not produced or received in the ordinary course of transacting business, e.g., when the taxpayer uses electronic data interchange technology, need not be created.

3. Hard-copy records generated at the time of a transaction using a credit or debit card must be retained unless all the details necessary to determine correct tax liability relating to the transaction are subsequently received and retained by the taxpayer in accordance with this rule. These details include those listed in D.4.a) and D.4.b).

4. Computer printouts that are created for validation, control, or other temporary purposes need not be retained.

5. Nothing in this section shall prevent the commission from requesting hard-copy printouts in lieu of retained machine-sensible records at the time of examination.

R861-1A-36. Signatures Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-209, 59-7-505, 59-10-512, 59-12-107, 59-13-206, and 59-13-307.

(1) Individuals who submit an application to renew their vehicle registration on the Internet web site authorized by the Tax Commission shall use the Tax Commission assigned personal identification number included with their registration renewal information as their signature for the renewal application submitted over the Internet.

(2) Taxpayers who use the Tax Commission authorized Internet web site to file tax return information for tax types that may be filed on that web site shall use the personal identification number provided by the Tax Commission as their signature for the tax return information filed on that web site.

(3) Taxpayers who file a tax return under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, electronically and who meet the signature requirement of the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed to meet the signature requirement of Section 59-10-512.

(4) Taxpayers who file a corporate franchise and income tax return electronically and who meet the signature requirement of the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed to meet the signature requirement of Section 59-7-505.

R861-1A-37. Provisions Relating to Disclosure of Commercial Information Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-404.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to the disclosure of commercial information under Section 59-1-404. For disclosure of information other than commercial information, see rule R861-1A-12.

(2) For purposes of Section 59-1-404, "assessed value of the property" includes any value proposed for a property.

(3) For purposes of Subsection 59-1-404(2), "disclosure" does not include the issuance by the commission of a decision, order, or private letter ruling containing commercial information to a:

- (a) named party of a decision or order;
- (b) party requesting a private letter ruling; or
- (c) designated representative of a party described in (3)(a)

or (3)(b).

(4) For purposes of Subsection 59-1-404(6), "published decision" does not include the issuance by the commission of a decision, order, or private letter ruling containing commercial information to a:

- (a) named party of a decision or order;
- (b) party requesting a private letter ruling; or
- (c) designated representative of a party described in (4)(a)

or (4)(b).

(5) Information that may be disclosed under Section 59-1-404(3) includes:

(a) the following information related to the property's tax exempt status:

(i) information provided on the application for property tax exempt status;

(ii) information used in the determination of whether a property tax exemption should be granted or revoked; and

(iii) any other information related to a property's property tax exemption;

(b) the following information related to penalty or interest relating to property taxes that the commission or county legislative body determines should be abated:

(i) the amount of penalty or interest that is abated;

(ii) information provided on an application or request for abatement of penalty or interest;

(iii) information used in the determination of the abatement of penalty or interest; and

(iv) any other information related to the amount of penalty or interest that is abated; and

(c) the following information related to the amount of property tax due on property:

(i) the amount of taxes refunded or deducted as an erroneous or illegal assessment under Section 59-2-1321;

(ii) information provided on an application or request that property has been erroneously or illegally assessed under Section 59-2-1321; and

(iii) any other information related to the amount of taxes refunded or deducted under (5)(c)(i).

(6)(a) Except as provided in (6)(b), commercial information disclosed during an action or proceeding may not be disclosed outside the action or proceeding by any person conducting or participating in the action or proceeding.

(b) Notwithstanding (6)(a), commercial information contained in a decision issued by the commission may be disclosed outside the action or proceeding if all of the parties named in the decision agree in writing to the disclosure.

(7) The commission may disclose commercial information in a published decision as follows.

(a) If the property taxpayer that provided the commercial information does not respond in writing to the commission within 30 days of the decision's issuance, requesting that the commercial information not be published and identifying the specific commercial information the taxpayer wants protected, the commission may publish the entire decision.

(b) If the property taxpayer that provided the commercial information indicates to the commission in writing the specific commercial information that the taxpayer wants protected, the commission may publish a version of the decision that contains commercial information not identified by the taxpayer under (7)(a).

(8) The commission may share commercial information gathered from returns and other written statements with the federal government, any other state, any of the political subdivisions of another state, or any political subdivision of this state, if these political subdivisions, or the federal government grant substantially similar privileges to this state.

R861-1A-38. Class Actions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-304.

A. Unless the limitations of Section 59-1-304(2) apply, the commission may expedite the exhaustion of administrative remedies required by individuals desiring to be included as a member of the class.

B. In expediting exhaustion of administrative remedies, the commission may take any of the following actions:

1. publish sample claim forms that provide the information necessary to process a claim in a form that will reduce the burden on members of the putative class and expedite processing by the commission;
2. provide for waiver of initial hearings where requested by any party;
3. provide for expedited rulings on motions for summary judgment where the facts are not contested and the legal issues have been previously determined by the commission in ruling on the case brought by class representatives. The parties may waive oral hearing and have final orders issued based upon information submitted in the claims and division responses;
4. consolidate the cases for hearing at the commission, where a group of claims presents identical legal issues and it is agreed by the parties that the resolution of the legal issues would be dispositive of the claims;
5. designate a claim as a test or sample claim with any rulings on that test or sample claim to be applicable to all other similar claims, upon agreement of the claiming parties; or
6. any other action not listed in this rule if that action is not contrary to procedures required by statute.

R861-1A-39. Penalty for Failure to File a Return Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 10-1-405, 59-1-401, 59-12-118, and 69-2-5.

(1)(a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), "failure to file a tax return," for purposes of the penalty for failure to file a tax return under Subsection 59-1-401(1) includes a tax return that does not contain information necessary for the commission to make a correct distribution of tax revenues to counties, cities, and towns.

(b) Subsection (1)(a) applies to a tax return filed under:

- (i) Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;
- (ii) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; or
- (iii) Title 69, Chapter 2, Emergency Telephone Service Law.

(2)(a) "Unpaid tax," for purposes of the penalty for failure to file a tax return under Subsection 59-1-401(1) includes tax remitted to the commission under Subsection (2)(b) that is:

- (i) not accompanied by a tax return; or
- (ii) accompanied by a tax return that is subject to the penalty for failure to file a tax return.

(b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to a tax remitted under:

- (i) Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;
- (ii) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; or
- (iii) Title 69, Chapter 2, Emergency Telephone Service Law.

R861-1A-40. Waiver of Requirement to Post Security Prior to Judicial Review Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-611.

- (1) "Post security" is as defined in Section 59-1-611.

(2)(a) A taxpayer that seeks judicial review of a final commission determination of a deficiency may apply for a waiver of the requirement to post security with the commission by:

- (i) submitting a letter requesting the waiver;
- (ii) providing financial information requested by the commission; and
- (iii) providing a copy of the financial information to the attorney general that is representing the commission in the judicial review.

(b) The financial information described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be signed by the taxpayer under penalties of perjury.

(3) Upon review of the financial information described in Subsection (2), the commission shall:

- (a) determine whether the taxpayer qualifies for a waiver of the requirement to post security with the commission; or
- (b) if unable to make the determination under Subsection (3)(a) from the financial information, request additional information from the taxpayer as necessary to make that determination.

R861-1A-42. Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Reasonable Cause Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-401.

(1) Procedure.

(a) A taxpayer may request a waiver of penalties or interest for reasonable cause under Section 59-1-401 if the following conditions are met:

- (i) the taxpayer provides a signed statement, with appropriate supporting documentation, requesting a waiver;
- (ii) the total tax owed for the period has been paid;
- (iii) the tax liability is based on a return the taxpayer filed with the commission, and not on an estimate provided by the taxpayer or the commission;
- (iv) the taxpayer has not previously received a waiver review for the same period; and
- (v) the taxpayer demonstrates that there is reasonable cause for waiver of the penalty or interest.

(b) Upon receipt of a waiver request, the commission shall:

- (i) review the request;
- (ii) notify the taxpayer if additional documentation is needed to consider the waiver request; and
- (iii) review the account history for prior waiver requests, taxpayer deficiencies, and historical support for the reason given.

(c) Each request for waiver is judged on its individual merits.

(d) If the request for waiver of penalty or interest is denied, the taxpayer has a right to appeal. Procedures for filing appeals are found in Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, and commission rules.

(2) Reasonable Cause for Waiver of Interest. Grounds for waiving interest are more stringent than for penalty. To be granted a waiver of interest, the taxpayer must prove that the commission gave the taxpayer erroneous information or took inappropriate action that contributed to the error.

(3) Reasonable Cause for Waiver of Penalty. The following clearly documented circumstances may constitute reasonable cause for a waiver of penalty:

- (a) Timely Mailing:
 - (i) The taxpayer mailed the return with payment to the commission by the due date and it was not timely delivered by the post office through no fault of the taxpayer.
 - (ii) In cases where the taxpayer cannot document a post office error, the penalties may be waived if the taxpayer:
 - (A) has an excellent history of compliance;
 - (B) proves that sufficient funds were in the bank as of the date of payment, and the check was written in numerical order; and

(C) presents documentation showing that the return or payment was mailed timely.

(b) Wrong Filing Place: The return or payment was filed on time, but was delivered to the wrong office or agency.

(c) Death or Serious Illness:

(i) The death or serious illness of a taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's immediate family caused the delay.

(ii) With respect to a business, trust or estate, the death or illness must have been of the individual, or the immediate family of the individual, who had sole authority to file the return.

(iii) The death or illness must have occurred on or immediately prior to the due date of the return.

(d) Unavoidable Absence: The person having sole responsibility to file the return was absent from the state due to circumstances beyond his or her control.

(e) Disaster Relief:

(i) A delay in reporting, filing, or paying was due either to a federal or state declared disaster or to a natural disaster, such as fire or accident, that results in the destruction of records or disruption of business.

(ii) If delinquency or delay is due to a federally declared disaster, federal relief guidelines shall be followed.

(iii) In the absence of federal guidelines, and for other listed disasters, the taxpayer must demonstrate the matter was corrected within a reasonable time, given the circumstances.

(f) Reliance on Erroneous Tax Commission Information:

(i) Underpayments and late filings or payments were attributable to incorrect advice obtained from the commission, unless the taxpayer gave the commission inaccurate or insufficient information.

(ii) Proof of erroneous information may be based on written communication provided by the commission or, if the taxpayer clearly documents, verbal communication. Clear documentation of verbal communication should include the dates, times, and names of commission employees who provided the erroneous information.

(iii) A failure to comply will also be excused if it is demonstrated that the taxpayer requested the necessary tax forms and instructions timely, and the commission failed to timely provide the forms and instructions requested.

(g) Tax Commission Office Visit: The taxpayer proves that before expiration of the time for filing the return or making the payment, the taxpayer visited a commission office for information or help in preparing the return and a commission employee was not available for consultation.

(h) Unobtainable Records: For reasons beyond the taxpayer's control, the taxpayer was unable to obtain records to determine the amount of tax due.

(i) Reliance on Competent Tax Advisor:

(i) The taxpayer fails to file a return after furnishing all necessary and relevant information to a competent tax advisor, who incorrectly advised the taxpayer that a return was not required.

(ii) The taxpayer is required, and has an obligation, to file the return. Reliance on a tax advisor to prepare a return does not automatically constitute reasonable cause for failure to file or pay. The taxpayer must demonstrate that ordinary business care, prudence, and diligence were exercised in determining whether to seek further advice.

(j) First Time Filer:

(i) It is the first return required to be filed and the taxes were filed and paid within a reasonable time after the due date.

(ii) The commission may also consider waiving penalties on the first return after a filing period change if the return is filed and tax is paid within a reasonable time after the due date.

(k) Bank Error:

(i) The taxpayer's bank has made an error in returning a check, making a deposit or transferring money.

(ii) A letter from the bank verifying its error is required.

(l) Compliance History:

(i) The commission will consider the taxpayer's recent history for payment, filing, and delinquencies in determining whether a penalty may be waived.

(ii) The commission will also consider whether other tax returns or reports are overdue at the time the waiver is requested.

(m) Employee Embezzlement: The taxpayer shows that failure to pay was due to employee embezzlement of the tax funds and the taxpayer was unable to obtain replacement funds from any other source.

(n) Recent Tax Law Change: The taxpayer's failure to file and pay was due to a recent change in tax law that the taxpayer could not reasonably be expected to be aware of.

(4) Other Considerations for Determining Reasonable Cause.

(a) The commission allows for equitable considerations in determining whether reasonable cause exists to waive a penalty. Equitable considerations include:

(i) whether the commission had to take legal means to collect the taxes;

(ii) if the error is caught and corrected by the taxpayer;

(iii) the length of time between the event cited and the filing date;

(iv) typographical or other written errors; and

(v) other factors the commission deems appropriate.

(b) Other clearly supported extraordinary and unanticipated reasons for late filing or payment, which demonstrate reasonable cause and the inability to comply, may justify a waiver of the penalty.

(c) In most cases, ignorance of the law, carelessness, or forgetfulness does not constitute reasonable cause for waiver. Nonetheless, other supporting circumstances may indicate that reasonable cause for waiver exists.

(d) Intentional disregard, evasion, or fraud does not constitute reasonable cause for waiver under any circumstance.

R861-1A-43. Electronic Meetings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 52-4-207.

(1) A commissioner may participate electronically in a meeting open to the public under Section 52-4-207 if:

(a) two commissioners are present at a single anchor location; or

(b) one commissioner is present at the anchor location.

(2) If Subsection (1)(b) applies, the commissioner at the anchor location shall conduct the meeting.

(3)(a) The commission shall indicate in a public notice if the public may participate electronically in a meeting open to the public under Section 52-4-207.

(b) A notice provided under Subsection (3)(a) shall direct the public on how to participate electronically in the meeting.

R861-1A-44. Definition of Delivery Service Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-1404.

For purposes of determining the date on which a document has been mailed under Section 59-1-1404, "delivery service" means the following delivery services the Internal Revenue Service has determined to be a designated delivery service under Section 7502, Internal Revenue Code:

(1) DHL Express (DHL):

(a) DHL Same Day Service;

(b) DHL Next Day 10:30 a.m.;

(c) DHL Next Day 12:00 p.m.;

(d) DHL DHL Next Day 3:00 p.m.; and

(e) DHL 2nd Day Service;

(2) Federal Express (FedEx):

(a) FedEx Priority Overnight;

(b) FedEx Standard Overnight;

(c) FedEx 2 Day;

(d) FedEx International Priority; and	59-1-205
(e) FedEx International First; and	59-1-207
(3) United Parcel Service (UPS):	59-1-210
(a) UPS Next Day Air;	59-1-301
(b) UPS Next Day Air Saver;	59-1-302.1
(c) UPS 2nd Day Air;	59-1-304
(c) UPS 2nd Day Air A.M.;	59-1-401
(d) UPS Worldwide Express Plus; and	59-1-403
(e) UPS Worldwide Express.	59-1-404
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R861-1A-45. Procedures for Commission Meetings Not Open to the Public Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-405.	59-1-502.5
(1) When the commission holds a meeting that is not open to the public pursuant to Section 59-1-405, the commission shall:	59-1-602
(a) follow the procedures set forth in commission rules:	59-1-611
(i) R861-1A-9, Tax Commission as Board of Equalization;	59-1-705
(ii) R861-1A-11, Appeal of Corrective Action;	59-1-706
(iii) R861-1A-20, Time of Appeal;	59-1-1004
(iv) R861-1A-22, Petitions for Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings;	59-1-1404
(v) R861-1A-23, Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings;	59-7-505
(vi) R861-1A-24, Formal Adjudicative Proceedings;	59-10-512
(vii) R861-1A-26, Procedures for Formal Adjudicative Proceedings;	59-10-532
(viii) R861-1A-27, Discovery;	59-10-533
(ix) R861-1A-28, Evidence in Adjudicative Proceedings;	59-10-535
(x) R861-1A-29, Decision, Orders, and Reconsideration;	59-12-107
(xi) R861-1A-30, Ex Parte Communications;	59-12-114
(xii) R861-1A-31, Declaratory Orders;	59-12-118
(xiii) R861-1A-32, Mediation Process;	59-13-206
(xiv) R861-1A-33, Settlement Agreements;	59-13-210
(xv) R861-1A-34, Private Letter Rulings;	59-13-307
(xvi) R861-1A-38, Class Actions;	59-10-544
(xvii) R861-1A-40, Waiver of Requirement to Post Security Prior to Judicial Review; and	59-14-404
(xviii) R861-1A-42, Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Reasonable Cause; and	59-2-212
(b) for all meetings other than initial hearings, or the deliberating and issuing of an order relating to adjudicative proceedings, keep confidential written minutes and a confidential recording of the meeting.	59-2-701
(2) Written minutes of a meeting under Subsection (1)(b) shall include:	59-2-705
(a) the date, time, and place of the meeting;	59-2-1003
(b) the names of each person present at the meeting;	59-2-1004
(c) the substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided by the commission, which may include a summary of comments made by the commissioners;	59-2-1006
(d) a record, by commissioner, of each vote taken by the commission;	59-2-1007
(e) a summary of comments made by a person, other than a commissioner, present at the meeting; and	59-2-704
(f) any other information that is a record of the proceedings of the meeting that any commissioner requests be entered in the minutes or recording.	59-2-924
(3) Recorded minutes of a meeting under Subsection (1)(b) shall be:	59-7-517
(a) properly labeled or identified with the date, time, and place of the meeting; and	63G-3-301
(b) a complete and unedited record of the meeting.	63G-4-102
	76-8-502
	76-8-503
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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.**R865-6F. Franchise Tax.****R865-6F-1. Corporation Franchise Privilege - Right to Do Business - Nature of Liability and How Terminated Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 16-10a-1501 through 16-10a-1533.**

A. The Utah franchise tax is imposed upon corporations qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah, whether or not they do business therein, and also upon corporations doing business in Utah, whether or not they are qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah.

1. An unqualified foreign corporation doing business in this state is liable for Utah corporation franchise tax in the same amount as if it had duly applied for and received a certificate of authority to transact business in this state pursuant to Section 16-10a-1501.

2. An unqualified foreign corporation deriving income from this state, but not doing business in this state within the contemplation of the Utah corporation franchise tax law is subject to the Utah corporation income tax on income derived from this state under the provisions of Sections 59-7-201 to 59-7-207.

B. If a corporation received its corporate authority to do business in Utah prior to January 1, 1973, and is a member of an affiliated group filing a combined report under Section 59-7-402 or 59-7-403, and legally terminates its corporate authority, it must include its activity during the final year in the combined report of the group. The tax is imposed upon the income of the group rather than the income of the individual corporations.

C. A corporation that was incorporated, qualified, or that reinstated its corporate authority to do business in Utah after January 1, 1973 must file a corporation franchise tax return and pay the tax due with the return for the year in which it legally terminates its right to do business in this state. The Tax Commission shall not issue a tax clearance certificate until the final return has been filed and the amounts due for the final year are paid.

D. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a foreign corporation terminates its corporate existence or the privileges for which the franchise tax is levied (unless it continues to do business) on the date on which:

1. a certificate of withdrawal is issued under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1520;

2. its corporate existence is legally terminated in its home state, provided authoritative evidence of that termination is filed;

3. a certificate of revocation of its authority to transact business in this state is issued under the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1530 and 16-10a-1531; or

4. the corporate powers, rights, and privileges are forfeited under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

E. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a corporation that is incorporated under the laws of this state terminates its corporate existence or the privilege of exercising its corporate franchise for which the franchise tax is levied on the date on which:

1. a certificate of dissolution is issued pursuant to a voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1401 or Sections 16-10a-1402 through 16-10a-1403;

2. a decree of dissolution is entered by the court pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1430 through 16-10a-1433;

3. a certificate of merger or of consolidation (which effects the termination of the separate corporate existence of the Utah corporation) is issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1101 through 16-10a-1107; or

4. the corporate rights and privileges are suspended under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

F. If the corporation continues to do business in this state subsequent to any of the above dates, it is liable for franchise

tax, even though doing business is not authorized, or may even be prohibited, by law. A corporation cannot avoid the franchise tax by doing business without authority which, if legally done, would subject the corporation to the tax.

R865-6F-2. Establishment of Taxable Year and Filing the First Return Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-501 and 59-7-505.

A. The period for which a corporation must file its returns for corporation franchise tax purposes is the same period under which its income is computed pursuant to Section 59-7-501.

B. The first return may cover a period of less than 12-calendar months, but may not exceed 12-calendar months. The period must end on the last day of a calendar month, except that the Tax Commission will accept returns being made using the 52-53 week method of reporting under Section 441(f), Internal Revenue Code.

C. If a corporation elects for federal purposes to end its filing period on a date that does not fall on the last day of a calendar month, the filing period for the purposes of effective dates of Utah laws ends on the last day of the month nearest to the federal year end. The Utah net income is computed based on the filing period for federal purposes, notwithstanding the Utah filing period ends on the last day of the month.

D. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a domestic corporation, the first return period begins with the date of incorporation. Activity prior to date of incorporation must be reported on individual income or partnership returns or of such other entity as may be appropriate.

E. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a foreign corporation, the first return period begins with the date the corporation is qualified to do business in Utah under Title 16, Chapter 10a, Part 15, or the date business within the state is commenced, whichever is the earlier.

R865-6F-6. Application of Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Acts to Qualified Corporations and to Nonqualified Foreign Corporations Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-104.**A. Definitions.**

1. "Ancillary activities" means those activities that serve no independent business function for the seller apart from their connection to the solicitation of orders.

2. "De minimis activities" means those activities that, when taken together, establish only a trivial connection with the taxing state. An activity conducted within Utah on a regular or systematic basis or pursuant to a company policy, whether or not in writing, shall not normally be considered trivial.

3. "In-home office" means an office or place of business located within the residence of the employee or representative of a company that satisfies the following conditions:

a) The office may not be publicly attributed to the company, or to the employee or representative of the company in an employee or representative capacity.

b) The use of the office shall be limited to soliciting and receiving orders from customers; transmitting orders outside the state for acceptance or rejection by the company; or for other activities that are protected under Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C. 381-384 (hereafter P.L. 86-272) and this rule.

c) Neither the company nor the employee or representative shall maintain a telephone listing or other public listing for the company within the state, nor use advertising or business literature indicating that the company or its employee or representative can be contacted at a specific address within the state. However, the normal distribution and use of business cards and stationery identifying the employee's or representative's name, address, telephone, and fax numbers and affiliation with the company shall not, by itself, be considered

as advertising or otherwise publicly attributing an office to the company or its employee or representative.

4. "Solicitation" means:

a) speech or conduct that explicitly or implicitly invites an order; and

b) activities that neither explicitly nor implicitly invite an order, but are entirely ancillary to requests for an order.

B. Every corporation doing business in Utah whether qualified or not, and every corporation incorporated or qualified in Utah whether or not doing business therein is subject to the Utah corporation franchise tax, unless exempted under the provisions of Section 59-7-102. If liability for the tax exists, the tax must be computed under the provisions of Section 59-7-104, at the rate provided by statute, but in no case shall the tax be less than the minimum tax prescribed.

C. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah which ship goods to customers in this state from points outside this state, pursuant to orders solicited but not accepted by agents or employees in this state, and which are not doing business in Utah are not taxable under the Utah Corporation Franchise Tax Act if:

1. they maintain no office nor stocks of goods in Utah, and
2. they engage in no other activities in Utah.

D. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah that make deliveries from stocks of goods located in this state are doing business in this state and are taxable under the Corporation Franchise Tax Act, even though they have no office or regular place of business in this state.

E. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax if performing the necessary duties to fulfill contracts or subcontracts in Utah, whether through their own employees or by furnishing of supervisory personnel.

F. Corporations that own real property within this state and rent or lease such properties to others are subject to the franchise tax whether or not qualified under the laws of this state. This also applies to corporations deriving royalty, lease, or rental income from properties located within this state, whether or not such properties are owned by the corporation.

G. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise or income tax if they derive income from revenue-producing properties located in Utah or moving through Utah or from services performed by personnel in this state. This includes, but is not limited to, freight and transportation operations, sales of real property having a Utah situs, leasing or sales of franchises, sporting or entertaining events, etc.

H. Corporations that participate in joint ventures or working and operating agreements which are performed in this state are subject to the franchise tax whether qualified or not.

I. Foreign corporations qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax even though engaged solely in interstate commerce.

J. P.L. 86-272 restricts a state from imposing a net income tax on income derived within its borders from interstate commerce if the only business activity of the company within the state consists of the solicitation of orders for sales of tangible personal property, which orders are sent outside the state for acceptance or rejection, and, if accepted, are filled by shipment or delivery from a point outside the state. The term "net income tax" includes a franchise tax measured by net income. If any sales of tangible personal property are made from Utah into a state which is precluded by P.L. 86-272 from taxing the income of the seller, such sales remain subject to throwback to Utah pursuant to Section 59-7-318(2). Similarly, a sale into Utah from another state would not subject a corporation to the Utah tax if the corporation's activities do not exceed those allowed under P.L. 86-272.

1. Only the solicitation to sell personal property is afforded immunity under P.L. 86-272; therefore, the leasing, renting, licensing or other disposition of tangible personal property, or

transactions involving intangibles such as franchises, patents, copyrights, trade marks, service marks and the like, or any other type of property are not protected activities under P. L. 86-272. The sale or delivery and the solicitation for the sale or delivery of any type of service that is not either (1) ancillary to solicitation, or (2) otherwise set forth as a protected activity below is also not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule.

2. For the in-state activity to be a protected activity under P.L. 86-272, it must be limited solely to solicitation, except for de minimis activities and activities conducted by independent contractors as described below.

K. The following in-state activities, assuming they are not of a de minimis level, will constitute doing business in Utah under P.L. 86-272 and will subject the corporation to the Utah corporation franchise tax:

1. making repairs or providing maintenance or service to the property sold or to be sold;

2. collecting current or delinquent accounts, whether directly or by third parties, through assignment or otherwise;

3. investigating credit worthiness;

4. installation or supervision of installation at or after shipment or delivery;

5. conducting training courses, seminars, or lectures for personnel other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

6. providing any kind of technical assistance or service including engineering assistance or design service, when one of the purposes thereof is other than the facilitation of the solicitation of orders;

7. investigating, handling, or otherwise assisting in resolving customer complaints, other than mediating direct customer complaints when the sole purpose of such mediation is to ingratiate the sales personnel with the customer;

8. approving or accepting orders;

9. repossessing property;

10. securing deposits on sales;

11. picking up or replacing damaged or returned property;

12. hiring, training, or supervising personnel, other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

13. using agency stock checks or any other instrument or process by which sales are made within this state by sales personnel;

14. maintaining a sample or display room in excess of two weeks (14 days) at any one location within the state during the tax year;

15. carrying samples for sale, exchange or distribution in any manner for consideration or other value;

16. owning, leasing, using, or maintaining any of the following facilities or property in-state:

(a) repair shop;

(b) parts department;

(c) any kind of office other than an in-home office;

(d) warehouse;

(e) meeting place for directors, officers, or employees;

(f) stock of goods other than samples for sales personnel or that are used entirely ancillary to solicitation;

(g) telephone answering service that is publicly attributed to the company or to employees or agents of the company in their representative status;

(h) mobile stores, i.e., vehicles with drivers who are sales personnel making sales from the vehicles;

(i) real property or fixtures to real property of any kind.

17. consigning stocks of goods or other tangible personal property to any person, including an independent contractor, for sale;

18. maintaining, by either an in-state or an out-of-state resident employee, an office or place of business (in-home or otherwise) of any kind other than an in-home office;

(b) The maintenance of any office or other place of business in this state that does not strictly qualify as an in-home

office under this subsection shall, by itself cause the loss of protection under this rule.

(c) For purposes of this subsection it is not relevant whether the company pays directly, indirectly, or not at all for the cost of maintaining the in-home office.

19. entering into franchising or licensing agreements; selling or otherwise disposing of franchises and licenses; or selling or otherwise transferring tangible personal property pursuant to such franchise or license by the franchisor or licensor to its franchisee or licensee within the state;

20. shipping or delivering of goods into this state by means of private vehicle, rail, water, air or other carrier, irrespective of whether a shipment of delivery fee or other charge is imposed, directly or indirectly, upon the purchaser;

21. conducting any activity not listed as a protected activity below which is not entirely ancillary to requests for orders, even if such activity helps to increase purchases.

L. The following in-state activities will not cause the loss of protection for otherwise protected sales;

1. soliciting orders for sales by any type of advertising;

2. soliciting of orders by an in-state resident employee or representative of the company, so long as such person does not maintain or use any office or other place of business in the state other than an in-home office;

3. carrying samples and promotional materials only for display or distribution without charge or other consideration;

4. furnishing and setting up display racks and advising customers on the display of the company's products without charge or other consideration;

5. providing automobiles to sales personnel for their use in conducting protected activities;

6. passing orders, inquiries and complaints on to the home office;

7. missionary sales activities, i.e. the solicitation of indirect customers for the company's goods. For example, a manufacturer's solicitation of retailers to buy the manufacturer's goods from the manufacturer's wholesale customers would be protected if such solicitation activities are otherwise immune;

8. coordinating shipment or delivery without payment or other consideration and providing information relating thereto either prior or subsequent to the placement of an order;

9. checking of customer's inventories without a charge therefore if performed for reorder, but not for other purposes such as a quality control;

10. maintaining a sample or display room for two weeks (14 days) or less at any one location within the state during the tax year;

11. recruiting, training or evaluating sales personnel, including occasionally using homes, hotels or similar places for meetings with sales personnel;

12. mediating direct customer complaints when the purpose thereof is solely for ingratiating the sales personnel with the customer and facilitating requests for orders;

13. owning, leasing, using or maintaining personal property for use in the employee or representative's in-home office or automobile that is solely limited to the conducting of protected activities. Therefore, the use of personal property such as a cellular telephone, facsimile machine, duplicating equipment, personal computer and computer software that is limited to the carrying on of protected solicitation and activity entirely ancillary to such solicitation or permitted by the provisions of this rule shall not, by itself, remove the protection of P.L. 86-272.

M. P.L. 86-272 provides protection to certain in-state activities if conducted by an independent contractor that would not be afforded if performed by the company or its employees or other representatives.

1. Independent contractors may engage in the following limited activities in the state without the company's loss of

immunity;

a) soliciting sales;

b) making sales;

c) maintaining an office.

2. Sales representatives who represent a single principal are not considered to be independent contractors and are subject to the same limitations as those provided under P.L. 86-272 and this rule.

3. Maintenance of stock of goods in the state by the independent contractor under consignment or any other type of arrangement with the company, except for purposes of display and solicitation, shall remove the protection.

N. The Tax Commission will apply the provisions of P.L. 86-272 and of this rule to business activities conducted in foreign commerce. Therefore, whether business activities are conducted by (i) a foreign or domestic company selling tangible personal property into a county outside of the United States from a point within this state or by (ii) either company selling such property into this state from a point outside of the United States, the principles under this rule apply equally to determine whether the sales transactions are protected and the company immune from taxation in either this state or in the foreign county, as the case might be, and whether, if applicable, the throwback provisions of Section 59-7-318(2) will apply.

O. The protection afforded by P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule do not apply to any corporation that is incorporated or domiciled in this state.

P. A company that registers or otherwise formally qualifies to do business within this state does not, by that fact alone, lose its protection under P.L. 86-272. Where, separate from or ancillary to such registration or qualification, the company receives and seeks to use or protect any additional benefit or protection from this state through activity not otherwise protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, such protection shall be removed.

Q. The protection afforded under P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule shall be determined on a year by year tax basis. Therefore, if at any time during a tax year the company conducts activities that are not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, no sales in this state or income earned by the company attributed to this state during any part of said tax year shall be protected from taxation for purposes of the corporate franchise tax.

R865-6F-8. Allocation and Apportionment of Net Income (Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Allocation" means the assignment of nonbusiness income to a particular state.

(b) "Apportionment" means the division of business income between states by the use of a formula containing apportionment factors.

(c) "Base of operations" means the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee starts work and to which the employee customarily returns in order to receive instructions from the taxpayer or communications from customers or other persons, or to replenish stock or other materials, repair equipment, or perform any other function necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points.

(d) "Business activity" refers to the transactions and activities occurring in the regular course of a particular trade or business of a taxpayer, or to the acquisition, management, and disposition of property that constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations.

(e) "Business income" means income of any type or class, and from any activity, that meets the relationship described in Subsection (2)(b), the transactional test, or Subsection (2)(c),

the functional test. The classification of income by the labels occasionally used, such as manufacturing income, compensation for services, sales income, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, gains, operating income, and nonoperating income is of no aid in determining whether income is business or nonbusiness income.

(f) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services.

(g) "Employee" means an:

(i) officer of a corporation; or

(ii) individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee.

(h) "Gross receipts" are the gross amounts realized (the sum of money and the fair market value of other property or services received) on the sale or exchange of property, the performance of services, or the use of property or capital (including rents, royalties, interest and dividends) in a transaction that produces business income, in which the income or loss is recognized (or would be recognized if the transaction were in the United States) under the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts realized on the sale or exchange of property are not reduced for the cost of goods sold or the basis of property sold.

(i) Gross receipts, even if business income, do not include such items as, for example:

(A) repayment, maturity, or redemption of the principal of a loan, bond, or mutual fund or certificate of deposit or similar marketable instrument;

(B) the principal amount received under a repurchase agreement or other transaction properly characterized as a loan;

(C) proceeds from issuance of the taxpayer's own stock or from sale of treasury stock;

(D) damages and other amounts received as the result of litigation;

(E) property acquired by an agent on behalf of another;

(F) tax refunds and other tax benefit recoveries;

(G) pension reversions;

(H) contributions to capital (except for sales of securities by securities dealers);

(I) income from forgiveness of indebtedness; or

(J) amounts realized from exchanges of inventory that are not recognized by the Internal Revenue Code.

(ii) Exclusion of an item from the definition of "gross receipts" is not determinative of its character as business or nonbusiness income. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to modify, impair or supersede any provision of Subsection (11).

(i) "Nonbusiness income" means all income other than business income.

(j) "Place from which the service is directed or controlled" means the place from which the power to direct or control is exercised by the taxpayer.

(k) "Taxpayer" means a corporation as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(l) "To contribute materially" includes being used operationally in the taxpayer's trade or business. Whether property contributes materially is not determined by reference to the property's value or percentage of use. If an item of property contributes materially to the taxpayer's trade or business, the attributes, rights, or components of that property are also operationally used in that business. However, property that is held for mere financial betterment is not operationally used in the taxpayer's trade or business.

(m) "Trade or business" means the unitary business of the taxpayer, part of which is conducted within Utah.

(2) Business and Nonbusiness Income.

(a) Apportionment and Allocation. Section 59-7-303 requires that every item of income be classified as either

business income or nonbusiness income. Income for purposes of classification as business or nonbusiness includes gains and losses. Business income is apportioned among jurisdictions by use of a formula. Nonbusiness income is specifically assigned or allocated to one or more specific jurisdictions pursuant to express rules. An item of income is classified as business income if it falls within the definition of business income. An item of income is nonbusiness income only if it does not meet the definitional requirements for being classified as business income.

(b) Transactional Test. Business income includes income arising from transactions and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business.

(i) If the transaction or activity is in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, part of which trade or business is conducted within the state, the resulting income of the transaction or activity is business income for Utah purposes. Income may be business income even though the actual transaction or activity that gives rise to the income does not occur in this state.

(ii) For a transaction or activity to be in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, the transaction or activity need not be one that frequently occurs in the trade or business. Most, but not all, frequently occurring transactions or activities will be in the regular course of that trade or business and will, therefore, satisfy the transactional test. It is sufficient to classify a transaction or activity as being in the regular course of a trade or business if it is reasonable to conclude transactions of that type are customary in the kind of trade or business being conducted, or are within the scope of what that kind of trade or business does. However, even if a taxpayer frequently or customarily engages in investment activities, if those activities are for the taxpayer's mere financial betterment rather than for the operations of the trade or business, those activities do not satisfy the transactional test. The transactional test includes income from sales of inventory, property held for sale to customers, and services commonly sold by the trade or business. The transactional test also includes income from the sale of property used in the production of business income of a kind that is sold and replaced with some regularity, even if replaced less frequently than once a year.

(c) Functional Test. Business income also includes income from tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, management, and disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations.

(i) The following definitions apply to this Subsection (2)(c).

(A) "Acquisition" means the act of obtaining an interest in property.

(B) "Disposition" means the act, or the power, of relinquishing or transferring an interest in or control over property to another, either in whole or in part.

(C) "Integral part" means property that constitutes a part of the composite whole of the trade or business, each part of which gives value to every other part, in a manner that materially contributes to the production of business income.

(D) "Management" means the oversight, direction, or control, whether directly or by delegation, of the property for the use or benefit of the trade or business.

(E) "Property" includes an interest in, control over, or use of property, whether the interest is held directly, beneficially, by contract, or otherwise, that materially contributes to the production of business income.

(ii) Under the functional test, business income need not be derived from transactions or activities that are in the regular course of the taxpayer's own particular trade or business. It is sufficient, if the property from which the income is derived is or was an integral, functional, or operative component used in the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially

contributed to the production of business income of the trade or business, part of which trade or business is or was conducted within the state. Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use through the passage of a sufficiently lengthy period of time, generally five years, or that has been removed as an operational asset and is instead held by the taxpayer's trade or business exclusively for investment purposes, has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this subsection. Property that was an integral part of the trade or business is not considered converted to investment purposes merely because it is placed for sale.

(iii) Income that is derived from isolated sales, leases, assignments, licenses, and other infrequently occurring dispositions, transfers, or transactions involving property, including transactions made in liquidation or the winding-up of business, is business income if the property is or was used in the taxpayer's trade or business operations.

(A) Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to Subsection (2)(c)(iii).

(B) Income from the licensing of an intangible asset, such as a patent, copyright, trademark, service mark, know-how, trade secrets, or the like, that was developed or acquired for use by the taxpayer in its trade or business operations, constitutes business income whether or not the licensing itself constituted the operation of a trade or business, and whether or not the taxpayer remains in the same trade or business from or for which the intangible asset was developed or acquired.

(iv) Under the functional test, income from intangible property is business income when the intangible property serves an operational function as opposed to solely an investment function. The relevant inquiry focuses on whether the property is or was held in furtherance of the taxpayer's trade or business, that is, on the objective characteristics of the intangible property's use or acquisition and its relation to the taxpayer and the taxpayer's activities. The functional test is not satisfied where the holding of the property is limited to solely an investment function as is the case where the holding of the property is limited to mere financial betterment of the taxpayer in general.

(v) If the property is or was held in furtherance of the taxpayer's trade or business beyond mere financial betterment, income from that property may be business income even though the actual transaction or activity involving the property that gives rise to the income does not occur in this state.

(vi) If with respect to an item of property a taxpayer takes a deduction from business income that is apportioned to this state, or includes the original cost in the property factor, it is presumed that the item of property is or was integral to the taxpayer's trade or business operations. No presumption arises from the absence of any of these actions.

(vii) Application of the functional test is generally unaffected by the form of the property, whether tangible or intangible, real or personal. Income arising from an intangible interest, for example, corporate stock or other intangible interest in a business or a group of assets, is business income when the intangible itself or the property underlying or associated with the intangible is or was an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations.

(A) Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this Subsection (2)(c)(vii).

(B) While apportionment of income derived from transactions involving intangible property as business income may be supported by a finding that the issuer of the intangible property and the taxpayer are engaged in the same trade or business, that is, the same unitary business, establishment of that relationship is not the exclusive basis for concluding that the income is subject to apportionment.

(C) It is sufficient to support the finding of apportionable income if the holding of the intangible interest served an operational rather than an investment function of mere financial betterment.

(d) Relationship of Transactional Test and Functional Tests to the United States Constitution.

(i) The due process clause and the commerce clause of the United States Constitution restrict states from apportioning income as business income that has no rational relationship with the taxing state. The protection against extra-territorial state taxation afforded by these clauses is often described as the unitary business principle. The unitary business principle requires apportionable income to be derived from the same unitary business that is being conducted as least in part in the state.

(ii) The unitary business conducted in this state includes both a unitary business that the taxpayer alone may be conducting and a unitary business the taxpayer may conduct with any other person. Satisfaction of either the transactional test or the functional test complies with the unitary business principle, because each test requires that the transaction or activity, in the case of the transactional test, or the property, in the case of the functional test, to be tied to the same trade or business that is conducted within the state. Determination of the scope of the unitary business conducted in the state is without regard to the extent to which this state requires or permits combined reporting.

(e) Business and Nonbusiness Income Application of Definitions.

(i) Rents From Real and Tangible Personal Property. Rental income from real and tangible property is business income if the property with respect to which the rental income was received is or was used in the taxpayer's trade or business and therefore is includable in the property factor under Subsection (8)(a)(i). Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this subsection.

(ii) Gains or Losses From Sales of Assets. Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real property or of tangible or intangible personal property constitutes business income if the property while owned by the taxpayer was used in, or was otherwise included in the property factor of the taxpayer's trade or business. However, if the property was utilized for the production of nonbusiness income or it was previously included in the property factor and later removed from the property factor before its sale, exchange, or other disposition, the gain or loss constitutes nonbusiness income. See Subsection (8)(a)(ii).

(iii) Interest. Interest income is business income where the intangible with respect to which the interest was received arises out of or was created in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or where the purpose for acquiring and holding the intangible is an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(iv) Dividends. Dividends are business income where the stock with respect to which the dividends were received arose out of or was acquired in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the acquiring and holding of the stock is an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(v) Patent and Copyright Royalties. Patent and copyright royalties are business income where the patent or copyright with respect to which the royalties were received arose out of or was created in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the acquiring and holding of the patent or

copyright is an integral, functional, or operational component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(vi) Proration of Deductions. In most cases, an allowable deduction of a taxpayer will be applicable only to the business income arising from a particular trade or business or to a particular item of nonbusiness income. In some cases, an allowable deduction may be applicable to the business incomes of more than one trade or business or several items of nonbusiness income. In those cases, the deduction shall be prorated among those trades or businesses and those items of nonbusiness income in a manner that fairly distributes the deduction among the classes of income to which it is applicable.

(f)(i) A schedule must be submitted with the return showing the:

(A) gross income from each class of income being allocated;

(B) amount of each class of applicable expenses, together with explanation or computations showing how amounts were arrived at;

(C) total amount of the applicable expenses for each income class; and

(D) net income of each income class.

(ii) The schedule shall indicate items of income and expenses allocated both to the state and outside the state.

(g) Year to Year Consistency. In filing returns with the state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of prorating any deduction used in returns for prior years in a material way, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(h) State to State Consistency. If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act are not uniform in the application or proration of any deduction, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of any material variance.

(3) Unitary Business.

(a) Unitary Business Principle.

(i) The Concept of a Unitary Business. A unitary business is a single economic enterprise that is made up of either separate parts of a single business entity or a group of business entities related through common ownership that are sufficiently interdependent, integrated and interrelated through their activities so as to provide a synergy and mutual benefit that produces a sharing or exchange of value among them and a significant flow of value to the separate parts. This flow of value to a business entity located in this state that comes from being part of a unitary business conducted both within and without the state is what provides the constitutional due process definite link and minimum connection necessary for the state to apportion business income of the unitary business, even if that income arises in part from activities conducted outside the state. The business income of the unitary business is then apportioned to this state using an apportionment percentage provided by Section 59-7-311. This sharing or exchange of value may also be described as requiring that the operation of one part of the business be dependent upon, or contribute to, the operation of another part of the business. Phrased in the disjunctive, the foregoing means that if the activities of one business either contribute to the activities of another business or are dependent upon the activities of another business, those businesses are part of a unitary business.

(ii) Constitutional Requirement for a Unitary Business. The sharing or exchange of value described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) that defines the scope of a unitary business requires more than the mere flow of funds arising out of a passive investment or from the financial strength contributed by a distinct business undertaking that has no operational

relationship to the unitary business. In this state, the unitary business principle shall be applied to the fullest extent allowed by the United States Constitution. The unitary business principle shall not be applied to result in the combination of business activities or entities under circumstances where, if it were adverse to the taxpayer, the combination of those activities or entities would not be allowed by the United States Constitution.

(iii) Separate Trades or Businesses Conducted Within a Single Entity. A single entity may have more than one unitary business. In those cases, it is necessary to determine the business, or apportionable, income attributable to each separate unitary business as well as its nonbusiness income, which is specifically allocated. The business income of each unitary business is then apportioned by a formula that takes into consideration the in-state and out-of-state factors that relate to the respective unitary business whose income is being apportioned.

(iv) Unitary Business Unaffected by Formal Business Organization. A unitary business may exist within a single business entity or among a group of business entities related through common ownership, as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(b) Determination of a Unitary Business.

(i) A unitary business is characterized by significant flows of value evidenced by factors such as those described in *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Vermont*, 445 US 425 (1980): functional integration, centralization of management, and economies of scale. These factors provide evidence of whether the business activities operate as an integrated whole or exhibit substantial mutual interdependence. Facts suggesting the presence of the factors mentioned above should be analyzed in combination for their cumulative effect and not in isolation. A particular characteristic of a business operation may be suggestive of one or more of the factors mentioned above.

(ii) Description and Illustration of Functional Integration, Centralization of Management, and Economies of Scale.

(A) Functional Integration. Functional integration refers to transfers between, or pooling among, business activities that significantly affect the operation of the business activities. Functional integration includes transfers or pooling with respect to the unitary business's products or services, technical information, marketing information, distribution systems, purchasing, and intangibles such as patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how, formulas, and processes. There is no specific type of functional integration that must be present. The following is a list of examples of business operations that support the finding of functional integration. The order of the list does not establish a hierarchy of importance.

(I) Sales, Exchanges, or Transfers. Sales, exchanges, or transfers (collectively "sales") of products, services, and intangibles between business activities provide evidence of functional integration. The significance of the intercompany sales to the finding of functional integration will be affected by the character of what is sold and the percentage of total sales or purchases represented by the intercompany sales. For example, sales among business entities that are part of a vertically integrated unitary business are indicative of functional integration. Functional integration is not negated by the use of a readily determinable market price to affect the intercompany sales, because those sales can represent an assured market for the seller or an assured source of supply for the purchaser.

(II) Common Marketing. The sharing of common marketing features among business entities is an indication of functional integration when the marketing results in significant mutual advantage. Common marketing exists when a substantial portion of the business entities' products, services, or intangibles are distributed or sold to a common customer, when the business entities use a common trade name or other common

identification, or when the business entities seek to identify themselves to their customers as a member of the same enterprise. The use of a common advertising agency or a commonly owned or controlled in-house advertising office does not by itself establish common marketing that is suggestive of functional integration. That activity, however, is relevant to determining the existence of economies of scale and centralization of management.

(III) Transfer or Pooling of Technical Information or Intellectual Property. Transfers or pooling of technical information or intellectual property, such as patents, copyrights, trademarks and service marks, trade secrets, processes or formulas, know-how, research, or development provide evidence of functional integration when the matter transferred is significant to the businesses' operations.

(IV) Common Distribution System. Use of a common distribution system by the business entities, under which inventory control and accounting, storage, trafficking, or transportation are controlled through a common network provides evidence of functional integration.

(V) Common Purchasing. Common purchasing of substantial quantities of products, services, or intangibles from the same source by the business entities, particularly where the purchasing results in significant cost savings and is significant to each entity's operations or sales, provides evidence of functional integration.

(VI) Common or Intercompany Financing. Significant common or intercompany financing, including the guarantee by, or the pledging of the credit of, one or more business entities for the benefit of another business entity or entities provides evidence of functional integration, if the financing activity serves an operational purpose of both borrower and lender. Lending that serves an investment purpose of the lender does not necessarily provide evidence of functional integration.

(B) Centralization of Management. Centralization of management exists when directors, officers, and other management employees jointly participate in the management decisions that affect the respective business activities and that may also operate to the benefit of the entire economic enterprise. Centralization of management can exist whether the centralization is effected from a parent entity to a subsidiary entity, from a subsidiary entity to a parent entity, from one subsidiary entity to another, from one division within a single business entity to another division within a business entity, or from any combination of the foregoing. Centralization of management may exist even when day-to-day management responsibility and accountability has been decentralized, so long as the management has an ongoing operational role with respect to the business activities. An operational role may be effected through mandates, consensus building, or an overall operational strategy of the business, or any other mechanism that establishes joint management.

(I) Facts Providing Evidence of Centralization of Management. Evidence of centralization of management is provided when common officers participate in the decisions relating to the business operations of the different segments. Centralization of management may exist when management shares or applies knowledge and expertise among the parts of the business. Existence of common officers and directors, while relevant to a showing of centralization of management, does not alone provide evidence of centralization of management. Common officers are more likely to provide evidence of centralization of management than are common directors.

(II) Stewardship Distinguished. Centralized efforts to fulfill stewardship oversight are not evidence of centralization of management. Stewardship oversight consists of those activities that any owner would take to review the performance of or safeguard an investment. Stewardship oversight is distinguished from those activities that an owner may take to

enhance value by integrating one or more significant operating aspects of one business activity with the other business activities of the owner. For example, implementing reporting requirements or mere approval of capital expenditures may evidence only stewardship oversight.

(C) Economies of Scale. Economies of scale refers to a relation among and between business activities resulting in a significant decrease in the average per unit cost of operational or administrative functions due to the increase in operational size. Economies of scale may exist from the inherent cost savings that arise from the presence of functional integration or centralization of management. The following are examples of business operations that support the finding of economies of scale. The order of the list does not establish a hierarchy of importance.

(I) Centralized Purchasing. Centralized purchasing designed to achieve savings due to the volume of purchases, the timing of purchases, or the interchangeability of purchased items among the parts of the business engaging in the purchasing provides evidence of economies of scale.

(II) Centralized Administrative Functions. The performance of traditional corporate administrative functions, such as legal services, payroll services, pension and other employee benefit administration, in common among the parts of the business may result in some degree of economies of scale. A business entity that secures savings in the performance of corporate administrative services due to its affiliation with other business entities that it would not otherwise reasonably be able to secure on its own because of its size, financial resources, or available market provides evidence of economies of scale.

(c) Indicators of a Unitary Business.

(i) Business activities that are in the same general line of business generally constitute a single unitary business, as for example, a multistate grocery chain.

(ii) Business activities that are part of different steps in a vertically structured business almost always constitute a single unitary business. For example, a business engaged in the exploration, development, extraction, and processing of a natural resource and the subsequent sale of a product based upon the extracted natural resource, is engaged in a single unitary business, regardless of the fact that the various steps in the process are operated substantially independently of each other with only general supervision from the business's executive offices.

(iii) Business activities that might otherwise be considered as part of more than one unitary business may constitute one unitary business when the factors outlined in Subsection (3)(b) are present. For example, some businesses conducting diverse lines of business may properly be considered as engaged in only one unitary business when the central executive officers are actively involved in the operations of the various business activities and there are centralized offices that perform for the business the normal matters a truly independent business would perform for itself, such as personnel, purchasing, advertising, or financing.

(4) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a)(i) If the business activity with respect to the trade or business of a taxpayer occurs both within and without this state, and if by reason of that business activity the taxpayer is taxable in another state, the portion of the net income (or net loss) arising from the trade or business derived from sources within this state shall be determined by apportionment in accordance with Sections 59-7-311 to 59-7-319.

(ii) For purposes of determining the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to this state under Section 59-7-311:

(A) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B), if a taxpayer does not make an election to double weight the sales factor under Subsection 59-7-311(2)(d) and one or more of the

factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(2)(c) is missing, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors present and dividing that sum by the number of factors present.

(B) If a taxpayer has made an election to double weight the sales factor under Section 59-7-311(2)(c) and if the sales factor is present, the denominator of the fraction described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A) shall be increased by one.

(C) For a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2011, but begins on or before December 31, 2011, in the case of a sales factor weighted taxpayer, if one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(i) is missing and if the sales factor is present, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors as provided in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(i), and dividing that sum by the denominator, indicated in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(ii), reduced by the number of missing factors.

(D) For a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2012, but begins on or before December 31, 2012, in the case of a sales factor weighted taxpayer, if one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(i) is missing and if the sales factor is present, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors as provided in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(i), and dividing that sum by the denominator, indicated in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(ii), reduced by the number of missing factors.

(b) Allocation. Any taxpayer subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state shall allocate all of its nonbusiness income or loss within or without this state in accordance with Sections 59-7-306 to 59-7-310.

(5) Consistency and Uniformity in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner in which income has been classified as business income or nonbusiness income in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer for all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the classification of income as business or nonbusiness income, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(6) Taxable in Another State.

(a) In General. Under Section 59-7-303 the taxpayer is subject to the allocation and apportionment provisions of UDITPA if it has income from business activity that is taxable both within and without this state. A taxpayer's income from business activity is taxable without this state if the taxpayer, by reason of business activity (i.e., the transactions and activity occurring in the regular course of the trade or business), is taxable in another state within the meaning of Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is taxable within another state if it meets either one of two tests:

(i) if by reason of business activity in another state the taxpayer is subject to one of the types of taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1), namely: a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, or a corporate stock tax; or

(ii) if by reason of business activity another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax, regardless of whether the state imposes that tax on the taxpayer. A taxpayer is not taxable in another state with respect to the trade or business merely because the taxpayer conducts activities in that state pertaining to the production of nonbusiness income or business activities relating to a separate trade or business.

(b) When a Taxpayer Is Subject to a Tax Under Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) if it carries on business activity in a state and that state imposes such a tax thereon. Any taxpayer that asserts that it is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in another state shall furnish to the Tax

Commission, upon its request, evidence to support that assertion. The Tax Commission may request that the evidence include proof that the taxpayer has filed the requisite tax return in the other state and has paid any taxes imposed under the law of the other state. The taxpayer's failure to produce that proof may be taken into account in determining whether the taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in the other state. If the taxpayer voluntarily files and pays one or more taxes when not required to do so by the laws of that state or pays a minimal fee for qualification, organization, or for the privilege of doing business in that state, but

(i) does not actually engage in business activity in that state, or

(ii) does actually engage in some business activity, not sufficient for nexus, and the minimum tax bears no relation to the taxpayer's business activity within that state, the taxpayer is not subject to one of the taxes specified within the meaning of Section 59-7-305(1).

(c) When a State Has Jurisdiction to Subject a Taxpayer to a Net Income Tax. The second test, that of Section 59-7-305(2), applies if the taxpayer's business activity is sufficient to give the state jurisdiction to impose a net income tax by reason of business activity under the Constitution and statutes of the United States. Jurisdiction to tax is not present where the state is prohibited from imposing the tax by reason of the provisions of Public Law 86-272, 15 U. S. C. A. Sec. 381-385 (P.L. 86-272). In the case of any state as defined in Section 59-7-302(6), other than a state of the United States or political subdivision of a state, the determination of whether a state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax shall be made as though the jurisdictional standards applicable to a state of the United States applied in that state. If jurisdiction is otherwise present, the state is not considered as without jurisdiction by reason of the provisions of a treaty between that state and the United States.

(7) Apportionment Formula. All business income of the taxpayer shall be apportioned to this state by use of the apportionment formula set forth in Section 59-7-311. The elements of the apportionment formula are the property factor, see Subsection (8), the payroll factor, see Subsection (9), and the sales factor, see Subsection (10) of the trade or business of the taxpayer. For exceptions see Subsection (11).

(8) Property Factor.

(a) In General.

(i) The property factor of the apportionment formula shall include all real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used during the tax period in the regular course of its trade or business. Real and tangible personal property includes land, buildings, machinery, stocks of goods, equipment, and other real and tangible personal property but does not include coin or currency.

(ii) Property used in connection with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the property factor. Property used both in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business and in the production of nonbusiness income shall be included in the factor only to the extent the property is used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business. The method of determining the portion of the value to be included in the factor will depend upon the facts of each case.

(iii) The property factor shall reflect the average value of property includable in the factor. Refer to Subsection (8)(g).

(b) Property Used for the Production of Business Income. Property shall be included in the property factor if it is actually used or is available for or capable of being used during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property held as reserves or standby facilities or property held as a reserve source of materials shall be included in the factor. For example, a plant temporarily idle or raw material reserves not currently being processed are includable

in the factor. Property or equipment under construction during the tax period, except inventoriable goods in process, shall be excluded from the factor until the property is actually used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. If the property is partially used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer while under construction, the value of the property to the extent used shall be included in the property factor. Property used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer shall remain in the property factor until its permanent withdrawal is established by an identifiable event such as its conversion to the production of nonbusiness income, its sale, or the lapse of an extended period of time, normally five years, during which the property is no longer held for use in the trade or business.

(c) Consistency in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of valuing property, or of excluding or including property in the property factor, used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the valuation of property and in the exclusion or inclusion of property in the property factor, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(d) Property Factor Numerator. The numerator of the property factor shall include the average value of the real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property in transit between locations of the taxpayer to which it belongs shall be considered to be at the destination for purposes of the property factor. Property in transit between a buyer and seller that is included by a taxpayer in the denominator of its property factor in accordance with its regular accounting practices shall be included in the numerator according to the state of destination. The value of mobile or movable property such as construction equipment, trucks, or leased electronic equipment that are located within and without this state during the tax period shall be determined for purposes of the numerator of the factor on the basis of total time within the state during the tax period. An automobile assigned to a traveling employee shall be included in the numerator of the factor of the state to which the employee's compensation is assigned under the payroll factor or in the numerator of the state in which the automobile is licensed.

(e) Valuation of Owned Property.

(i) Property owned by the taxpayer shall be valued at its original cost. As a general rule original cost is deemed to be the basis of the property for state franchise or income tax purposes (prior to any adjustments) at the time of acquisition by the taxpayer and adjusted by subsequent capital additions or improvements thereto and partial disposition thereof, by reasons including sale, exchange, and abandonment. However, capitalized intangible drilling and development costs shall be included in the property factor whether or not they have been expensed for either federal or state tax purposes.

(ii) Inventory of stock of goods shall be included in the factor in accordance with the valuation method used for state tax purposes.

(iii) Property acquired by gift or inheritance shall be included in the factor at its basis for determining depreciation.

(f) Valuation of Rented Property.

(i) Property rented by the taxpayer is valued at eight times its net annual rental rate. The net annual rental rate for any item of rented property is the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for the property, less the aggregate annual subrental rates paid by subtenants of the taxpayer. See Subsection (11)(b) for special rules where the use of the net annual rental rate produces a negative or clearly inaccurate value or where property is used by

the taxpayer at no charge or rented at a nominal rental rate.

(ii) Subrents are not deducted when the subrents constitute business income because the property that produces the subrents is used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer when it is producing the income. Accordingly there is no reduction in its value.

(iii) Annual rental rate is the amount paid as rental for property for a 12-month period; i.e., the amount of the annual rent. Where property is rented for less than a 12-month period, the rent paid for the actual period of rental shall constitute the annual rental rate for the tax period. However, where a taxpayer has rented property for a term of 12 or more months and the current tax period covers a period of less than 12 months (due, for example, to a reorganization or change of accounting period), the rent paid for the short tax period shall be annualized. If the rental term is for less than 12 months, the rent shall not be annualized beyond its term. Rent shall not be annualized because of the uncertain duration when the rental term is on a month to month basis.

(iv) Annual rent is the actual sum of money or other consideration payable, directly or indirectly, by the taxpayer or for its benefit for the use of the property and includes:

(A) Any amount payable for the use of real or tangible personal property, or any part thereof, whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of sales, profits or otherwise.

(B) Any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rents, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other items that are required to be paid by the terms of the lease or other arrangement, not including amounts paid as service charges, such as utilities, and janitor services. If a payment includes rent and other charges unsegregated, the amount of rent shall be determined by consideration of the relative values of the rent and other items.

(v) Annual rent does not include:

(A) incidental day-to-day expenses such as hotel or motel accommodations, or daily rental of automobiles;

(B) royalties based on extraction of natural resources, whether represented by delivery or purchase. For this purpose, a royalty includes any consideration conveyed or credited to a holder of an interest in property that constitutes a sharing of current or future production of natural resources from that property, irrespective of the method of payment or how that consideration may be characterized, whether as a royalty, advance royalty, rental, or otherwise.

(vi) Leasehold improvements shall, for the purposes of the property factor, be treated as property owned by the taxpayer regardless of whether the taxpayer is entitled to remove the improvements or the improvements revert to the lessor upon expiration of the lease. Hence, the original cost of leasehold improvements shall be included in the factor.

(g) Averaging Property Values. As a general rule, the average value of property owned by the taxpayer shall be determined by averaging the values at the beginning and end of the tax period. However, the Tax Commission may require or allow averaging by monthly values if that method of averaging is required to properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's property for the tax period.

(i) Averaging by monthly values will generally be applied if substantial fluctuations in the values of the property exist during the tax period or where property is acquired after the beginning of the tax period or disposed of before the end of the tax period.

(ii) Example: The monthly value of the taxpayer's property was as follows:

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January	\$2,000
February	2,000

March	3,000
April	3,500
May	4,500
June	10,000
July	15,000
August	17,000
September	23,000
October	25,000
November	13,000
December	2,000
Total	\$120,000

The average value of the taxpayer's property includable in the property factor for the income year is determined as follows:
 $\$120,000 / 12 = \$10,000$

(iii) Averaging with respect to rented property is achieved automatically by the method of determining the net annual rental rate of the property as set forth in Subsection (8)(g).

(9) Payroll Factor.

(a) The payroll factor of the apportionment formula shall include the total amount paid by the taxpayer in the regular course of its trade or business for compensation during the tax period.

(b) The total amount paid to employees is determined upon the basis of the taxpayer's accounting method. If the taxpayer has adopted the accrual method of accounting, all compensation properly accrued shall be deemed to have been paid. Notwithstanding the taxpayer's method of accounting, at the election of the taxpayer, compensation paid to employees may be included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes. The compensation of any employee on account of activities that are connected with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the factor.

(c) Payments made to an independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee are excluded from the payroll factor. Only amounts paid directly to employees are included in the payroll factor. Amounts considered paid directly include the value of board, rent, housing, lodging, and other benefits or services furnished to employees by the taxpayer in return for personal services.

(d) Generally, a person will be considered to be an employee if he is included by the taxpayer as an employee for purposes of the payroll taxes imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. However, since certain individuals are included within the term employees in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act who would not be employees under the usual common law rules, it may be established that a person who is included as an employee for purposes of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act is not an employee for purposes of this rule.

(e)(A) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the treatment of compensation paid used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(B) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the treatment of compensation paid, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(f) Denominator. The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid everywhere during the tax period. Accordingly, compensation paid to employees whose services are performed entirely in a state where the taxpayer is immune from taxation, for example, by P.L. 86-272, are included in the denominator of the payroll factor.

(g) Numerator. The numerator of the payroll factor is the total amount paid in this state during the tax period by the taxpayer for compensation. The tests in Section 59-7-316 to be applied in determining whether compensation is paid in this state are derived from the Model Unemployment Compensation

Act. Accordingly, if compensation paid to employees is included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method of accounting or if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes, it shall be presumed that the total wages reported by the taxpayer to this state for unemployment compensation purposes constitute compensation paid in this state except for compensation excluded under this Subsection (9). The presumption may be overcome by satisfactory evidence that an employee's compensation is not properly reportable to this state for unemployment compensation purposes.

(h) Compensation Paid in this State. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests applied consecutively are met:

(i) The employee's service is performed entirely within the state.

(ii) The employee's service is performed both within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The word incidental means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

(iii) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(A) if the employee's base of operations is in this state; or

(B) if there is no base of operations in any state in which some part of the service is performed, but the place from which the service is directed or controlled is in this state; or

(C) if the base of operations or the place from which the service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

(10) Sales Factor. In General.

(a) Section 59-7-302(5) defines the term "sales" to mean all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated under Section 59-7-306 through 59-7-310. Thus, for purposes of the sales factor of the apportionment formula for the trade or business of the taxpayer, the term sales means all gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of the trade or business. The following are rules determining sales in various situations.

(i) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in manufacturing and selling or purchasing and reselling goods or products, sales includes all gross receipts from the sales of goods or products (or other property of a kind that would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the tax period) held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business. Gross receipts for this purpose means gross sales, less returns and allowances and includes all interest income, service charges, carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to sales. Federal and state excise taxes (including sales taxes) shall be included as part of receipts if taxes are passed on to the buyer or included as part of the selling price of the product.

(ii) In the case of cost plus fixed fee contracts, such as the operation of a government-owned plant for a fee, sales includes the entire reimbursed cost, plus the fee.

(iii) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in providing services, such as the operation of an advertising agency, or the performance of equipment service contracts, or research and development contracts, sales includes the gross receipts from the performance of services including fees, commissions, and similar items.

(iv) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in renting real or tangible property, sales includes the gross receipts from the rental, lease or licensing of the use of the property.

(v) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in the sale, assignment, or licensing of intangible personal property such as

patents and copyrights, sales includes the gross receipts therefrom.

(vi) If a taxpayer derives receipts from the sale of equipment used in its business, those receipts constitute sales. For example, a truck express company owns a fleet of trucks and sells its trucks under a regular replacement program. The gross receipts from the sales of the trucks are included in the sales factor.

(vii) In some cases certain gross receipts should be disregarded in determining the sales factor in order that the apportionment formula will operate fairly to apportion to this state the income of the taxpayer's trade or business. See Subsection (11)(c).

(viii) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the basis for excluding or including gross receipts in the sales factor used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(ix) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the inclusion or exclusion of gross receipts, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(b) Denominator. The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts excluded under Subsection (11)(c).

(c) Numerator. The numerator of the sales factor shall include gross receipts attributable to this state and derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business. All interest income, service charges, carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to gross receipts shall be included regardless of the place where the accounting records are maintained or the location of the contract or other evidence of indebtedness.

(d) Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

(i) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property (except sales to the United States government; see Subsection (10)(e)) are in this state:

(A) if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of sale; or

(B) if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser.

(ii) Property shall be deemed to be delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the recipient is located in this state, even though the property is ordered from outside this state.

(iii) Property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the shipment terminates in this state, even though the property is subsequently transferred by the purchaser to another state.

(iv) The term "purchaser within this state" shall include the ultimate recipient of the property if the taxpayer in this state, at the designation of the purchaser, delivers to or has the property shipped to the ultimate recipient within this state.

(v) When property being shipped by a seller from the state of origin to a consignee in another state is diverted while en route to a purchaser in this state, the sales are in this state.

(vi) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser, the sale is attributed to this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state.

(vii) If a taxpayer whose salesman operates from an office located in this state makes a sale to a purchaser in another state in which the taxpayer is not taxable and the property is shipped directly by a third party to the purchaser, the following rules apply:

(A) If the taxpayer is taxable in the state from which the

third party ships the property, then the sale is in that state.

(B) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state from which the property is shipped, the sale is in this state.

(e)(i) Sales of Tangible Personal Property to United States Government in this state.

(ii) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property to the United States government are in this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state. For purposes of this rule, only sales for which the United States government makes direct payment to the seller pursuant to the terms of a contract constitute sales to the United States government. Thus, as a general rule, sales by a subcontractor to the prime contractor, the party to the contract with the United States government, do not constitute sales to the United States government.

(f) Sales Other than Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

(i) In general, Section 59-7-319(1) provides for the inclusion in the numerator of the sales factor of gross receipts from transactions other than sales of tangible personal property (including transactions with the United States government). Under Section 59-7-319(1), gross receipts are attributed to this state if the income producing activity that gave rise to the receipts is performed wholly within this state. Also, gross receipts are attributed to this state if, with respect to a particular item of income, the income producing activity is performed within and without this state but the greater proportion of the income producing activity is performed in this state, based on costs of performance.

(ii) The term "income producing activity" applies to each separate item of income and means the transactions and activity directly engaged in by the taxpayer in the regular course of its trade or business for the ultimate purpose of obtaining gains or profit. Income producing activity does not include transactions and activities performed on behalf of a taxpayer, such as those conducted on its behalf by an independent contractor. Accordingly, the income producing activity includes the following:

(A) the rendering of personal services by employees or the utilization of tangible and intangible property by the taxpayer in performing a service;

(B) the sale, rental, leasing, or licensing or other use of real property;

(C) the rental, leasing, licensing or other use of intangible personal property; or

(D) the sale, licensing or other use of intangible personal property. The mere holding of intangible personal property is not, of itself, an income producing activity.

(iii) The term "costs of performance" means direct costs determined in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with accepted conditions or practices in the trade or business of the taxpayer.

(iv) Receipts (other than from sales of tangible personal property) in respect to a particular income producing activity are in this state if:

(A) the income producing activity is performed wholly within this state; or

(B) the income producing activity is performed both in and outside this state and a greater proportion of the income producing activity is performed in this state than in any other state, based on costs of performance.

(v) The following are special rules for determining when receipts from the income producing activities described below are in this state:

(A) Gross receipts from the sale, lease, rental or licensing of real property are in this state if the real property is located in this state.

(B) Gross receipts from the rental, lease, or licensing of tangible personal property are in this state if the property is

located in this state. The rental, lease, licensing or other use of tangible personal property in this state is a separate income producing activity from the rental, lease, licensing or other use of the same property while located in another state. Consequently, if the property is within and without this state during the rental, lease or licensing period, gross receipts attributable to this state shall be measured by the ratio that the time the property was physically present or was used in this state bears to the total time or use of the property everywhere during the period.

(C) Gross receipts for the performance of personal services are attributable to this state to the extent services are performed in this state. If services relating to a single item of income are performed partly within and partly without this state, the gross receipts for the performance of services shall be attributable to this state only if a greater portion of the services were performed in this state, based on costs of performance. Usually where services are performed partly within and partly without this state, the services performed in each state will constitute a separate income producing activity. In that case, the gross receipts for the performance of services attributable to this state shall be measured by the ratio that the time spent in performing services in this state bears to the total time spent in performing services everywhere. Time spent in performing services includes the amount of time expended in the performance of a contract or other obligation that gives rise to gross receipts. Personal service not directly connected with the performance of the contract or other obligations, as for example, time expended in negotiating the contract, is excluded from the computations.

(11) Special Rules:

(a) Section 59-7-320 provides that if the allocation and apportionment provisions of UDITPA do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this state, the taxpayer may petition for, or the tax administrator may require, in respect to all or any part of the taxpayer's business activity, if reasonable:

- (i) separate accounting;
- (ii) the exclusion of any one or more of the factors;
- (iii) the inclusion of one or more additional factors that will fairly represent the taxpayer's business activity in this state; or
- (iv) the employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of the taxpayer's income.

(b) Property Factor.

The following special rules are established in respect to the property factor of the apportionment formula:

(i) If the subrents taken into account in determining the net annual rental rate under Subsection (8)(f)(ii) produce a negative or clearly inaccurate value for any item of property, another method that will properly reflect the value of rented property may be required by the Tax Commission or requested by the taxpayer. In no case however, shall the value be less than an amount that bears the same ratio to the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for property as the fair market value of that portion of property used by the taxpayer bears to the total fair market value of the rented property.

(ii) If property owned by others is used by the taxpayer at no charge or rented by the taxpayer for a nominal rate, the net annual rental rate for the property shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable market rental rate for that property.

(c) Sales Factors.

The following special rules are established in respect to the sales factor of the apportionment formula:

(i) Where substantial amounts of gross receipts arise from an incidental or occasional sale of a fixed asset used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, those gross receipts shall be excluded from the sales factor. For example, gross receipts from the sale of a factory or plant will be excluded.

(ii) Insubstantial amounts of gross receipts arising from incidental or occasional transactions or activities may be excluded from the sales factor unless exclusion would materially affect the amount of income apportioned to this state. For example, the taxpayer ordinarily may include or exclude from the sales factor gross receipts from such transactions as the sale of office furniture, and business automobiles.

(iii) Where the income producing activity in respect to business income from intangible personal property can be readily identified, that income is included in the denominator of the sales factor and, if the income producing activity occurs in this state, in the numerator of the sales factor as well. For example, usually the income producing activity can be readily identified in respect to interest income received on deferred payments on sales of tangible property, see Subsection (10)(a)(i), and income from the sale, licensing or other use of intangible personal property, see Subsection (10)(f)(ii)(D).

(A) Where business income from intangible property cannot readily be attributed to any particular income producing activity of the taxpayer, the income cannot be assigned to the numerator of the sales factor for any state and shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor. For example, where business income in the form of dividends received on stock, royalties received on patents or copyrights, or interest received on bonds, debentures or government securities results from the mere holding of the intangible personal property by the taxpayer, such dividends and interest shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor.

(B) Exclude from the denominator of the sales factor, receipts from the sales of securities unless the taxpayer is a dealer therein.

(iv) Where gains and losses on the sale of liquid assets are not excluded from the sales factor by other provisions under Subsections (11)(c)(i) through (iii), such gains or losses shall be treated as provided in this Subsection (11)(c)(iv). This Subsection (11)(c)(iv) does not provide rules relating to the treatment of other receipts produced from holding or managing such assets.

(A) If a taxpayer holds liquid assets in connection with one or more treasury functions of the taxpayer, and the liquid assets produce business income when sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed, the overall net gain from those transactions for each treasury function for the tax period is included in the sales factor. For purposes of this Subsection (11)(c)(iv), each treasury function will be considered separately.

(B) For purposes of this Subsection (11)(c)(iv), a liquid asset is an asset (other than functional currency or funds held in bank accounts) held to provide a relatively immediate source of funds to satisfy the liquidity needs of the trade or business. Liquid assets include:

- (I) foreign currency (and trading positions therein) other than functional currency used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business;
- (II) marketable instruments (including stocks, bonds, debentures, options, warrants, futures contracts, etc.); and
- (III) mutual funds which hold such liquid assets.

(C) An instrument is considered marketable if it is traded in an established stock or securities market and is regularly quoted by brokers or dealers in making a market. Stock in a corporation which is unitary with the taxpayer, or which has a substantial business relationship with the taxpayer, is not considered marketable stock.

(D) For purposes of this Subsection (11)(c)(iv)(D), a treasury function is the pooling and management of liquid assets for the purpose of satisfying the cash flow needs of the trade or business, such as providing liquidity for a taxpayer's business cycle, providing a reserve for business contingencies, business acquisitions, etc. A taxpayer principally engaged in the trade or business of purchasing and selling instruments or other items

included in the definition of liquid assets set forth herein is not performing a treasury function with respect to income so produced.

(E) Overall net gain refers to the total net gain from all transactions incurred at each treasury function for the entire tax period, not the net gain from a specific transaction.

(d) Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC). In any case in which a corporation, subject to the income tax jurisdiction of Utah, owns 50 percent or more of the voting power of the stock of a corporation classified as a DISC under the provisions of Sec. 992 Internal Revenue Code, a combined filing with the DISC corporation is required.

(e) Partnership or Joint Venture Income. Income or loss from partnership or joint venture interests shall be included in income and apportioned to Utah through application of the three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll and sales. For apportionment purposes, the portion of partnership or joint venture property, payroll and sales to be included in the corporation's property, payroll and sales factors shall be computed on the basis of the corporation's ownership interest in the partnership or joint venture, and otherwise in accordance with other applicable provisions of this rule.

R865-6F-14. Extent to Which Federal Income Tax Provisions Are Followed for Corporation Franchise Tax Purposes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-106, 59-7-108, 59-7-501, and 59-7-502.

A. It is the policy of the Tax Commission, in matters involving the determination of net income for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, to follow as closely as possible federal requirements with respect to the same matters. In some instances, of course, the federal and state statutes differ; and due to such conflict, the federal rulings, regulations, and decisions cannot be followed. Furthermore, in some instances, the Tax Commission may disagree with the federal determinations and does not consider them controlling for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes.

1. The items of major importance ordinarily allowed in conformity with federal requirements are:

- a. depreciation (see rule R865-6F-9),
- b. depletion,
- c. exploration and development expenses,
- d. intangible drilling costs,
- e. accounting methods and periods (see rule R865-6F-2),

and

- f. Subpart F income.

2. The following are the major items which require different treatment under the state and federal statutes:

- a. installment sales (see rule R865-6F-15),
- b. consolidated returns (see rule R865-6F-4),
- c. liquidating dividends,
- d. municipal bond interest,
- e. capital loss deduction,
- f. loss carry-overs and carry-backs, and
- g. gross-up on foreign dividends.

Note: The only reserves permitted in determining net-income for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes are depreciation, depletion, and bad debts.

R865-6F-15. Installment Basis of Reporting Income in Year of Termination Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-112.

A. The Corporation Franchise Tax Act allows a corporation, under certain conditions and under rules prescribed by the Tax Commission, to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property on a deferred or so-called installment basis. Thus, a gain technically realized at the time the sale is made may, at the election of the taxpayer, be reported on a deferred basis in accordance with the law and the following

sections of this rule. The rule allowing deferment of reporting such income is only one of postponement of the tax, and not one of exemption from a tax otherwise lawfully due. Thus, the privilege of deferment is terminated if the taxpayer ceases to be subject to tax prior to the reporting of the entire amount of installment income. When a taxpayer elects to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property as provided in Section 59-7-112, and the entire income therefrom has not been reported prior to the year that the taxpayer ceases to be subject to the tax imposed under the Utah Corporation Income and Franchise Tax Acts, the unreported income is included in the return for the last year in which the taxpayer is subject to the tax. This rule applies to all corporations which elect to report on the installment basis. If a corporation on this basis desires to dissolve or to withdraw, it must comply with the provisions hereof prior to issuance of the tax clearance certificate.

B. Income reported under the provisions of Section 59-7-112 and this rule shall be subject to the same treatment in the allocation of income; i.e., specific allocation or apportionment, as would have been accorded the original income from the sale under the provisions of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act. In case such income is subject to apportionment, the apportionment fraction for the year in which the income is reported applies rather than the year in which the sale was made.

R865-6F-16. Apportionment of Income of Long-Term Construction Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 321.

(1) When a taxpayer elects to use the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, or the completed contract method of accounting for long-term contracts, and has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income derived from such long-term contracts from sources within this state is determined pursuant to this rule.

(2) Business income is apportioned to this state by a three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll, and sales--regardless of the method of accounting for long-term contracts elected by the taxpayer. The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(a) Percentage-of-completion method. Under this method of accounting for long-term contracts, the amount included each year as business income from each contract is the amount by which the gross contract price (which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract completed during the income years) exceeds all expenditures made during the income year in connection with the contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures.

(b) Completed-contract method. Under this method of accounting, business income derived from long-term contracts is reported for the income year in which the contract is completed. A special computation is required to compute the amount of business income attributable to this state from each completed contract. All receipts and expenditures applicable to the contracts, whether complete or incomplete at the end of the income year, are excluded from other business income, which are apportioned by the regular three-factor formula of property, payroll, and sales.

(3) Property factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the property factor is determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-312, 59-7-313, and 59-7-314 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable:

- (a) The average value of the taxpayer's cost (including

materials and labor) of construction in progress, to the extent these costs exceed progress billings, are included in the denominator of the property factor. The value of those construction costs attributable to construction projects in this state are included in the numerator of the property factor. It may be necessary to use monthly averages if yearly averages do not properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's equity.

(b) Rent paid for the use of equipment directly attributable to a particular construction project is included in the property factor at eight times the net annual rental rate, even though the rental expense may be capitalized into the cost of construction.

(c) The property factor is computed in the same manner for all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed-contract method of accounting business income is computed separately.

(4) Payroll factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the payroll factor are determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

(a) Compensation paid to employees attributable to a particular construction project is included in the payroll factor even though capitalized into the cost of construction.

(b) Compensation paid to employees who, in the aggregate, perform most of their services in a state to which their employer does not report them for unemployment tax purposes, is attributed to the state where the services are performed. For example, a taxpayer engaged in a long-term contract in State X sends several key employees to that state to supervise the project. The taxpayer, for unemployment tax purposes reports these employees to State Y where the main office is maintained and where the employees reside. For payroll factor purposes and in accordance with Section 59-7-316 and the rule thereunder, the compensation is assigned to the numerator of State X.

(c) The payroll factor is computed in the same manner for all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

(5) Sales Factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the sales factor shall be determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-317, 59-7-318, and 59-7-319 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

(a) Gross receipts derived from the performance of a contract are attributable to this state if the construction project is located in this state. If the construction project is located partly within and partly without this state, the gross receipts attributable to this state are based upon the ratio which construction costs for the project in this state incurred during the coming year bears to the total of such construction costs for the entire project during the income year. Progress billings are ordinarily used to reflect gross receipts and must be shown in both the numerator and denominator of the sales factor.

(b) If the percentage-of-completion method is used, the sales factor includes only that portion of the gross contract price which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract which was completed during the income year. For example, a construction contractor which had elected the percentage-of-completion method of accounting entered into a \$9,000,000 long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it estimated that the project was 30 percent completed. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is \$2,700,000 (30 percent of \$9,000,000), regardless of whether the taxpayer uses the accrual method or the cash method of accounting for receipts and disbursements.

(c) If the completed-contract method of accounting is used, the sales factor includes the portion of the gross receipts (progress billings) received under the cash basis or accrued,

whichever is applicable, during the income year attributable to each contract. For example, a construction contractor which elected the completed-contract method of accounting entered into a long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it had billed, and accrued on its books a total of \$5,000,000 of which \$2,000,000 had accrued in the first year the contract was undertaken, and \$3,000,000 in the current (second) year. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is \$3,000,000. If the taxpayer keeps its books on the cash basis, and as of the end of its current income year has received only \$2,500,000 of the \$3,000,000 billed during the current year, the amount of gross receipts to be included in the sales factor for the current year is \$2,500,000.

(d) The sales factor, except as noted above in Subsections (5)(b) and (c), is computed in the same manner for all long-term contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year—even though under the completed-contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

(6) The completed-contract method of accounting provides that the reporting of income (or loss) is deferred until the year the construction project is completed. In order to determine the amount of income which is attributable to sources within this state, a separate computation is made for each contract completed during the income year, regardless of whether the project is located within or without this state. The amount of income from each contract completed during the income year apportioned to this state is added to other business income apportioned to this state by the regular three-factor formula, and that total together with all nonbusiness income allocated to this state becomes the measure of tax for the income year. The amount of income (or loss) from each contract which is derived from sources within this state using the completed-contract method of accounting is computed as follows.

(a) In the income year the contract is completed, the income (or loss) therefrom is determined.

(b) The income (or loss) determined at Subsection (6)(a) is apportioned to this state by the following method:

(i) a fraction is determined for each year the contract was in progress (the numerator of which is the amount of construction costs paid or accrued each year the contract was in progress, and the denominator of which is the total of all construction costs for the project);

(ii) each fraction determined in Subsection (6)(b)(i) is multiplied by the apportionment formula percentage for that particular year;

(iii) these factors are totaled; and

(iv) the total income is multiplied by this combined percentage, and the resulting income (or loss) is the amount of contract business income assigned to this state.

(c) A corporation using the completed-contract method of accounting is required to include income derived from sources within this state from contracts within or without this state or income from incomplete contracts in progress outside this state in the year of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business pursuant to Subsection (6)(d).

(d) The amount of income (or loss) from each such contract apportioned to this state is determined as if the percentage-of-completion method of accounting were used for all such contracts on the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business. The amount of business income (or loss) for each such contract is the amount by which the gross contract price from each such contract from the commencement thereof to the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business exceeds all expenditures made during such period in connection with each such contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures in connection with each contract.

R865-6F-18. Exemptions from Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-101 and 59-7-102.

A. The following definitions apply to the exemption for corporate franchise and income tax for a farmers' cooperative.

1. "Member" means a person who shares in the profits of a cooperative association and is entitled to participate in the management of the association.

2. "Producer" means a person who, as owner or tenant, bears the risk of production and receives income based on farm production rather than fixed compensation.

B. In order to claim an exemption from corporate franchise and income tax provided for by Section 59-7-102, a corporation must submit to the Tax Commission form TC-161, Utah Registration for Exemption from Corporate Franchise or Income Tax, along with any information that form requires, for the Tax Commission's determination that the corporation satisfies the requirements of Section 59-7-102.

C. A corporation shall notify the Tax Commission of any change that affects its tax exempt status under Section 59-7-102.

D. For purposes of the Section 59-7-102 exemption for a farmers' cooperative, an association, corporation, or other organization similar to an association, corporation, or other organization of farmers or fruit growers includes establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitat.

R865-6F-19. Taxation of Trucking Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Average value" of property means the amount determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and end of the income tax year. The Tax Commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the trucking company's property.

(b) "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865-6F-8(1).

(c) "Mobile property" means all motor vehicles, including trailers, engaged directly in the movement of tangible personal property.

(d) "Mobile property mile" means the movement of a unit of mobile property a distance of one mile, whether loaded or unloaded.

(e) "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments, except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto, or partial dispositions); or if the property has no such basis, or if the valuation of the property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

(f) "Property used during the course of the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

(g) "Trucking company" means a corporation engaged in or transacting the business of transporting freight, merchandise, or other property for hire.

(h) "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

(i) "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

(2) When a trucking company has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine

what portion of the trucking company's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the income year.

(a) In the determination of the numerator of the property factor, all property, except mobile property, shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Mobile property located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the mobile property's miles within this state bear to the total miles of mobile property within and without this state.

(5) The denominator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within this state during the income year by the taxpayer for the production of business income.

(a) With respect to all personnel, except those performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(9).

(b) With respect to personnel performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed within this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

(6) In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business that produce business income shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year.

(a) The total state revenue of the taxpayer, other than revenue from hauling freight, mail, and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(b) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year from hauling freight, mail, and express shall be:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from any shipment that both originates and terminates within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from movements or shipments passing through, into, or out of this state as determined by the ratio that the mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within this state bear to the total mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within and without this state.

(7) The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the commission or its agents.

(8) This rule requires apportionment of income to this state if during the course of the income tax year, the trucking company:

- (a) owned or rented any real or personal property in this state;
- (b) made any pickups or deliveries within this state;
- (c) traveled more than 25,000 mobile property miles within this state, provided that the total mobile property miles traveled within this state during the income tax year exceeded three percent of the total mobile property miles traveled in all states by the trucking company during the period; or
- (d) made more than 12 trips into this state.

R865-6F-22. Treatment of Loss Carrybacks and Carryforwards Spanning a Change in Reporting Methods Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-402 and 59-7-403.

A. For purposes of this rule, "worldwide year" means a year in which a corporation filed a worldwide combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(34) and 59-7-403.

B. For purposes of this rule, "water's edge year" means a year in which a corporation filed a combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(33) and 59-7-402.

C. A corporation that receives permission from the Tax Commission to change its filing method to the water's edge method after having elected the worldwide method will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any worldwide year as a condition precedent to making that change. Any losses generated in a subsequent water's edge year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the water's edge method, but must be carried to a post-change water's edge year.

D. A corporation that elects the worldwide filing method subsequent to adoption of this rule will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any water's edge year. Any losses generated in a subsequent worldwide year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the worldwide election method, but must be carried to a post-change worldwide year.

R865-6F-23. Utah Steam Coal Tax Credit Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-604.

A. Definitions.

1. "Permitted mine" means a mine for which a permit has been issued by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining pursuant to Title 40, Chapter 10, Coal Mining and Reclamation.

2. "Purchaser outside of the United States" means any company that purchases coal for shipment outside of the fifty states or the District of Columbia.

B. To qualify for the steam coal tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, sales to a purchaser outside of the United States must exceed the permitted mine's sales to a purchaser outside of the United States in the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1992, regardless of any change in ownership of the mine.

C. To qualify for the steam coal tax credit the coal must be exported outside of the United States, within a reasonable period of time. A reasonable period of time is considered to be within 90 days after the end of the tax year.

R865-6F-24. Attribution of Sales of Tangible Property to the Sales Factor for Apportionment of Business Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-317.

A. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. Section 381, the phrase "activities within such state by or on behalf of such person" means the activities of any member of a unitary business as that term is defined in Section 59-7-302.

B. If the activity in this state of any member of a unitary business exceeds the activity protected by 15 U.S.C. Section 381, sales of tangible property into this state, from an out-of-

state location by any member of the unitary business shall be included in this state's sales factor numerator under Section 59-7-317.

C. If any member of a unitary business is taxable in another state under Section 59-7-305, sales of tangible property from a Utah location, into that state by any member of the unitary business shall not be thrown back to this state as ordinarily provided under Section 59-7-318.

D. This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992.

R865-6F-26. Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-609.

A. Definitions:

1. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, and permit fees.

2. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" does not include movable furnishings.

3. "Residential" as used in Section 59-7-609 applies only to the use of the building after the project is completed.

B. Taxpayers shall file an application for approval of all proposed rehabilitation work with the Division of State History prior to the completion of restoration or rehabilitation work on the project. The application shall be on a form provided by the Division of State History.

C. Rehabilitation work must receive a unique certification number from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

D. In order to receive final certification and be issued a unique certification number for the project, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The project approved under B. must be completed.

2. Upon completion of the project, taxpayers shall notify the State Historic Preservation Office and provide that office an opportunity to review, examine, and audit the project. In order to be certified, a project shall be completed in accordance with the approved plan and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

3. Taxpayers restoring buildings not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places shall submit a complete National Register Nomination Form. If the nomination meets National Register criteria, the State Historic Preservation Office shall approve the nomination.

4. Projects must be completed, and the \$10,000 expenditure threshold required by Section 59-7-609 must be met, within 36 months of the approval received pursuant to B.

5. During the course of the project and for three years thereafter, all work done on the building shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

E. Proof of State Historic Preservation Office certification shall be made by:

1. receiving an authorization form from the State Historic Preservation Office containing the certification number;

2. attaching that authorization form to the tax return for the year in which the credit is claimed.

F. Credit amounts shall be applied against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the tax year in which the project receives final certification under D.

G. Credit amounts greater than the amount of Utah corporate franchise tax due in a tax year shall be carried forward to the extent provided by Section 59-7-609.

H. Carryforward historic preservation tax credits shall be applied against Utah franchise tax due before the application of any historic preservation credits earned in the current year and on a first-earned, first-used basis.

I. Original records supporting the credit claimed must be maintained for three years following the date the return was filed claiming the credit.

R865-6F-27. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah Corporate Franchise Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-6-102, 59-13-202, and 59-13-301, and Title 59, Chapter 7, and Title 63M, Chapter 1.

Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Section 59-6-102, Section 59-13-202, Section 59-13-301, Title 59, Chapter 7, and Title 63M, Chapter 1 against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the following order:

- (1) nonrefundable credits;
- (2) nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;
- (3) refundable credits.

R865-6F-28. Enterprise Zone Corporate Franchise Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 63M-1-401 through 63M-1-416.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Based" means exclusively stored or maintained at a facility owned by the taxpayer:

(i) that is designed, constructed, and used to store or maintain equipment:

- (A) that is transported outside of the enterprise zone; and
- (B) for which the credit is taken;

(ii) where the equipment is located when it is not being used at facilities outside the enterprise zone, as evidenced by invoices, equipment logs, photographs, or similar documentation; and

(iii) from where the use of the equipment is directed or managed.

(b) "Business engaged in retail trade" means a business that makes a retail sale as defined in Section 59-12-102.

(c) "Construction work" does not include facility maintenance or repair work.

(d) "Employee" means a person who qualifies as an employee under Internal Revenue Service Regulation 26 CFR 31.3401(c)(1).

(e) "Public utilities business" means a public utility under Section 54-2-1.

(f) "Qualifying investment" does not include an investment made by a member of a unitary group in plant, equipment, or other depreciable property of another member of that unitary group.

(g) "Taxpayer" means the person claiming the tax credits in section 63M-1-413.

(h) "Transfer" pursuant to Section 63M-1-411, means the relocation of assets and operations of a business, including personnel, plant, property, and equipment.

(i) "Unitary group" is as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(2) For purposes of the investment tax credit, an investment is a qualifying investment if the plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the credit is taken is:

(a)(i) located within the boundaries of the enterprise zone; and

(ii) used exclusively in business operations conducted within the enterprise zone; or

(b) in the case of equipment or other depreciable property, based in the enterprise zone.

(3) The following examples relate to the investment tax credit.

(a) A furniture manufacturer operates a manufacturing facility that is located in an enterprise zone. The manufacturer purchases two trucks that are used exclusively at the facility and used to pick up raw materials from suppliers, some or all of whom may be outside the enterprise zone, and to deliver finished product to final customers, some or all of whom may be outside the enterprise zone. The trucks qualify for the investment tax credit because they are used exclusively in a business operation, the furniture manufacturing facility, that is located within the enterprise zone, even if they are stored or maintained at a facility located outside of the enterprise zone.

(b) If the same manufacturer described in Subsection(4)(a) had two facilities, one located within the enterprise zone, and one located outside the enterprise zone, and used the same two trucks for the same purposes for both facilities. The trucks are not based at a facility in the enterprise zone. The trucks would not qualify for the investment tax credit because they are not used exclusively at the facility located within the enterprise zone, and are not based in the enterprise zone.

(c) A business consists of a mine office located in an enterprise zone and a mine located outside the enterprise zone. Mining equipment is used exclusively at the mine and is not based in the enterprise zone. The business may claim the investment tax credit for plant, equipment, or other depreciable property located in the mine office, but not for plant, equipment, or other depreciable property used in the mine outside the enterprise zone.

(d) A business purchases equipment such as an oil rig, which is transported outside the enterprise zone to service facilities such as oil fields. If the use of the equipment is directed or managed from the enterprise zone and the equipment returns to a facility, within the enterprise zone, that is owned by the business for regular maintenance or storage, the equipment is based in the enterprise zone and therefore qualifies for the investment tax credit.

(e) The same business described in Subsection(4)(d) purchases equipment that is primarily stored or maintained at facilities that are located outside of the enterprise zone, but which may be occasionally stored or maintained in the enterprise zone. This equipment would not be based in the enterprise zone, and would not qualify for the investment tax credit, even if the business has other facilities in the enterprise zone.

(4) The calculation of the number of full-time positions for purposes of the credits allowed under Subsections 63M-1-413(1)(a) through(d) shall be based on the average number of employees reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the four quarters prior to the area's designation as an enterprise zone.

(5) To determine whether at least 51 percent of the business firm's employees reside in the county in which the enterprise zone is located, the business firm shall consider every employee reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the tax year for which an enterprise zone credit is sought.

(6) A business firm that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade qualifies for the credits under Section 63M-1-413 if the retail trade operations constitute a de minimis portion of the business firm's total operations.

(7) An employee whose duties include both non-construction work and construction work does not perform a construction job if the construction work performed by the employee constitutes a de minimis portion of the employee's total duties.

(8) Corporate franchise tax credits may not be used to offset or reduce the \$100 minimum tax per corporation.

(9) Records and supporting documentation shall be maintained for three years after the date any returns are filed to support the credits taken. For example: If credits are originally taken in 1988 and unused portions are carried forward to 1992, records to support the original credits taken in 1988 must be maintained for three years after the date the 1992 return is filed.

(10) If an enterprise zone designation is revoked prior to the expiration of the period for which it was designated, only tax credits earned prior to the loss of that designation will be allowed.

R865-6F-29. Taxation of Railroads Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Average value" of property means the amount

determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and ending of the income tax year. The commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the railroad's property.

(b) "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865-6F-8(1).

(c) "Car-mile" means a movement of a unit of car equipment a distance of one mile.

(d) "Locomotive" means a self-propelled unit of equipment designed solely for moving other equipment.

(e) "Locomotive-mile" means the movement of a locomotive a distance of one mile under its own power.

(f) "Net annual rental rate" means the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer less any annual rental rate received by the taxpayer from subrentals.

(g) "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto or partial dispositions). If the original cost of property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

(h) "Property used during the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

(i) "Rent" does not include the per diem and mileage charges paid by the taxpayer for the temporary use of railroad cars owned or operated by another railroad.

(j) "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

(k) "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

(2) When a railroad has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the railroad's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within this state during the income year.

(a) In determining the numerator of the property factor, all property except mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within

and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that locomotive-miles and car-miles in the state bear to the total of locomotive-miles and car-miles both within and without this state.

(5) The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the amount of compensation paid within this state during the income year for the production of business income.

(a) With respect to all personnel except engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(9).

(b) With respect to engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed in this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

(c) Compensation for services performed in this state shall be deemed to be the compensation reported or required to be reported by employees for determination of their income tax liability to this state.

(6) In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state that produce business income, except per diem and mileage charges that are calculated by the taxpayer, shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer within this state during the income year.

(a) The total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year, other than revenue from hauling freight, passengers, mail and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(b) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling freight, mail and express shall be attributable to this state as follows:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from shipments that both originate and terminate within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from each movement or shipment passing through, into, or out of this state is determined by the ratio that the miles traveled by the movement or shipment in this state bears to the total miles traveled by the movement or shipment from point of origin to destination.

(c) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling passengers shall be attributable to this state as follows:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from the transportation of passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, that both originate and terminate within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from the transportation of interstate passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, determined by the ratio that passenger miles in this state bear to the total of passenger miles within and without this state.

(7) The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the commission or its agents.

R865-6F-30. Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Tax Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 53B-8a-112, 59-7-105, and 59-7-106.

(1) "Trust" means the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust created pursuant to Section 53B-8a-103.

(2) The trustee of the trust shall file a form TC-675H,

Statement of Account with the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust, with the commission, for each trust account owner. The TC-675H shall contain the following information for the calendar year:

(a) the amount contributed to the trust by the account owner; and

(b) the amount disbursed to the account owner pursuant to Section 53B-8a-109.

(3) The trustee of the trust shall file form TC-675H with the commission on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the forms are based.

(4) The trustee of the trust shall provide each trust account owner with a copy of the form TC-675H on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the TC-675H is based.

(5) The trustee of the trust shall maintain original records supporting the amounts listed on the TC-675H for the current year filing and the three previous year filings.

R865-6F-31. Taxation of Publishing Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Outer-jurisdictional property" means certain types of tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in the business of publishing, licensing, selling or otherwise distributing printed material, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

(b) "Print" or "printed material" means the physical embodiment or printed version of any thought or expression, including a play, story, article, column or other literary, commercial, educational, artistic or other written or printed work. The determination of whether an item is or consists of print or printed material shall be made without regard to its content. Printed material may take the form of a book, newspaper, magazine, periodical, trade journal, or any other form of printed matter and may be contained on any medium or property.

(c) "Purchaser" and "subscriber" mean the individual, residence, business or other outlet that is the ultimate or final recipient of the print or printed material. Neither term shall mean or include a wholesaler or other distributor of print or printed material.

(d) "Terrestrial facility" shall include any telephone line, cable, fiber optic, microwave, earth station, satellite dish, antennae, or other relay system or device that is used to receive, transmit, relay or carry any data, voice, image or other information that is transmitted from or by any outer-jurisdictional property to the ultimate recipient thereof.

(2) When a taxpayer in the business of publishing, selling, licensing or distributing books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, trade journals, or other printed material has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the taxpayer's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-

6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) All real and tangible personal property, including outer-jurisdictional property, whether owned or rented, that is used in the business shall be included in the denominator of the property factor.

(5)(a) All real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used within this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Outer-jurisdictional property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the value of the property attributable to its use by the taxpayer in business activities within this state bears to the value of the property attributable to its use in the taxpayer's business activities within and without this state.

(i) The value of outer-jurisdictional property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the number of uplinks and downlinks, or half-circuits, used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive in this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the number of uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits used for transmissions within and without this state.

(ii) If information regarding uplink and downlink or half-circuit usage is not available or if measurement of activity is not applicable to the type of outer-jurisdictional property used by the taxpayer, the value of that property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the amount of time, in terms of hours and minutes of use, or other measurement of use of outer-jurisdictional property that was used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive within this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the total amount of time or other measurement of use that was used for transmissions within and without this state.

(iii) Outer-jurisdictional property shall be considered to have been used by the taxpayer in its business activities within this state when that property, wherever located, has been employed by the taxpayer in any manner in the publishing, sale, licensing or other distribution of books, newspapers, magazines or other printed material, and any data, voice, image or other information is transmitted to or from this state either through an earth station or terrestrial facility located within this state.

(A) One example of the use of outer-jurisdictional property is when the taxpayer owns its own communications satellite or leases the use of uplinks, downlinks or circuits or time on a communications satellite for the purpose of sending messages to its newspaper printing facilities or employees. The states in which any printing facility that receives the satellite communications are located and the state from which the communications were sent would, under this rule, apportion the cost of the owned or rented satellite to their respective property factors based upon the ratio of the in-state use of the satellite to its usage within and without the state.

(B) Assume that ABC Newspaper Co. owns a total of \$400,000,000 of property and, in addition, owns and operates a communication satellite for the purpose of sending news articles to its printing plant in this state, as well as for communicating with its printing plants and facilities or news bureaus, employees and agents located in other states and throughout the world. Also assume that the total value of its real and tangible personal property that was permanently located in this state for the entire income year was valued at \$3,000,000. Assume also that the original cost of the satellite is \$100,000,000 for the tax period and that of the 10,000 uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits of satellite transmissions used by the taxpayer during the tax period, 200 or 2% are attributable to its satellite communications received in and sent from this state.

Assume further that the company's mobile property that was used partially within this state, consisting of 40 delivery trucks, was determined to have an original cost of \$4,000,000 and was used in this state for 95 days. The total value of property attributed to this state is determined as follows:

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Value of property permanently in state =	\$3,000,000
Value of mobile property: 95/365 or (.260274) x \$4,000,000 =	\$1,041,096
Value of leased satellite property used in-state: (.02) x \$100,000,000 =	\$2,000,000
Total value of property attributable to state =	\$6,041,096
Total property factor percentage: \$6,041,096/\$500,000,000 =	1.2082%

(6) The payroll factor shall be determined in accordance with Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316.

(7) The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts that may be excluded under R865-6F-8(11)(c).

(8) The numerator of the sales factor shall include all gross receipts of the taxpayer from sources within this state, including the following:

(a) Gross receipts derived from the sale of tangible personal property, including printed materials, delivered or shipped to a purchaser or a subscriber in this state; and

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b)(ii), gross receipts derived from advertising and the sale, rental, or other use of the taxpayer's customer lists or any portion thereof shall be attributed to this state as determined by the taxpayer's circulation factor during the tax period. The circulation factor shall be determined for each publication of printed material containing advertising and shall be equal to the ratio that the taxpayer's in-state circulation to purchasers and subscribers of its printed material bears to its circulation to purchasers and subscribers within and without the state.

(i) The circulation factor for an individual publication shall be determined by reference to the rating statistics as reflected in such sources as Audit Bureau of Circulations or other comparable sources, provided that the source selected is consistently used from year to year for that purpose. If none of the foregoing sources are available, or, if available, not in form or content sufficient for these purposes, the circulation factor shall be determined from the taxpayer's books and records.

(ii) When specific items of advertisements can be shown, upon clear and convincing evidence, to have been distributed solely to a limited regional or local geographic area in which this state is located, the taxpayer may petition, or the commission may require, that a portion of those receipts be attributed to the sales factor numerator of this state on the basis of a regional or local geographic area circulation factor and not upon the basis of the circulation factor provided by Subsection (8)(b)(i). This attribution shall be based upon the ratio that the taxpayer's circulation to purchasers and subscribers located in this state of the printed material containing specific items of advertising bears to its total circulation of printed material to purchasers and subscribers located within the regional or local geographic area. This alternative attribution method shall be permitted only upon the condition that receipts are not double counted or otherwise included in the numerator of any other state.

(iii) If the purchaser or subscriber is the United States government or if the taxpayer is not taxable in a state, the gross receipts from all sources, including the receipts from the sale of printed material, from advertising, and from the sale, rental or

other use of the taxpayer's customer lists, or any portion thereof that would have been attributed by the circulation factor to the numerator of the sales factor for that state, shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor of this state if the printed material or other property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage or business in this state.

R865-6F-32. Taxation of Financial Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Billing address" means the location indicated in the books and records of the taxpayer on the first day of the taxable year, or on the later date in the taxable year when the customer relationship began, where any notice, statement or bill relating to a customer's account is mailed.

(b) "Borrower or credit card holder located in this state" means:

(i) a borrower, other than a credit card holder, that is engaged in a trade or business that maintains its commercial domicile in this state; or

(ii) a borrower that is not engaged in a trade or business, or a credit card holder, whose billing address is in this state.

(c) "Commercial domicile" means:

(i) the place from which the trade or business is principally managed and directed; or

(ii) if a taxpayer is organized under the laws of a foreign country, or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, that taxpayer's commercial domicile shall be deemed for the purposes of this rule to be the state of the United States or the District of Columbia from which that taxpayer's trade or business in the United States is principally managed and directed. It shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal, that the location from which the taxpayer's trade or business is principally managed and directed is the state of the United States or the District of Columbia to which the greatest number of employees are regularly connected or out of which they are working, irrespective of where the services of those employees are performed, as of the last day of the taxable year.

(d) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services that are included in the employee's gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code. In the case of employees not subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code, the determination of whether payments constitute gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code shall be made as though those employees were subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(e) "Credit card" means a credit, travel, or entertainment card.

(f) "Credit card issuer's reimbursement fee" means the fee a taxpayer receives from a merchant's bank because one of the persons to whom the taxpayer has issued a credit card has charged merchandise or services to the credit card.

(g) "Employee" means, with respect to a particular taxpayer, any individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee of that taxpayer.

(h) "Financial institution" means:

(i) any corporation or other business entity registered under state law as a bank holding company or registered under the Federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or registered as a savings and loan holding company under the Federal National Housing Act, as amended;

(ii) a national bank organized and existing as a national bank association pursuant to the provisions of the National Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 21 et seq.;

(iii) a savings association or federal savings bank as

defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(b)(1);

(iv) any bank, industrial loan corporation, or thrift institution incorporated or organized under the laws of any state;

(v) any corporation organized under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. Sections 611 through 631.

(vi) any agency or branch of a foreign depository as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 3101;

(vii) a production credit association organized under the Federal Farm Credit Act of 1933, all of whose stock held by the Federal Production Credit Corporation has been retired;

(viii) any corporation whose voting stock is more than 50 percent owned, directly or indirectly, by any person or business entity described in Subsections (1)(h)(i) through (vii), other than an insurance company taxable under Title 59, Chapter 9, Taxation of Admitted Insurers;

(ix) a corporation or other business entity that derives more than 50 percent of its total gross income for financial accounting purposes from finance leases. For purposes of this subsection, a "finance lease" shall mean any lease transaction that is the functional equivalent of an extension of credit and that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks incident to the ownership of property. The phrase shall include any direct financing lease or leverage lease that meets the criteria of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13, Accounting for Leases, or any other lease that is accounted for as a financing lease by a lessor under generally accepted accounting principles. For this classification to apply:

(A) the average of the gross income in the current tax year and immediately preceding two tax years must satisfy the more than 50 percent requirement; and

(B) gross income from incidental or occasional transactions shall be disregarded;

(x) any other person or business entity, other than an insurance company, a credit union exempt from the corporation franchise tax under Section 59-7-102, a real estate broker, or a securities dealer, that derives more than 50 percent of its gross income from activities that a person described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) through (vii) and (1)(h)(ix) is authorized to transact.

(A) For purposes of this subsection, the computation of gross income shall not include income from non-recurring, extraordinary items; and

(B) The commission is authorized to exclude any person from the application of Subsection (1)(h)(x) upon receipt of proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that the income-producing activity of that person is not in substantial competition with those persons described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) through (vii) and (1)(h)(ix).

(i) "Gross rents" means the actual sum of money or other consideration payable for the use or possession of property.

(i) Gross rents includes:

(A) any amount payable for the use or possession of real property or tangible property whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of receipts, profits or otherwise;

(B) any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rent, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other amount required to be paid by the terms of a lease or other arrangement; and

(C) a proportionate part of the cost of any improvement to real property, made by or on behalf of the taxpayer, that reverts to the owner or lessor upon termination of a lease or other arrangement. The amount included in gross rents is the amount of amortization or depreciation allowed in computing the taxable income base for the taxable year. However, where a building is erected on leased land by or on behalf of the taxpayer, the value of the land is determined by multiplying the gross rent by eight and the value of the building is determined in the same manner as if owned by the taxpayer.

(ii) Gross rents does not include:

(A) reasonable amounts payable as separate charges for water and electric service furnished by the lessor;

(B) reasonable amounts payable as service charges for janitorial services furnished by the lessor;

(C) reasonable amounts payable for storage, provided those amounts are payable for space not designated and not under the control of the taxpayer; and

(D) that portion of any rental payment applicable to the space subleased from the taxpayer and not used by the taxpayer.

(j) "Loan" means any extension of credit resulting from direct negotiations between the taxpayer and the taxpayer's customer, or the purchase, in whole or in part, of an extension of credit from another.

(i) Loan includes participations, syndications, and leases treated as loans for federal income tax purposes.

(ii) Loan does not include properties treated as loans under Section 595 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, futures or forward contracts, options, notional principal contracts such as swaps, credit card receivables, including purchased credit card relationships, non-interest bearing balances due from depository institutions, cash items in the process of collection, federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell, assets held in a trading account, securities, interests in a real estate mortgage investment conduit as defined in Section 860D of the Internal Revenue Code, or other mortgage-backed or asset-backed security, and other similar items.

(k) "Loans secured by real property" means that fifty percent or more of the aggregate value of the collateral used to secure a loan or other obligation, when valued at fair market value as of the time the original loan or obligation was incurred, was real property.

(l) "Merchant discount" means the fee, or negotiated discount, charged to a merchant by the taxpayer for the privilege of participating in a program whereby a credit card is accepted in payment for merchandise or services sold to the card holder.

(m) "Participation" means an extension of credit in which an undivided ownership interest is held on a pro rata basis in a single loan or pool of loans and related collateral. In a loan participation, the credit originator initially makes the loan and then subsequently resells all or a portion of it to other lenders. The participation may or may not be known to the borrower.

(n) "Person" means an individual, estate, trust, partnership, corporation, and any other business entity.

(o) "Principal base of operations" means:

(i) with respect to transportation property, the place of more or less permanent nature from which that property is regularly directed or controlled; and

(ii) with respect to an employee, the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee regularly:

(A) starts his work and to which he customarily returns in order to receive instructions from his employer;

(B) communicates with his customers or other persons; or

(C) performs any other functions necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points.

(p)(i) "Real property owned" and "tangible personal property owned" mean real and tangible personal property, respectively:

(A) on which the taxpayer may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes; or

(B) property to which the taxpayer holds legal title and on which no other person may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes, or could claim depreciation if subject to federal income tax.

(ii) Real and tangible personal property do not include coin, currency, or property acquired in lieu of or pursuant to a foreclosure.

(q) "Regular place of business" means an office at which the taxpayer carries on business in a regular and systematic manner and is continuously maintained, occupied, and used by

employees of the taxpayer.

(r) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or any foreign country.

(s) "Syndication" means an extension of credit in which two or more persons fund and each person is at risk only up to a specified percentage of the total extension of credit or up to a specified dollar amount.

(t) "Taxable" means:

(i) a taxpayer is subject in another state to a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, a corporate stock tax, including a bank shares tax, a single business tax, an earned surplus tax, or any tax imposed upon or measured by net income; or

(ii) another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to taxes regardless of whether that state actually imposes those taxes.

(u) "Transportation property" means vehicles and vessels capable of moving under their own power, such as aircraft, trains, water vessels and motor vehicles, as well as any equipment or containers attached to that property, such as rolling stock, barges, and trailers.

(2) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a) A financial institution whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state, or a financial institution whose business activity is taxable within this state and is a member of a unitary group that includes one or more financial institutions where any member of the group is taxable without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306. A financial institution organized under the laws of a foreign country, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States, whose effectively connected income, as defined under the federal Internal Revenue Code, is taxable both within this state and within another state, other than the state in which it is organized, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(c) Each factor shall be computed according to the cash or accrual method of accounting as used by the taxpayer for the taxable year.

(d) If a unitary group of corporations filing a combined report includes one or more corporations meeting the definition of financial institution and one or more corporations that do not meet that definition, the provisions of this rule regarding the calculation of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the apportionment fraction shall apply only to those corporations meeting the definition of financial institution. Those corporations not meeting the definition of financial institution shall compute their apportionment data based on rule R865-6F-8 or such other industry apportionment rule adopted by the commission that may be applicable. The apportionment data of all members of the unitary group shall be included in calculating a single apportionment fraction for the unitary group. The numerators and denominators of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the financial institutions shall be added to the numerators and denominators, respectively, of the property, payroll, and sales factors of the nonfinancial institutions to determine the property, payroll, and sales factors of the unitary group.

(3) Receipts Factor.

(a) In general. The receipts factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer in this state

during the taxable year and the denominator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer within and without this state during the taxable year. The method of calculating receipts for purposes of the denominator is the same as the method used in determining receipts for purposes of the numerator. The receipts factor shall include only those receipts that constitute business income and are included in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable year.

(b) Receipts from the lease of real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of real property owned by the taxpayer and receipts from the sublease of real property, if the property is located within this state.

(c) Receipts from the lease of tangible personal property.

(i) Except as described in Subsection (3)(d), the numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer if the property is located within this state when it is first placed in service by the lessee.

(ii) Receipts from the lease or rental of transportation property owned by the taxpayer are included in the numerator of the receipts factor to the extent that the property is used in this state.

(A) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of receipts that shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor are determined by multiplying all the receipts from the lease or rental of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft.

(B) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, that property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(C) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

(d) Interest from loans secured by real property.

(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property if the property is located within this state. If the property is located both within this state and one or more other states, the receipts described in this subsection are included in the numerator of the receipts factor if more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is not located within any one state, the receipts described in this subsection shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the borrower is located in this state.

(ii) The determination of whether the real property securing a loan is located within this state shall be made as of the time the original agreement was made, and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral shall be disregarded.

(e) Interest from loans not secured by real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property if the borrower is located in this state.

(f) Net gains from the sale of loans. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains from the sale of loans. Net gains from the sale of loans includes income recorded under the coupon stripping rules of Section 1286 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(i) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(d), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

(ii) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans not secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(e), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

(g) Receipts from credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and receipts from fees charged to card holders, such as annual fees, if the billing address of the card holder is in this state.

(h) Net gains from the sale of credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of credit card receivables multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(g), and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

(i) Credit card issuer's reimbursement fees. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(g), and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

(j) Receipts from merchant discount. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from merchant discount if the commercial domicile of the merchant is in this state. The receipts shall be computed net of any cardholder charge backs, but shall not be reduced by any interchange transaction fees or by any issuer's reimbursement fees paid to another for charges made by its card holders.

(k) Loan servicing fees.

(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(d), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

(ii) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(e), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

(iii) In circumstances in which the taxpayer receives loan servicing fees for servicing either the secured or the unsecured loans of another, the numerator of the receipts factor shall include those fees if the borrower is located in this state.

(l) Receipts from services. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from services not otherwise apportioned under this section if the purchaser of the services receives a greater benefit of the service in this state than in any other state.

(m) Receipts from investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities.

(i) Interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities shall be included in the receipts factor.

(ii) Investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities include investments securities, trading account assets, federal funds, securities purchased and sold under agreements to resell or repurchase, options, futures contracts, forward

contracts, notional principal contracts such as swaps, equities, and foreign currency transactions.

(iii) The receipts factor shall include the following investment and trading assets and activities:

(A) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest from federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements exceeds interest expense on federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.

(B) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, exceed amounts paid in lieu of interest, amounts paid in lieu of dividends, and losses from those assets and activities.

(iv) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities described in Subsection (3)(m) that are attributable to this state.

(A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment accounts attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all such income from assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the assets properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(A) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those funds and securities.

(C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains, and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in Subsections (3)(m)(iv)(A) and (3)(m)(iv)(B), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(B) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of those trading assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(D) For purposes of this subsection, average value shall be determined using the rules for determining the average value of tangible personal property set forth in Subsections (4)(c) and (d).

(v) In lieu of using the method set forth in Subsection (3)(m)(iv), the taxpayer may elect, or the commission may require in order to fairly represent the business activity of the taxpayer in this state, the use of the method set forth in this subsection.

(A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all income from those assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

(B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale

agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(A) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those funds and securities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those funds and securities.

(C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in Subsections (3)(m)(v)(A) or (B), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(B) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those trading assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

(vi) If the taxpayer elects or is required by the commission to use the method set forth in Subsection (3)(m)(v), the taxpayer shall use this method on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the commission to use, or the commission requires, a different method.

(vii) The taxpayer shall have the burden of proving that an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity was properly assigned to a regular place of business outside of this state by demonstrating that the day-to-day decisions regarding the asset or activity occurred at a regular place of business outside this state. Where the day-to-day decisions regarding an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity occur at more than one regular place of business and one regular place of business is in this state and one regular place of business is outside this state, that asset or activity shall be considered to be located at the regular place of business of the taxpayer where the investment or trading policies or guidelines with respect to the asset or activity are established. Unless the taxpayer demonstrates to the contrary, policies and guidelines shall be presumed to be established at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(n) All other receipts. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all other receipts pursuant to the rules set forth in Rule R865-6F-8(10) and (11).

(o) Attribution of certain receipts to commercial domicile.

(i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(o)(ii), all receipts that would be assigned under this section to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

(ii)(A) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions, and if any member of the unitary group is subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor as provided in Subsections (3)(a) through (n) rather than being attributed to the commercial domicile of the financial institution as provided in Subsection (3)(o)(i).

(B) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions whose commercial domicile is in this state, and if any member of the unitary group is taxable in another state under section 59-7-305, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group that would be included in the numerator of the other state's receipts factor under Subsections (3)(a) through (n) may not be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor.

(4) Property Factor.

(a) In General.

(i) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property

factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

(ii) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the average value of the taxpayer's loans and credit card receivables that are located within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

(b) Property included. The property factor shall include only property the income or expenses of which are included, or would have been included if not fully depreciated or expensed, or depreciated or expensed to a nominal amount, in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable year.

(c) Value of property owned by the taxpayer.

(i) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor, the value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

(ii) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor:

(A) The value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

(B) Loans are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a loan is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the loan charged off is not outstanding. A specifically allocated reserve established pursuant to regulatory or financial accounting guidelines that is treated as charged-off for federal income tax purposes shall be treated as charged-off for purposes of this rule.

(C) Credit card receivables are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a credit card receivable is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the receivable charged-off is not outstanding.

(d) Average value of property owned by the taxpayer. The average value of property owned by the taxpayer is computed on an annual basis by adding the value of the property on the first day of the taxable year and the value on the last day of the taxable year and dividing the sum by two.

(i) If averaging on this basis does not properly reflect average value, the commission may require averaging on a more frequent basis, or the taxpayer may elect to average on a more frequent basis.

(ii) When averaging on a more frequent basis is required by the commission or is elected by the taxpayer, the same method of valuation must be used consistently by the taxpayer with respect to property within and without this state and on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the commission to use a different method, or the commission requires a different method of determining average value.

(e) Average value of real property and tangible personal

property rented to the taxpayer.

(i) The average value of real property and tangible personal property that the taxpayer has rented from another and are not treated as property owned by the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes, shall be determined annually by multiplying the gross rents payable during the taxable year by eight.

(ii) If the use of the general method described in this subsection results in inaccurate valuations of rented property, any other method that properly reflects the value may be adopted by the commission or by the taxpayer when approved in writing by the commission. Once approved, that other method of valuation must be used on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior approval from the commission to use a different method, or the commission requires a different method of valuation.

(f) Location of real property and tangible personal property owned or rented to the taxpayer.

(i) Except as described in Subsection (4)(f)(ii), real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer are considered located within this state if they are physically located, situated, or used within this state.

(ii) Transportation property is included in the numerator of the property factor to the extent that the property is used in this state.

(A) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of value that shall be included in the numerator of this state's property factor is determined by multiplying the average value of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft everywhere.

(B) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, the property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(C) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

(g) Location of Loans.

(i) A loan is considered located within this state if it is properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state.

(ii) A loan is properly assigned to the regular place of business with which it has a preponderance of substantive contacts. A loan assigned by the taxpayer to a regular place of business without the state shall be presumed to have been properly assigned if:

(A) the taxpayer has assigned, in the regular course of its business, the loan on its records to a regular place of business consistent with federal or state regulatory requirements;

(B) the assignment on its records is based upon substantive contacts of the loan to the regular course of business; and

(C) the taxpayer uses the records reflecting assignment of loans for the filing of all state and local tax returns for which an assignment of loans to a regular place of business is required.

(iii) The presumption of proper assignment of a loan provided in Subsection (4)(g)(ii) may be rebutted upon a showing by the commission, supported by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur at the regular place of business to which it was assigned on the taxpayer's records. When the presumption has been rebutted, the loan shall then be located within this state if:

(A) the taxpayer had a regular place of business within this state at the time the loan was made; and

(B) the taxpayer fails to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur within this state.

(iv) In the case of a loan assigned by the taxpayer to a

place without this state that is not a regular place of business, it shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by the taxpayer on a showing supported by the preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan occurred within this state if, at the time the loan was made the taxpayer's commercial domicile, as defined in this rule, was within this state.

(v) To determine the state in which the preponderance of substantive contacts relating to a loan have occurred, the facts and circumstances regarding the loan at issue shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and consideration shall be given to activities such as the solicitation, investigation, negotiation, approval, and administration of the loan.

(A) Solicitation. Solicitation is either active or passive.

(I) Active solicitation occurs when an employee of the taxpayer initiates the contact with the customer. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employee is regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of the employee were actually performed.

(II) Passive solicitation occurs when the customer initiates the contact with the taxpayer. If the customer's initial contact was not at a regular place of business of the taxpayer, the regular place of business, if any, where the passive solicitation occurred is determined by the facts in each case.

(B) Investigation. Investigation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer determine the credit-worthiness of the customer as well as the degree of risk involved in making a particular agreement. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(C) Negotiation. Negotiation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer and its customer determine the terms of the agreement, such as amount, duration, interest rate, frequency of repayment, currency denomination, and security required. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(D) Approval. Approval is the procedure whereby employees or the board of directors of the taxpayer make the final determination whether to enter into the agreement.

(I) The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(II) If the board of directors makes the final determination, the activity is located at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(E) Administration. Administration is the process of managing the account.

(I) Administration includes bookkeeping, collecting the payments, corresponding with the customer, reporting to management regarding the status of the agreement and proceeding against the borrower or the security interest if the borrower is in default.

(II) The activity is located at the regular place of business that oversees this activity.

(h) Location of credit card receivables. For purposes of determining the location of credit card receivables, credit card receivables shall be treated as loans and shall be subject to the provisions of Subsection (4)(g).

(i) Period for which properly assigned loan remains assigned. A loan that has been properly assigned to a state shall, absent any change of material fact, remain assigned to that state for the length of the original term of the loan. Thereafter, the loan may be properly assigned to another state if the loan has a preponderance of substantive contact to a regular place of business in that state.

(j) Each taxpayer shall make an initial election on whether to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor. The initial election is the election made or the filing position taken on the first return filed after the effective date of this rule. This election is irrevocable for a period of three years from the time the initial election is made, except in the case where a substantial ownership change occurs and commission approval is obtained to change the election. After the initial three-year period, the election may be revocable only with the prior approval of the commission and shall require the showing of a significant change in circumstance.

(5) Payroll factor.

(a) In general. The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid in this state during the taxable year by the taxpayer for compensation and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the taxpayer both within and without this state during the taxable year. The payroll factor shall include only that compensation included in the computation of the apportionable income tax base for the taxable year.

(b) Compensation relating to nonbusiness income and independent contractors. The compensation of any employee for services or activities connected with the production of nonbusiness income, and payments made to any independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee, shall be excluded from both the numerator and denominator of this factor.

(c) When compensation paid in this state. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests, applied consecutively, is met:

(i) The employee's services are performed entirely within this state.

(ii) The employee's services are performed both within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The term "incidental" means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

(iii) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(A) if the employee's principal base of operations is within this state;

(B) if there is no principal base of operations in any state in which some part of the services are performed, but the place from which the services are directed or controlled is in this state; or

(C) if the principal base of operations and the place from which the services are directed or controlled are not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

(6) This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997.

R865-6F-33. Taxation of Telecommunications Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Call" means a specific telecommunications transmission as described in Subsection (1)(f).

(b) "Channel termination point" means the point at which information can enter or leave the telecommunications network.

(c) "Communications channel" means a communications path, which can be one-way or two-way, depending on the channel, between two or more points. The path may be designed for the transmission of signals representing human speech, digital or analog data, facsimile, or images.

(d) "Outerjurisdictional property" means tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and

used in a telecommunications business, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

(e) "Private telecommunications service" means a dedicated telephone service that entitles the subscriber to the exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or groups of communications channels from one or more channel termination points to another channel termination point.

(f) "Telecommunications" means the electronic transmission of voice, data, image, and other information through the use of any medium such as wires, cables, electromagnetic waves, light waves, or any combination of those or similar media now in existence or that might be devised, but telecommunications does not include the information content of any such transmission.

(g) "Telecommunications service" means providing telecommunications, including services provided by telecommunication service resellers, for a charge and includes telephone service, telegraph service, paging service, personal communication services and mobile or cellular telephone service, but does not include electronic information service or Internet access service.

(2) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a) A corporation engaged in the business of telecommunications that is taxable both within and without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9) and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(3)(a) Property Factor.

(b) Outerjurisdictional property that is used by a taxpayer in providing a telecommunications service shall be attributed to this state based on the ratio of property within this state used in providing that service, to property everywhere used in providing the service, exclusive of property not located in any state. The term "property" as used herein refers to property includable in the property factor of the Utah apportionment fraction as defined in commission rule R865-6F-8(8).

(4) Sales Factor Numerator.

(a) The following sales and receipts from telecommunications service other than interstate or international private telecommunications service, shall be included in the Utah sales and receipts numerator:

(i) receipts derived from charges for providing telephone "access" from a location within Utah. "Access" means that a call can be made or received from a point within this state. An example of this type of receipt is a monthly subscriber fee billed with reference to equipment located in Utah;

(ii) receipts derived from charges for unlimited calling privileges, if the charges are billed by reference to equipment located in Utah;

(iii) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that originate and terminate in Utah;

(iv) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that either originate or terminate in Utah and are billed by reference to a customer or equipment located in Utah;

(v) receipts derived from any other charges if the charges are not includable in another state's sales factor numerator under that state's law, and the customer's billing address is in Utah.

(b) Gross receipts derived from providing interstate and international private telecommunications services shall be determined as follows:

(i) If the segment of the interstate or international channel between each termination point is separately billed, 100 percent of the charge imposed at each termination point in this state and

for service in this state between those points is includable in the Utah sales factor. In addition, 50 percent of the charge imposed for service between a channel termination point outside this state and a point inside the state shall be included in the Utah sales factor. For purposes of this paragraph, termination points shall be measured by the nearest termination point inside the state to the first termination point outside the state.

(ii) If each segment of the interstate or international channel is not separately billed, the Utah sales shall be the same portion of the interstate or international channel charge that the number of channel termination points within this state bears to the total number of channel termination points within and without this state.

R865-6F-36. Taxation of Registered Securities or Commodities Broker or Dealer Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Brokerage commission income" means income earned by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer from the purchase and sale of securities or commodities by the broker or dealer:

- (i) for which the broker or dealer does not take title; and
- (ii) as an agent for a customer's account.

(b) "Commodity" is as defined in Section 475(e)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

(c) "Principal transaction" means a transaction where the registered securities or commodities broker or dealer acts as a principal or underwriter for the broker or dealer's own account, rather than as an agent for the customer.

(d) "Registered securities or commodities broker or dealer" means a corporation registered as a broker or dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

(e) "Security" is as defined in Section 475(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

(f) "Securities or commodities used to produce income" means securities or commodities that are purchased and held by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer as a principal or underwriter for resale to its customers.

(2) Apportionment and allocation.

(a) A registered securities or commodities broker or dealer whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(3) Property factor.

(a) The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year that are held for resale exclusively through a branch, office, or other place of business in this state. The denominator is the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of all securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year.

(b) Securities or commodities used to produce income shall be valued at original cost.

(4) Sales factor.

(a) The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is

the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within this state during the taxable year. The denominator is the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state during the taxable year.

(b) Brokerage commission income shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Brokerage commission income shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the customer that is paying the commission is located in Utah. A customer is located in Utah if the mailing address of the customer as it appears in the broker or dealer's records is in Utah.

(c) Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the sale is made through a branch, office, or other place of business in Utah. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be determined after the deduction of any cost incurred by the taxpayer to acquire the securities or commodities.

(d) Other gross receipts such as margin interest on brokerage accounts and account maintenance fees shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor, and, if the customer that is paying the amounts or fees is located in Utah based on the customer address as it appears in the broker or dealer's records, in the numerator of the sales factor.

R865-6F-37. Disclosure of Reportable Transactions and Material Advisor List Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-1301 through 59-1-1309.

(1) A taxpayer shall disclose a reportable transaction to the commission by:

(a) marking the box on the taxpayer's corporate franchise or income tax return indicating that the taxpayer has filed federal form 8886, or successor form, with the Internal Revenue Service; and

(b) providing the commission a copy of the form described in Subsection (1)(a) upon the request of the commission.

(2)(a) A material advisor shall disclose a reportable transaction to the commission by attaching a copy of the federal form 8264, or successor form, and any additional information that the material advisor submitted to the Internal Revenue Service, to the form prescribed by the commission.

(b) A material advisor shall provide the commission the information described in Subsection (2)(a) within 60 days after the form 8264, or successor form, was required to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

(3)(a) The list of persons a material advisor is required to maintain under 26 C.F.R. Sec. 301.6112-1 shall satisfy the requirement for the list of persons a material advisor is required to maintain under Section 59-1-1307.

(b) If more than one material advisor is required to maintain a list of persons in accordance with Section 59-1-1307, the material advisor that maintained the list required by 26 C.F.R. Sec. 301.6112-1 shall maintain the list required by Section 59-1-1307.

R865-6F-38. Renewable Energy Credit Amount Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-614.

An amount certified by the Utah State Energy Program under rule R638-2, Renewable Energy Systems Tax Credit, as qualifying for the tax credit under Section 59-7-614 shall, in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation, be the amount allowed by the commission as a credit under that section.

R865-6F-39. Definitions Related to Captive Real Estate Investment Trust and Foreign Real Estate Investment Trust Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-101.

The following definitions apply to the definitions of captive real estate investment trust and foreign real estate investment trust in Section 59-7-101.

(1) "Cash or cash equivalents" means currency and coins, bank balances, negotiable money orders, checks, and highly liquid investments that can easily be converted into cash, such as treasury bills, certificates of deposit, marketable securities, and negotiable financial instruments.

(2) "Established securities market" is defined as that phrase is defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.884-5 (d)(2) (2007), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) "Listed Australian property trust" means:

(a) an Australian unit trust registered as a managed investment scheme under the Australian Corporations Act in which the principal class of units is listed on a recognized stock exchange in Australia and is regularly traded on an established securities market; and

(b) an entity organized as a trust, provided that an entity listed in Subsection (3)(a) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, 75 percent or more of the voting power or value of the beneficial interests or shares of that trust.

(4) "Regularly traded" is defined as that phrase is defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.884-5 (d)(4) (2007), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

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R865-6F-40. Foreign Operating Company Subtraction from Unadjusted Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-101 and 59-7-106.

(1) The activities of a partnership interest are taken into account in determining whether a corporation qualifies as a foreign operating company and calculating any adjustment for which the corporate partner that is a foreign operating company is eligible.

(a) Partnership activities are attributed to the corporation to the extent of the corporation's ownership interest in the partnership.

(b) The character of each class or type of partnership income passes through to the corporate partner. Accordingly, a corporate partner that is a foreign operating company may not make a subtraction from unadjusted income as a foreign operating company for partnership income generated from intangible property and assets held for investment and not from a regular business trading activity.

(2) Prior to determining the foreign operating company subtraction, a foreign operating company that is a member of a unitary group shall eliminate a transaction between the foreign operating company and a partnership held directly or indirectly by a member of the same unitary group to the extent of the interest the foreign operating company holds in the partnership.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.**R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.****R865-19S-1. Sales and Use Taxes Distinguished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.**

A. The tax imposed on amounts paid or charged for transactions under Title 59, Chapter 12 is a:

1. sales tax, if the tax is collected and remitted by a seller on the seller's in-state or out-of-state sales; or
2. use tax, if the tax is remitted by a purchaser.

B. The two taxes are compensating taxes, one supplementing the other, but both cannot be applicable to the same transaction. The rate of tax is the same.

R865-19S-2. Nature of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The sales and use taxes are transaction taxes imposed upon certain retail sales and leases of tangible personal property, as well as upon certain services.

B. The tax is not upon the articles sold or furnished, but upon the transaction, and the purchaser is the actual taxpayer. The vendor is charged with the duty of collecting the tax from the purchaser and of paying the tax to the state.

R865-19S-4. Collection of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

(1) For purposes of this rule, "item" includes:

- (a) an admission;
- (b) a product transferred electronically;
- (c) a service; and
- (d) tangible personal property.

(2)(a) An invoice or receipt issued by a seller shall separately state the sales tax collected on the invoice or receipt.

(b) If an invoice or receipt issued by a seller does not show the sales tax collected as required in Subsection (2)(a), sales tax will be assessed on the seller or purchaser based on the amount of the invoice or receipt.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by statute, if a purchase consists of items that are exempt from sales tax and items that are subject to sales tax, the entire purchase is subject to sales tax unless the seller, at the time of the transaction:

- (a) separately states the tax exempt items on the invoice; or
- (b) is able to identify by reasonable and identifiable standards, from the books and records the seller keeps in the seller's regular course of business, the items exempt from sales tax.

(4) Unless otherwise provided by statute, if a purchase consists of two or more items that are subject to sales tax at different rates, the entire purchase is subject to sales tax at the higher tax rate unless the seller, at the time of the transaction:

- (a) separately states on the invoice the items subject to sales tax at each of the different sales tax rates; or
- (b) is able to identify by reasonable and identifiable standards, from the books and records the seller keeps in the seller's regular course of business, the items subject to sales tax at the lower tax rate.

(5) A seller that collects an excess amount of sales or use tax must either refund the excess to the purchasers from whom the seller collected the excess or remit the excess to the commission.

(a) A seller may offset an undercollection of tax on sales against any excess tax collected in the same reporting period.

(b) A seller may not offset an underpayment of tax on the seller's purchases against an excess of tax collected.

R865-19S-7. Sales Tax License Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-106.

A.1. A separate sales and use tax license must be obtained for each place of business, but where more than one place of

business is operated by the same person, one application may be filed giving the required information about each place of business.

2. Each license must be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business for which it is issued.

B. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall notify the commission:

1. of any change of address of the business;
2. of a change of character of the business, or
3. if the license holder ceases to do business.

C. The commission may determine that a person has ceased to do business or has changed that person's business address if:

1. mail is returned as undeliverable as addressed and unable to forward;
2. the person fails to file four consecutive monthly or quarterly sales tax returns, or two consecutive annual sales tax returns;
3. the person fails to renew its annual business license with the Department of Commerce; or
4. the person fails to renew its local business license.

D. If the requirements of C. are met, the commission shall notify the license holder that the license will be considered invalid unless the license holder provides evidence within 15 days that the license should remain valid.

E. A person may request the commission to reopen a sales and use tax license that has been determined invalid under D.

F. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall be responsible for any sales and use tax, interest, and penalties incurred under that license whether those taxes and fees are incurred during the time the license is valid or invalid.

R865-19S-12. Filing of Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-107 and 59-12-118.

(1)(a) Every person responsible for the collection of the tax under the act shall file a return with the Tax Commission whether or not sales tax is due.

(b) The return filed by a remote seller under Section 59-12-107(4) shall be the return the seller would have filed if the seller were not a remote seller.

(2) If the due date for a return falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the return will be considered timely filed if it is received on the next business day.

(3) If a return is transmitted through the United States mail, a legible cancellation mark on the envelope, or the date of registration of certification thereof by a United States post office, is considered the date the return is filed.

(4) Sales and use tax returns shall be filed and paid monthly or quarterly with the following exceptions:

(a) New businesses that expect annual sales and use tax liability less than \$1,000, shall be assigned an annual filing status unless quarterly filing status is requested.

(b)(i) Businesses currently assigned a quarterly filing status, in good standing and reporting less than \$1,000 in tax for the preceding calendar year may be changed to annual filing status.

(ii) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to annual.

(c)(i) Businesses assigned an annual filing status reporting in excess of \$1,000 for a calendar year, will be changed to quarterly filing status.

(ii) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to quarterly.

(5) Annual returns are due on January 31 following the calendar year end. The Tax Commission may revoke the annual filing status if sales tax collections are in excess of \$1,000 or as a result of delinquent payment history.

R865-19S-13. Confidential Nature of Returns Pursuant to

Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-109.

A. The returns filed are confidential and the information contained therein will not be divulged by the Tax Commission, its agents, clerks, or employees except in accordance with judicial order or upon proper application of a federal, state, or local agency. The returns will not be produced in any court proceeding except where such proceeding directly involves provisions of the sales tax act.

B. However, any person or his duly authorized representative who files returns under this act may obtain copies of the same upon proper application and presentation of proper picture identification.

R865-19S-16. Failure to Remit Excess Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. The amount paid by any vendor to the Tax Commission with each return is the greater of:

1. the actual tax collections for the reporting period, or
2. the amount computed at the rates imposed by law against the total taxable sales for that period.

B. Space is available on the return forms for inserting figures and the words "excess collections," if needed.

R865-19S-20. Basis for Reporting Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. "Total sales" means the total amount of all cash, credit, installment, and conditional sales made during the period covered by the return.

B. Amounts shown on returns must include the total sales made during the period of the returns, and the tax must be reported and paid upon that basis.

C. Adjustments may be made and credit allowed for cash discounts, returned goods, and bad debts that result from sales upon which the tax has been reported and paid in full by a seller to the Tax Commission.

1. Adjustments and credits will be allowed only if the seller has not been reimbursed in the full amount of the tax except as noted in C.6.a) and can establish that fact by records, receipts or other means.

2. In no case shall the credit be greater than the sales tax on that portion of the purchase price remaining unpaid at the time the goods are returned, the account is charged off.

3. Any refund or credit given to the purchaser must include the related sales tax.

D. Tax is based upon the original price unless adjustments were made prior to the close of the reporting period in which the tax upon the sale is due. If the price upon which the tax is computed and paid is subsequently adjusted, credit may be taken against the tax due on a subsequent return.

E. If a sales tax rate change takes place prior to the reporting period when the seller claims the credit, the seller must adjust the taxable amount so that the amount of tax credited corresponds proportionally to the amount of tax originally collected.

F. Commissions to agents are not deductible under any conditions for purposes of tax computation.

R865-19S-22. Sales and Use Tax Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-111.

A. Every retailer, lessor, lessee, and person doing business in this state or storing, using, or otherwise consuming in this state tangible personal property purchased from a retailer, shall keep and preserve complete and adequate records as may be necessary to determine the amount of sales and use tax for which such person or entity is liable. Unless the Tax Commission authorizes in writing an alternative method of record keeping, these records shall:

1. show gross receipts from sales, or rental payments from leases, of tangible personal property or services performed in

connection with tangible personal property made in this state, irrespective of whether the retailer regards the receipts to be taxable or nontaxable;

2. show all deductions allowed by law and claimed in filing returns;

3. show bills, invoices or similar evidence of all tangible personal property purchased for sale, consumption, or lease in this state; and

4. include the normal books of account maintained by an ordinarily prudent business person engaged in such business, together with supporting documents of original entry such as: bills, receipts, invoices, and cash register tapes. All schedules or working papers used in connection with the preparation of tax returns must also be maintained.

B. Records may be microfilmed or microfiched. However, microfilm reproductions of general books of account--such as cash books, journals, voucher registers, ledgers, and like documents--are not acceptable as original records. Where microfilm or microfiche reproductions of supporting records are maintained--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda and like documents--the following conditions must be met:

1. appropriate facilities must be provided for preservation of the films or fiche for the periods required and open to examination,

2. microfilm rolls and microfiche must be systematically filed, indexed, cross referenced, and labeled to show beginning and ending numbers and to show beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included,

3. upon request of the Tax Commission, the taxpayer shall provide transcriptions of any information contained on microfilm or microfiche which may be required for verification of tax liability,

4. proper facilities must be provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including machines for viewing and copying the records,

5. a posting reference must appear on each invoice. Credit memoranda must carry a reference to the document evidencing the original transaction. Documents necessary to support exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in such order so as to relate to exempt transactions claimed.

C. Any automated data processing (ADP) tax accounting system must be capable of producing visible and legible records for verification of taxpayer's tax liability.

1. ADP records shall provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or forward to a final total. If detailed printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, the systems must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.

2. A general ledger with source references should be prepared to coincide with financial reports for tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be prepared periodically.

3. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the Tax Commission upon request. The system should be so designed that supporting documents--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, and like documents--are readily available.

4. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting system shall be made available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations shall be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

- (a) the application being performed;
- (b) the procedures employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output

procedures); and

(c) the controls used to insure accurate and reliable processing and important changes, together with their effective dates, in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.

D. All records pertaining to transactions involving sales or use tax liability shall be preserved for a period of not less than three years.

E. All of the foregoing records shall be made available for examination on request by the Tax Commission or its authorized representatives.

F. Upon failure of the taxpayer, without reasonable cause, to substantially comply with the requirements of this rule, the Tax Commission may:

1. Prohibit the taxpayer from introducing in any protest or refund claim proceeding those microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

2. Dismiss any protest or refund claim proceeding in which the taxpayer bases its claim upon any microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

3. Enter such other order necessary to obtain compliance with this rule in the future.

4. Revoke taxpayer's license upon evidence of continued failure to comply with the requirements of this rule.

R865-19S-23. Exemption Certificates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-106 and 59-12-104.

A. Taxpayers selling tangible personal property or services to customers exempt from sales tax are required to keep records verifying the nontaxable status of those sales.

B. The Tax Commission will furnish samples of acceptable exemption certificate forms on request. Stock quantities are not furnished, but taxpayers may reproduce samples as needed in whole or in part.

C. A seller may retain a copy of a purchase order, check, or voucher in place of the exemption certificate as evidence of exemption for a federal, state, or local government entity, including public schools.

D. If a purchaser is unable to segregate tangible personal property or services purchased for resale from tangible personal property or services purchased for the purchaser's own consumption, everything should be purchased tax-free. The purchaser must then report and pay the tax on the cost of goods or services purchased tax-free for resale that the purchaser uses or consumes.

E. A seller may provide evidence of a sales and use tax exemption electronically if the seller uses the standard sales and use tax exemption form adopted by the governing board of the agreement.

F. A seller shall obtain the same information for proof of a claimed exemption regardless of the medium in which the transaction occurs.

R865-19S-25. Sale of Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-112.

A. Every sales tax license holder who discontinues business, is required to notify the Tax Commission immediately and return the sales tax license for cancellation.

B. Every person discontinuing business shall retain records for a period of three years unless a release from such provision is obtained from the Tax Commission.

R865-19S-30. Sale of a Vehicle or Vessel by a Person Not Regularly Engaged in Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. This rule provides guidance on the sale of a vehicle or vessel by a person not regularly engaged in business for

purposes of Subsections 59-12-104(13) and (18).

B. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle where no trade in was involved, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain the names and addresses of the purchaser and the seller, and the sales price and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

C. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle when the seller has received a trade-in vehicle as payment or partial payment, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain all of the following:

1. the names and addresses of the buyer and the seller;
2. the purchase price of the vehicle;
3. the value allowed for the trade-in vehicle;
4. the net difference between the vehicle traded and the vehicle purchased;
5. the signature of the seller; and
6. the vehicle identification numbers of the vehicle traded in and the vehicle purchased.

D. In the absence of a bill of sale or other written evidence of value, the fair market value of the vehicle or vessel shall be determined by industry accepted vehicle pricing guides.

R865-19S-31. Time and Place of Sale Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Ordinarily, the time and place of a sale are determined by the contract of sale between the seller and buyer. The intent of the parties is the governing factor in determining both time and place of sale subject to the general law of contracts. If the contract of sale requires the seller to deliver or ship goods to a buyer, title to the property passes upon delivery to the place agreed upon unless the contract of sale provides otherwise.

R865-19S-32. Leases and Rentals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) The lessor shall compute sales or use tax on all amounts received or charged in connection with a lease or rental of tangible personal property.

(2) When a lessee has the right to possession, operation, or use of tangible personal property, the tax applies to the amount paid pursuant to the lease agreement, regardless of the duration of the agreement.

(3) Lessors of tangible personal property shall furnish an exemption certificate when purchasing tangible personal property subject to the sales or use tax on rental receipts. Costs of repairs and renovations to tangible personal property are exempt if paid for by the lessor since it is assumed that those costs are recovered by the lessor in his rental receipts.

(4) A person that furnishes tangible personal property along with an operator, as described in the definition of lease or rental in Section 59-12-102, provides a service and shall:

(a) pay sales and use tax at the time that person purchases the tangible personal property that is furnished under this Subsection (4); and

(b) collect sales and use tax at the time that person provides the service if the service is subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-33. Admissions and User Fees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

(1)(a) "Admission" means the right or privilege to enter into a place. Admission includes the amount paid for the right to use a reserved seat or any seat in an auditorium, theater, circus, stadium, schoolhouse, meeting house, or gymnasium to view any type of entertainment. Admission also includes the right to use a table at a night club, hotel, or roof garden whether such charge is designated as a cover charge, minimum charge, or any such similar charge.

(b) This applies whether the charge made for the use of the seat, table, or similar accommodation is combined with an admission charge to form a single charge, or is separate and

distinct from an admission charge, or is the sole charge.

(2) "Annual membership dues paid to a private organization" includes only those dues paid by members who, directly or indirectly, establish the level of the dues.

(3) "Season passes" include amounts paid to participate in specific activities, once annual membership dues have been paid.

(4) If the original admission charge carries the right to remain in a place, or to use a seat or table, or other similar accommodation for a limited time only, and an additional charge is made for an extension of such time, the extra charge is paid for admission within the meaning of the law. Where a person or organization acquires the sole right to use any place or the right to dispose of all of the admissions to any place for one or more occasions, the amount paid is not subject to the tax on admissions. Such a transaction constitutes a rental of the entire place and if the person or organization in turn sells admissions, sales tax applies to amounts paid for such admissions.

(5) Annual membership dues may be paid in installments during the year.

(6) Amounts paid for the following activities are not admissions or user fees:

(a) lessons, public or private;

(b) sign up for amateur athletics if the activity is sponsored by a state governmental entity, or a nonprofit corporation or organization, the primary purpose of which, as stated in the corporation's or organization's articles or bylaws, is the sponsoring, promoting, and encouraging of amateur athletics;

(c) sign up for participation in school activities. Sign up for participation in school activities excludes attendance as a spectator at school activities.

R865-19S-34. Admission to Places of Amusement Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1)(a) The amount paid for admission is subject to sales and use tax, even though that amount includes the right of the purchaser to participate in some activity.

(b) For example, the sale of a ticket for a ride upon a mechanical device is an admission to a place of amusement.

(2)(a) Additional charges for the rental of tangible personal property are subject to sales and use tax as the sale of tangible personal property.

(b) For example:

(i) towel rentals and swimming suit rentals at a swimming pool are subject to sales and use tax;

(ii) locker rental fees at a swimming pool are subject to sales tax if the lockers are tangible personal property.

R865-19S-35. Residential or Commercial Use of Gas, Electricity, Heat, Coal, Fuel Oils or Other Fuels Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. "Residential use" is as defined in Section 59-12-102, and includes use in nursing homes or other similar establishments that serve as the permanent residence for a majority of the patients because they are unable to live independently.

B. Explosives or material used as active ingredients in explosive devices are not fuels.

C. If a firm has activities that are commercial and industrial and all fuels are furnished at given locations through single meters, the predominant use of the fuels shall determine taxable status of the fuels.

D. Fuel oil and other fuels must be used in a combustion process in order to qualify for the exemption from sales tax for industrial use of fuels pursuant to Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-37. Exempt Sales of Commercials, Audio Tapes, and Video Tapes by or to Motion Pictures Exhibitors and Distributors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. The purpose of this rule is to clarify the sales tax exemption for sales of commercials, motion picture films, prerecorded audio program tapes or records, and prerecorded video tapes by a producer, distributor, or studio to a motion picture exhibitor, distributor, or commercial television or radio broadcaster.

B. Definitions.

1. "Commercials," "audio tapes," and "video tapes" mean tapes, films, or discs used by television or radio stations in regular broadcasting activities but do not include blank tapes purchased for newscasts or other similar uses by radio and television stations.

2. "Motion picture exhibitor" means any person engaged in the business of operating a theater or establishment in which motion pictures are regularly exhibited to the public for a charge.

3. "Distributor" means any person who purchases or sells motion picture films and video tapes that are used by a commercial television broadcaster or a motion picture exhibitor.

C. The sales tax exemption will be administered according to the provisions of Section 59-12-104 and this rule.

R865-19S-38. Isolated or Occasional Sales and Use Tax Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) "Isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption" means a sale that qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of tangible personal property by a person:

(a) regardless of the number of sales of that tangible personal property by that person; and

(b) not regularly engaged in the business of selling that type of property.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), sales made by officers of a court, pursuant to court orders, qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(b) Sales made by trustees, receivers, or assignees in connection with the liquidation or conduct of a regularly established place of business do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(c) Examples of sales made by officers of a court pursuant to court order, that qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption are sales made by sheriffs in foreclosing proceedings and sales of confiscated property.

(3) If a business regularly sells a type of property, sales of that type of property do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption, even if the primary purpose of the business is not the sale of that type of property. For example, the sale of repossessed radios or refrigerators by a finance company do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), sales of vehicles required to be titled or registered under the laws of this state do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(b) The transfer of a vehicle where the ownership of the vehicle before and after the transfer is at least 80 percent the same qualifies for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(5) Sales that qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption include sales that occur as part of:

(a) the reorganization, sale, or liquidation of a business so long as those sales do not include items purchased exempt from sales tax as a sale for resale;

(b) a garage sale if:

(i) the person selling the items at the garage sale is not regularly engaged in selling that type of property; and

(ii) the items sold at the garage sale were not purchased exempt from sales tax as a sale for resale; and

(c) the sale of business assets that are:

(i) not purchased sales tax exempt by the business as a sale

for resale; and

(ii) a type of property not regularly sold by the business.

(6) An example of a sale that qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption under Subsection (5)(a) is a sale, even if it is one of a series of sales, to liquidate the fixtures and equipment of a manufacturing company.

(7) Examples of sales that qualify for the sales and use tax exemption under Subsection (5)(c) include the sale by a:

- (a) grocery store of its cash registers, shelves, and fixtures;
- (b) law firm of its furniture; and
- (c) manufacturer of its used manufacturing equipment.

(8) Sales of items at public auctions generally do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

R865-19S-40. Exchange of Agricultural Produce For Processed Agricultural Products Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. When a raiser or grower of agricultural products exchanges his produce for a more finished product capable of being made from the produce exchanged with the processor, the more finished product is not subject to the tax within limitations of the value of the raised produce exchanged.

R865-19S-41. Sales to The United States Government and Its Instrumentalities Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-104 and 59-12-106.

A. Sales to the United States government are exempt if federal law or the United States Constitution prohibits the collection of sales or use tax.

B. If the United States government pays for merchandise or services with funds held in trust for nonexempt individuals or organizations, sales tax must be charged.

C. Sales made directly to the United States government or any authorized instrumentality thereof are not taxable, provided the sale is paid for directly by the federal government. If an employee of the federal government pays for the purchase with his own funds and is reimbursed by the federal government, that sale is not made to the federal government and does not qualify for the exemption.

D. Vendors making exempt sales to the federal government are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Tax Commission rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-42. Sales to The State of Utah and Its Subdivisions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales made to the state of Utah, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions such as counties, municipalities, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, and metropolitan water districts are exempt from tax if the purchase is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function.

B. A sale is considered made to the state, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions if the purchase is paid for directly by the purchasing state or local entity. If an employee of a state or local entity pays for a purchase with his own funds and is reimbursed by the state or local entity, that sale is not made to the state or local entity and does not qualify for the exemption.

C. Vendors making exempt sales to the state, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Tax Commission rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-43. Sales to or by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. In order to qualify for an exemption from sales tax as a religious or charitable institution, an organization must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from tax

under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Religious and charitable institutions must collect sales tax on any sales income arising from unrelated trades or businesses and report that sales tax to the Tax Commission unless the sales are otherwise exempted by law.

1. The definition of the phrase "unrelated trades or businesses" shall be the definition of that phrase in 26 U.S.C.A. Section 513 (West Supp. 1993), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

C. Every institution claiming exemption from sales tax under this rule must submit form TC-160, Application for Sales Tax Exemption Number for Religious or Charitable Institutions, along with any other information that form requires, to the Tax Commission for its determination. Vendors making sales to institutions exempt from sales tax are subject to the requirements of Rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-44. Sales In Interstate Commerce Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales made in interstate commerce are not subject to the sales tax imposed. However, the mere fact that commodities purchased in Utah are transported beyond its boundaries is not enough to constitute the transaction of a sale in interstate commerce. When the commodity is delivered to the buyer in this state, even though the buyer is not a resident of the state and intends to transport the property to a point outside the state, the sale is not in interstate commerce and is subject to tax.

B. Before a sale qualifies as a sale made in interstate commerce, the following must be complied with:

1. the transaction must involve actual and physical movement of the property sold across the state line;

2. such movement must be an essential and not an incidental part of the sale;

3. the seller must be obligated by the express or unavoidable implied terms of the sale, or contract to sell, to make physical delivery of the property across a state boundary line to the buyer;

C. Where delivery is made by the seller to a common carrier for transportation to the buyer outside the state of Utah, the common carrier is deemed to be the agent of the vendor for the purposes of this section regardless of who is responsible for the payment of the freight charges.

D. If property is ordered for delivery in Utah from a person or corporation doing business in Utah, the sale is taxable even though the merchandise is shipped from outside the state to the seller or directly to the buyer.

R865-19S-48. Sales Tax Exemption For Coverings and Containers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales of containers, labels, bags, shipping cases, and casings are taxable when:

1. sold to the final user or consumer;

2. sold to a manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for use as a returnable container that is ordinarily returned to and reused by the manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for storing or transporting their product; or

3. sold for internal transportation or accounting control purposes.

B. Returnable containers may include water bottles, carboys, drums, beer kegs for draft beer, dairy product containers, and gas cylinders.

1. Labels used for accounting, pricing, or other control purposes are also subject to tax.

C. For the purpose of this rule, soft drink bottles and similar containers that are ultimately destroyed or retained by the final user or consumer are not considered returnable and are exempt from the tax when purchased by the processor.

D. When tangible personal property sold in containers, for example soft drinks, is assessed a deposit or other container

charge, that charge is subject to the tax. Upon refund of this charge, the retailer may take credit on a sales tax return if the tax is refunded to the customer.

R865-19S-49. Sales to and by Farmers and Other Agricultural Producers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1)(a) For purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations, a person is engaged in "farming operations" if that person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212, Internal Revenue Code.

(b) To determine whether a person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212 of the Internal Revenue Code, the commission shall consider Treas. Reg. Sections 1.183-1 and 1.183-2.

(2) The purchase of feed, medicine, and veterinary supplies by a farmer or other agricultural producer qualify for the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations if the feed, medicine, or veterinary supplies are used:

(a) to produce or care for agricultural products that are for sale;

(b) to feed or care for working dogs and working horses in agricultural use;

(c) to feed or care for animals that are marketed.

(3) Fur-bearing animals that are kept for breeding or for their products are agricultural products.

(4) A vendor making sales to a farmer or other agricultural producer is liable for the tax unless that vendor obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23.

(5) Poultry, eggs, and dairy products are not seasonal products for purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for the exclusive sale of seasonal crops, seedling plants, or garden, farm, or other agricultural produce sold during the harvest season.

R865-19S-50. Florists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Flowers, trees, bouquets, plants, and other similar items of tangible personal property are agricultural products and are, therefore, subject to the rules concerning the sale of those products as set forth in Rule R865-19S-49.

B. Where florists conduct transactions through a florist telegraphic delivery association, the following rules apply in computation of tax liability:

1. the florist must collect tax from the customer if the flower order is telegraphed to a second florist in Utah;

2. if a Utah florist receives an order pursuant to which he gives telegraphic instructions outside Utah, the Utah florist must collect tax from his customer upon the total charges;

3. if a Utah florist receives telegraphic instructions from a florist either within or outside of Utah for the delivery of flowers, the receiving vendor is not liable for the tax. In this instance, if the order originated in Utah, the tax is due from and payable by the Utah florist who first received the order.

R865-19S-51. Fabrication Labor in Connection With Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The amount charged for fabrication that is part of the process of creating a finished article of tangible personal property must be included in the amount upon which tax is collected. This type of labor and service charge may not be deducted from the selling price used for taxation purposes even though billed separately to the consumer and regardless of whether the articles are commonly carried in stock or made up on special order.

B. Casting, forging, cutting, drilling, heat treating,

surfacing, machining, constructing, and assembling are examples of steps in the process resulting in the creation or production of a finished article.

C. Sale of tangible personal property that is attached to real property, but remains personal property, is subject to sales tax on the retail selling price of the personal property, unless the tangible personal property attached to the real property is exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104.

D. This rule primarily covers manufacturing and assembling labor. Other rules deal with other types of labor and should be referred to whenever necessary.

R865-19S-53. Sale by Finance Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales of tangible personal property acquired by repossession or foreclosure are subject to tax. Persons making such sales must secure a license and collect and remit tax on the sales made.

R865-19S-54. Governmental Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tax does not apply to sales to the state of Utah, or to any political subdivision of the state, where such property is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function. Also, certain sales are not taxed because of federal law or the United States Constitution.

B. Sales to the following state and federal agencies, institutions, and instrumentalities are exempt:

1. federal agencies and instrumentalities
2. state institutions and departments
3. counties
4. municipalities
5. school districts, public schools
6. special taxing districts
7. federal land banks
8. federal reserve banks
9. activity funds within the armed services
10. post exchanges
11. Federally chartered credit unions

C. The following are taxable:

1. national banks
2. federal building and loan associations
3. joint stock land banks
4. state banks (whether or not members of the Federal Reserve System)
5. state building and loan associations
6. private irrigation companies
7. rural electrification projects
8. sales to officers or employees of exempt instrumentalities

D. No sales tax immunity exists solely by virtue of the fact that the sale was made on federal property.

E. Sales made by governmental units are subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-56. Sales by Employers to Employees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales to employees are subject to tax on the amount charged for goods and taxable services. If tangible personal property is given to employees with no charge, the employer is deemed to be the consumer and must pay tax on his cost of the merchandise. Examples of this type of transaction are meals furnished to waitresses and other employees, contest prizes given to salesmen, merchandise bonuses given to clerks, and similar items given away.

R865-19S-57. Ice Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. In general, sales of ice to be used by the purchaser for

refrigeration or cooling purposes are taxable. Sales to restaurants, taverns, or the like to be placed in drinks consumed by customers at the place of business are sales for resale and are not taxable.

B. Where ice is sold in fulfillment of a contract for icing or reicing property in transit by railroads or other freight lines, the entire amount of the sale is taxable, and no deduction for services is allowed.

R865-19S-58. Materials and Supplies Sold to Owners, Contractors and Repairmen of Real Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

(1) Sales of construction materials and other items of tangible personal property to real property contractors and repairmen of real property are generally subject to tax if the contractor or repairman converts the materials or items to real property.

(a) "Construction materials" include items of tangible personal property such as lumber, bricks, nails and cement that are used to construct buildings, structures or improvements on the land and typically lose their separate identity as personal property once incorporated into the real property.

(b) Fixtures or other items of tangible personal property such as furnaces, built-in air conditioning systems, or other items that are appurtenant to or incorporated into real property and that become an integral part of a real property improvement are treated as construction materials for purposes of this rule.

(2) The sale of real property is not subject to sales tax, nor is the labor performed on real property. For example, the sale of a completed home or building is not subject to the tax, but sales of materials and supplies to contractors for use in building the home or building are taxable transactions as sales to final consumers.

(a) The contractor or repairman who converts the personal property to real property is the consumer of tangible personal property regardless of the type of contract entered into--whether it is a lump sum, time and material, or a cost-plus contract.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2)(d), the contractor or repairman who converts the construction materials, fixtures or other items to real property is the consumer of the personal property whether the contract is performed for an individual, a religious or charitable institution, or a government entity.

(c) Sales of construction materials or fixtures made to religious or charitable institutions are exempt only if the items are sold as tangible personal property.

(d) Sales of materials are considered made to religious or charitable institutions and, therefore, exempt from sales tax, if:

(i) the religious or charitable institution makes payment for the materials directly to the vendor; or

(ii)(A) the materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution.

(B) Materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution if the materials are clearly identified and segregated and installed or converted to real property owned by the religious or charitable institution.

(e) Purchases not made pursuant to Subsection (2)(d) are assumed to have been made by the contractor and are subject to sales tax.

(3) If the contractor or repairman purchases all materials and supplies from vendors who collect the Utah tax, no sales tax license is required unless the contractor makes direct sales of tangible personal property in addition to the work on real property.

(a) If direct sales are made, the contractor shall obtain a sales tax license and collect tax on all sales of tangible personal property to final consumers.

(b) The contractor must accrue and remit tax on all merchandise bought tax-free and converted to real property.

Books and records must be kept to account for both material sold and material consumed.

(4) This rule does not apply to contracts where the retailer sells and installs personal property that does not become part of the real property. Examples of items that remain tangible personal property even when attached to real property are:

(a) moveable items that are attached to real property merely for stability or for an obvious temporary purpose;

(b) manufacturing equipment and machinery and essential accessories appurtenant to the manufacturing equipment and machinery;

(c) items installed for the benefit of the trade or business conducted on the property that are affixed in a manner that facilitates removal without substantial damage to the real property or to the item itself and

(d) telephone or communications equipment and associated wire and lines if the equipment, wire, and lines:

(i) are provided as part of a single transaction;

(ii) that are part of real property are an incidental portion of the transaction;

(iii) are primarily used for the operation of a telephone system or a communications system;

(iv) are installed for the benefit of the trade or business conducted on the property; and

(v) are attached to real property in a manner such that their removal from the real property does not cause substantial damage to the equipment, wire, or lines or to the real property to which they are attached.

R865-19S-59. Sales of Materials and Services to Repairmen Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tangible personal property and services to persons engaged in repairing or renovating tangible personal property are for resale, provided the tangible personal property or service becomes a component part of the repair or renovation sold. For example, paint sold to a body and fender shop and used to paint an automobile is exempt from sales tax since it becomes a component part of the repair work.

1. Sandpaper, masking tape, and similar supplies are subject to sales tax when sold to a repairman since these items are consumed by the repairman rather than being sold to his customer as an ingredient part of the repair job. These items shall be taxed at the time of sale if it is known that they are to be consumed. However, if this is not determinable at the time of sale, these items should be purchased tax free, as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23 and sales tax reported on the repairman's sales tax return covering the period during which consumption takes place.

R865-19S-60. Sales of Machinery, Fixtures and Supplies to Manufacturers, Businessmen and Others Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Unless specifically exempted by statute, sales of machinery, tools, equipment, and supplies to a manufacturer or producer are taxable.

B. Sales of furniture, supplies, stationery, equipment, appliances, tools, and instruments to stores, shops, businesses, establishments, offices, and professional people for use in carrying on their business and professional activities are taxable.

C. Sales of trade fixtures to a business owner are taxable as sales of tangible personal property even if the fixtures are temporarily attached to real property.

1. Trade fixtures are items of tangible personal property used for the benefit of the business conducted on the property.

2. Trade fixtures tend to be transient in nature in that the fixtures installed in a commercial building may vary from one tenant to the next without substantial alteration of the building, and the building itself is readily adaptable to multiple uses.

3. Examples of trade fixtures include cases, shelves and

racks used to store or display merchandise.

D. Sales described in A. through C. of this rule are sales to final buyers or ultimate consumers and therefore not sales for resale.

R865-19S-61. Meals Furnished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. The following definitions apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for inpatient meals provided at a medical facility or nursing facility.

1. "Medical facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8062 through 8069 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

2. "Nursing facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8051 through 8059 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

B. The following definition applies to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for sales of meals served by an institution of higher education.

1. "Student meal plan" means an arrangement:

a) between an institution of higher education and a student;

b) available only to a student;

c) whose duration is the entire term, semester, or similar unit of study;

d) paid in advance of the term, semester, or similar unit of study; and

e) providing for specified meals at eating facilities of the institution of higher education.

C. Except as provided in Section 59-12-104, sales and use tax is imposed upon the amount paid for meals furnished by any restaurant, cafeteria, eating house, hotel, drug store, diner, private club, boarding house, or other place, regardless of whether meals are regularly served to the public.

D. Ingredients that become a component part of meals subject to tax are construed to be purchased for resale, and as such the purchase of those ingredients is exempt from sales and use tax.

E. Where a meal is given away on a complementary basis, the provider of the meal is considered to be the consumer of the items used in preparing the meal.

F. Meals served by religious or charitable institutions and institutions of higher education are not available to the general public if:

1. access to the restaurant, cafeteria, or other facility is restricted to:

a) in the case of a religious or charitable institution:

(1) employees of the institution;

(2) volunteers of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; or

b) in the case of an institution of higher education:

(1) students of the institution;

(2) employees of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; and

2. the restricted access is enforced.

G. Sales of meals at occasional church or charity bazaars or fund raisers, and other similar functions are considered isolated and occasional sales and therefore exempt from sales and use tax.

R865-19S-62. Meal Tickets, Coupon Books, and Merchandise Cards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Meal tickets, coupon books, or merchandise cards sold by persons engaged in selling taxable commodities or services are taxable, and the tax shall be billed or collected on the selling price at the time the tickets, books, or cards are sold. Tax is to be added at the subsequent selection and delivery of the merchandise or services if an additional charge is made.

R865-19S-63. Sales of Memorial Markers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tombstones and grave markers, which are embedded in sod or a concrete foundation, are considered to be improvements to real property. If the seller furnishes and installs the marker, tax applies to his cost of the marker and to his cost of installation material. If the seller does not install the marker, the transaction is a sale of tangible personal property and the seller must collect tax on the full selling price, including cutting, shaping, lettering, and polishing.

R865-19S-65. Newspapers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Newspaper" means a publication that appears to be a newspaper in the general or common sense. In addition, the publication:

1. must be published at short intervals, daily, or weekly;

2. must not, when its successive issues are put together, constitute a book;

3. must be intended for circulation among the general public; and

4. must contain matters of general interest and report on current events.

B. Purchases of tangible personal property by a newspaper publisher are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the printing or distribution of the newspaper.

C. A newspaper publisher may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper.

1. Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper include newsprint, ink, staples, plastic or paper protective coverings, and rubber bands distributed with the newspaper.

D. Purchases of advertising inserts that will be distributed with a newspaper are exempt from sales and use tax if the inserts are identified with the name and date of distribution of the newspaper. The identification may include a multiple listing of all newspapers that will carry the insert and the corresponding distribution dates.

1. Advertising inserts that are not identified as provided in D. are exempt from sales and use tax if the newspaper maintains a log at its place of business that lists by date and name the inserts included in each publication. The log may reflect all inserts or only the inserts not otherwise identified with the newspaper in accordance with D.

R865-19S-66. Optometrists, Opticians, and Ophthalmologists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Optometrists and ophthalmologists are deemed to be persons engaged primarily in rendering personal services. These services consist of the examination and treatment of eyes. Glasses, contact lenses, or other tangible personal property such as sunglasses, or cleaning solutions sold by optometrists and ophthalmologists are taxable and tax must be collected from the patient or buyer. Invoices or receipts must show the charges for personal services separate from the charges for tangible personal property and the sales tax thereon. If an optometrist or

ophthalmologist does not provide separate charges for personal services and sales of tangible personal property, sales tax shall be charged on the entire amount.

B. All sales of tangible personal property to optometrists or ophthalmologists for use or consumption in connection with their services are subject to sales or use tax.

C. Opticians are makers of or dealers in optical items and instruments and fill prescriptions written by optometrists and ophthalmologists. Opticians are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property and personal services rendered by them are considered as merely incidental thereto. Opticians are required to collect the sales tax on all their sales of tangible personal property.

R865-19S-68. Premiums, Gifts, Rebates, and Coupons Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. Donors that give away items of tangible personal property as premiums or otherwise are regarded as the users or consumers of those items and the sale to the donor is a taxable sale. Exceptions to this treatment are items of tangible personal property donated to or provided for use by exempt organizations that would qualify for exemption under R865-19S-43 or R865-19S-54 if a sale of such items were made to them. An item given away as a sales incentive is exempt to the donor if the sale of that item would have been exempt. An example is prescribed medicine given away by a drug manufacturer.

B. When a retailer making a retail sale of tangible personal property that is subject to tax gives a premium together with the tangible personal property sold, the transaction is regarded as a sale of both articles to the purchaser, provided the delivery of the premium is certain and does not depend upon chance.

C. Where a retailer is engaged in selling tangible personal property that is not subject to tax and furnishes a premium with the property sold, the retailer is the consumer of the premium furnished.

D. If a retailer accepts a coupon for part or total payment for a taxable product and is reimbursed by a manufacturer or another party, the total sales value, including the coupon amount, is subject to sales tax.

E. A coupon for which no reimbursement is received is considered to be a discount and the taxable amount is the net amount paid by the customer after deducting the value of the coupon.

F. If a retailer agrees to furnish a free item in conjunction with the sale of an item, the sales tax applies only to the net amount due. If sales tax is computed on both items and only the sales value of the free item is deducted from the bill, excess collection of sales tax results. The vendor is then required to follow the procedure outlined in R865-19S-16 and remit any excess sales tax collected.

G. Any coupon with a fixed price limit must be deducted from the total bill and sales tax computed on the difference. For example, if a coupon is redeemed for two \$6 meals, but the value of the free meal is limited to \$5, the \$12 is rung up and the \$5 deducted, resulting in a taxable sale of \$7.

R865-19S-70. Sales Incidental To The Rendition of Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Persons engaged in occupations and professions that primarily involve the rendition of services upon the client's person and incidentally dispense items of tangible personal property are regarded as the consumers of the tangible personal property dispensed with the services.

B. Physicians, dentists, beauticians, and barbers are examples of persons described in A.

R865-19S-72. Trade-ins and Exchanges Pursuant to Utah

Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. An even exchange of tangible personal property for tangible personal property is exempt from tax. When a person takes tangible personal property as part payment on a sale of tangible personal property, sales or use tax applies only to any consideration valued in money which changes hands.

B. For example, if a car is sold for \$8,500 and a credit of \$6,500 is allowed for a used car taken in trade, the sales or use tax applies to the difference, or \$2,000 in this example. Subsequently, when the used car is sold, tax applies to the selling price less any trade-in at that time.

C. An actual exchange of tangible personal properties between two persons must be made before the exemption applies. For example, there is no exchange if a person sells his car to a dealer and the dealer holds the credit to apply on a purchase at a later date; there are two separate transactions, and tax applies to the full amount of the subsequent purchase if and when it takes place.

R865-19S-73. Trustees, Receivers, Executors, Administrators, Etc. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Trustees, receivers, assignees, executors, and administrators, who -- by virtue of their appointment -- operate, manage, or control a business making taxable sales or leases of tangible personal property, or performing taxable services, must collect and remit sales tax on the total taxable sales even though such sales are made in liquidation.

R865-19S-74. Vending Machines Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Persons operating vending machines are deemed to be retailers and selling articles of tangible personal property. The total sales from vending machine operations are considered the total selling price of the tangible personal property distributed in connection with their operations and must be reported as the amount of sales subject to tax.

B. Persons operating vending machines selling food, beverages, and dairy products in which the proceeds of each sale do not exceed \$1, and who do not report an amount equal to 150% of the cost of items as goods consumed, are subject to the requirements of A.

C. For purposes of the 150% of cost formula in Section 59-12-104(3), "cost" is defined as follows.

1. In the case of retailers, cost is the total purchase price paid for products, including any packaging and incoming freight.

2. In the case of a manufacturer, cost includes the following items:

- a) acquisition costs of materials and packaging, including freight;
- b) direct manufacturing labor; and
- c) utility expenses, if a sales tax exemption has been granted on utility purchases.

D. Operators of vending machines, if they so desire, may divide the tax out and sell items at fractional parts of a cent, providing their records so indicate.

E. Where machines vending taxable items are owned by persons other than the proprietor of a place of business in which the machine is placed and the person owning the machine has control over the sales made by the machine, evidenced by collection of the money, the owner is required to secure a sales tax license. One license is sufficient for all such machines. A statement in substantially the following form must be conspicuously affixed upon each vending machine:

"This machine is operated under Utah Sales Tax License No. "

R865-19S-75. Sales by Photographers, Photo Finishers, and

Photostat Producers and Engravers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Photographers, photofinishers, and photostat producers are engaged in selling tangible personal property and rendering services such as developing, retouching, tinting, or coloring photographs belonging to others.

1. Persons described in this rule must collect tax on all of the above services and on all sales of tangible personal property, such as films, frames, cameras, prints, etc.

B. Sales of tangible personal property by photoengravers, electrotypers, and wood engravers to printers, advertisers, or other persons who do not resell such property but use or consume it in the process of producing printed matter are taxable sales. The value or worth of the services or processing which go into their production is of no moment, and it is immaterial that each sale is upon a special order for a particular customer.

1. Electrotypes and engravings are manufactured articles of merchandise and are sold as such and not as a service. No deduction is allowed on account of the cost of the property sold, labor, service, or any other expense.

R865-19S-76. Painters, Polishers, and Car Washers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1) Sales of paint, wax, or other material to persons engaged in the business of painting and polishing of tangible personal property are exempt as sales for resale if the paint, wax, or other material becomes a part of the customer's tangible personal property. However, the vendor of these items must be given a resale certificate as provided for in Rule R865-19S-23.

(2) Sales of soap, washing mitts, polishing cloths, spray equipment, sand paper, and similar items to painters, polishers, and car washes are sales to the final consumer and are subject to tax.

R865-19S-78. Service Plan Charges for Labor and Repair Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1) "Service plan" includes an extended warranty agreement or other prepaid arrangement.

(2)(a) Service plan charges for a future taxable repair are subject to sales tax.

(b) Sales tax must also be collected on any deductible charged to a customer for the customer's share of the repair done under the service plan.

(3)(a) Service plan charges for items of tangible personal property that are converted to real property are not taxable.

(b) Service plan charges for items of tangible personal property that are permanently attached to real property are treated as follows:

(i) service plan charges for labor are not taxable; and

(ii) service plan charges for parts are taxable unless those parts are exempt under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 1, Tax Collection.

(4) Rule R865-19S-58 outlines the sales tax responsibility of a person that converts tangible personal property to real property.

R865-19S-79. Tourist Home, Hotel, Motel, or Trailer Court Accommodations and Services Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

A. The following definitions shall be used for purposes of administering the sales tax on accommodations and transient room taxes provided for in Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

1. "Tourist home," "hotel," or "motel" means any place having rooms, apartments, or units to rent by the day, week, or

month.

2. "Trailer court" means any place having trailers or space to park a trailer for rent by the day, week, or month.

3. "Trailer" means house trailer, travel trailer, and tent trailer.

4. "Accommodations and services charges" means any charge made for the room, apartment, unit, trailer, or space to park a trailer, and includes charges made for local telephone, electricity, propane gas, or similar services.

R865-19S-80. Printers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Definitions.

(a)(i) "Pre-press materials" means materials that:

(B) are reusable;

(C) are used in the production of printed matter;

(D) do not become part of the final printed matter; and

(E) are sold to the customer.

(ii) Pre-press materials include film, magnetic media, compact disks, typesetting paper, and printing plates.

(b)(i) "Printer" means a person that reproduces multiple copies of images, regardless of the process employed or the name by which that person is designated.

(ii) A printer includes a person that employs the processes of letterpress, offset, lithography, gravure, engraving, duplicating, silk screen, bindery, or letterpress.

(2) Purchases by a printer.

(a)(i) Purchases of tangible personal property by a printer are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed by the printer.

(ii) Examples of tangible personal property used or consumed by the printer include conditioners, solvents, developers, and cleaning agents.

(b)(i) A printer may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale.

(ii) Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale include glue, stitcher wire, paper, and ink.

(c) A printer may purchase pre-press materials tax free if the printer's invoice, or other written material provided to the purchaser, states that reusable pre-press materials are included with the purchase. A description and the quantity of the actual items used in the order is not necessary. The statement must not restrict the customer from taking physical possession of the pre-press materials.

(d) The tax treatment of a printer's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

(3) Sales by a printer.

(a) Except as provided in this Subsection (3), a printer shall collect sales and use tax on the following:

(i) charges for printed material, even though the paper may be furnished by the customer;

(ii) charges for envelopes;

(iii) charges for services performed in connection with the printing or the sale of printed matter, such as cutting, folding, and binding;

(iv) charges for pre-press materials purchased tax exempt by the printer; and

(v) charges for reprints and proofs.

(b) Charges for postage are not subject to sales and use tax.

(c) Sales by a printer are exempt from sales and use tax if:

(i) the sale qualifies for exemption under Section 59-12-104; and

(ii) the printer obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

(d) If the printer's customer is purchasing printed material

for resale, but will not resell the pre-press materials, the printer must collect sales and use tax on the pre-press materials.

(e) If printed material is shipped outside of the state, charges for pre-press materials are exempt from sales tax as a sale of goods sold in interstate commerce only if the pre-press materials are physically shipped out of state with the printed material. If pre-press materials are retained in the state by the printer for any reason, the pre-press materials do not qualify for the sales tax exemption for goods sold in interstate commerce, and as such, the printer must collect sales tax on the part of the transaction relating to the pre-press materials.

R865-19S-81. Sale of Art Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Art dealers and artists selling paintings, drawings, etchings, statues, figurines, etc., to final consumers must collect tax, whether an object is sold from an inventory or is created upon special order. The value or worth of the services to produce the art object are an integral part of the value of the tangible personal property upon completion and no deduction for such services may be made in determining the amount which is subject to tax.

B. Paints, canvases, frames, sculpture ingredients, and items becoming part of the finished product may be purchased tax-free if used in a painting or other work of art for resale.

1. Brushes, easels, tools, and similar items are consumed by the artist, and tax must be paid on the purchase of these items.

R865-19S-82. Demonstration, Display, and Trial Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tangible personal property purchased by a wholesaler or a retailer and held for display, demonstration or trial in the regular course of business is not subject to tax.

Examples of this are a desk bought by an office supply firm and placed in a window display, or an automobile purchased by an auto dealer and assigned to a salesman as a demonstrator. Sales tax applies to any rental charges made to the salesman for use of a demonstrator.

B. Sales tax applies to these charges even though all or part of the charge may be waived if such waiver is dependent upon the salesman performing certain services or reaching a certain sales quota or some similar contingency.

C. Sales tax applies to items purchased primarily for company or personal use and only casually used for demonstration purposes.

1. For example, wreckers or service trucks used by a parts department, are subject to tax even though they are demonstrated occasionally. Also, automobiles assigned to nonsales personnel such as a service manager, an office manager, an accountant, an officer's spouse, or a lawyer are subject to tax.

a. For motor vehicle dealers using certain vehicles withdrawn from inventory for periods not exceeding one year, the tax liability is deemed satisfied if the dealer remits sales or use tax on each such vehicle based on its lease value while so used.

(1) Only motor vehicles provided or assigned to company personnel or to exempt entities qualify for this treatment. For vehicles donated to religious, charitable, or government institutions, see Rule R865-19S-68.

(2) The monthly lease value is the manufacturer's invoice price to the dealer, divided by 60.

(3) Records must be maintained to show when each vehicle is placed in use, to whom assigned or provided, lease value computation, tax remitted, when removed from service and when returned to inventory for resale.

(4) Vehicles used for periods exceeding one year are subject to tax on the dealer's acquisition cost.

2. An exception is an item held for resale in the regular course of business and used for demonstration a substantial amount of time. Records must be maintained to show the manner of demonstration involved if exemption is claimed.

D. Normally, vehicles will not be allowed as demonstrators if they are used beyond the new model year by a new-car dealer or if used for more than six months by a used-car dealer.

1. Tax will apply if these conditions are not met, unless it is shown that these guidelines are not applicable in a given instance. In this case consideration will be given to the circumstances surrounding the need for a demonstrator for a longer period of time.

R865-19S-83. Pollution Control Facilities Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Since certification of a pollution control facility may not occur until a firm contract has been entered into or construction has begun, tax should be paid on all purchases of tangible personal property or taxable services that become part of a pollution control facility until the facility is certified, and invoices and records should be retained to show the amount of tax paid. Upon verification of the amount of tax paid for pollution control facilities and verification that a certificate has been obtained, the Tax Commission will refund the taxes paid on these purchases.

1. Claims for refund of tax paid prior to certification must be filed within 180 days after certification of a facility. Refund claims filed within this time period will have interest added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 from the date of the overpayment.

2. If claims for refund are not filed within 180 days after certification of a facility, it is assumed the delay was for investment purposes, and interest shall be added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 however, interest will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

B. After the facility is certified, qualifying purchases should be made without paying tax by providing an exemption certificate to the vendor.

1. If sales tax is paid on qualifying purchases for certified pollution control facilities, it will be deemed that the overpayment was made for the purpose of investment. Accordingly, interest, at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402, will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

C. In the event part of the pollution control facility is constructed under a real property contract by someone other than the owner, the owner should obtain a statement from the contractor certifying the amount of Utah sales and use tax paid by the contractor and the location of the vendors to whom tax was paid, and the owner will then be entitled to a refund of the tax paid and included in the contract.

D. The owner shall apply to the Tax Commission for a refund using forms furnished by the Tax Commission. The claim for refund must contain sufficient information to support the amount claimed for credit and show that the tax has in fact been paid.

E. The owner shall retain records to support the claim that the project is qualified for the exemption.

R865-19S-85. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Manufacturing Facility Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Establishment" means an economic unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying manufacturing processes are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from

any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means:

(i) electronic or mechanical devices incorporated into a manufacturing process from the initial stage where actual processing begins, through the completion of the finished end product, and including final processing, finishing, or packaging of articles sold as tangible personal property. This definition includes automated material handling and storage devices when those devices are part of the integrated continuous production cycle; and

(ii) any accessory that is essential to a continuous manufacturing process. Accessories essential to a continuous manufacturing process include:

(A) bits, jigs, molds, or devices that control the operation of machinery and equipment; and

(B) gas, water, electricity, or other similar supply lines installed for the operation of the manufacturing equipment, but only if the primary use of the supply line is for the operation of the manufacturing equipment.

(c) "Manufacturer" means a person who functions within a manufacturing facility.

(2) The sales and use tax exemption for the purchase or lease of machinery and equipment by a manufacturing facility applies only to purchases or leases of tangible personal property used in the actual manufacturing process.

(a) The exemptions do not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property in which the manufacturing operation is conducted.

(b) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(3) Machinery and equipment used for a nonmanufacturing activity qualify for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities. Examples of nonmanufacturing activities include:

(a) research and development;

(b) refrigerated or other storage of raw materials, component parts, or finished product; or

(c) shipment of the finished product.

(4) Where manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities are performed at a single physical location, machinery and equipment purchased for use in the manufacturing operation are eligible for the sales and use tax exemption if the manufacturing operation constitutes a separate and distinct manufacturing establishment.

(a) Each activity is treated as a separate and distinct establishment if:

(i) no single SIC code includes those activities combined; or

(ii) each activity comprises a separate legal entity.

(b) Machinery and equipment used in both manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities qualify for the exemption only if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities.

(5) The manufacturer shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-86. Monthly Payment of Sales Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-108.

A. Definitions:

1. "Cash equivalent" means either:

a) cash;

b) wire transfer; or

c) cashier's check drawn on the bank in which the Tax Commission deposits sales tax receipts.

2. "Fiscal year" means the year commencing on July 1 and

ending the following June 30.

3. "Mandatory filer" means a seller that meets the threshold requirements for monthly filing and remittance of sales taxes or for electronic funds transfer (EFT) remittance of sales taxes.

4. For purposes of the monthly filing and the electronic remittance of sales taxes, the term "tax liability for the previous year" means the tax liability for the previous calendar year.

B. The determination that a seller is a mandatory filer shall be made by the Tax Commission at the end of each calendar year and shall be effective for the fiscal year.

C. A seller that meets the qualifications for a mandatory filer but does not receive notification from the Tax Commission to that effect, is not excused from the requirements of monthly filing and remittance or EFT remittance.

D. Mandatory filers shall also file and remit any waste tire fees and transient room, resort communities, and tourism, recreation, cultural, and convention facilities taxes to the commission on a monthly basis or by EFT, respectively.

E. Sellers that are not mandatory filers may elect to file and remit their sales taxes to the commission on a monthly basis, or remit sales taxes by EFT, or both.

1. The election to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis or to remit sales taxes by EFT is effective for the immediate fiscal year and every fiscal year thereafter unless the Tax Commission receives written notification prior to the commencement of a fiscal year that the seller no longer elects to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, respectively.

2. Sellers that elect to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, are subject to the same requirements and penalties as mandatory filers.

F. Sellers that are mandatory filers may request deletion of their mandatory filer designation if they do not expect to accumulate a \$50,000 sales tax liability for the current calendar year.

1. The request must be accompanied by documentation clearly evidencing that the business that led to the \$50,000 tax liability for the previous year will not recur.

2. The request must be made prior to the commencement of a fiscal year.

3. If a seller's request is approved and the seller does accumulate a \$50,000 sales tax liability, a similar request by that seller the following year shall be denied.

G. Sellers that are required to remit sales tax by EFT may, following approval by the Tax Commission, remit a cash equivalent in lieu of the EFT.

1. Approval for remittance by cash equivalent shall be limited to those sellers that are able to establish that remittance by EFT would cause a hardship to their organization.

2. Requests for approval shall be directed to the Deputy Executive Director of the Tax Commission.

3. Sellers that receive approval to remit their sales taxes by cash equivalent shall ensure that the cash equivalent is received at the Tax Commission's main office no later than three working days prior to the due date of the sales tax.

H. Sellers that are required to remit sales taxes by EFT, but remit these taxes by some means other than EFT or a Tax Commission approved cash equivalent, are not entitled to reimbursement for the cost of collecting and remitting sales taxes and are subject to penalties.

I. Prior to remittance of sales taxes by EFT, a vendor shall complete an EFT agreement with the Tax Commission. The EFT Agreement shall indicate that all EFT payments shall be made in one of the following manners.

1. Except as provided in I.2., sellers shall remit their EFT payment by an ACH-debit transaction through the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) system CCD application.

2. If an organization's bylaws prohibit third party access to its bank account or extenuating circumstances exist, a seller may remit its EFT payment by an ACH-credit with tax payment addendum transaction through the NACHA system CCD Plus application.

J. In unusual circumstances, a particular EFT payment may be accomplished in a manner other than that specified in I. Use of any manner of remittance other than that specified in I. must be approved by the Tax Commission prior to its use.

K. If a seller that is required to remit sales taxes by EFT is unable to remit a payment of sales taxes by EFT because the system for remitting payments by EFT fails, the seller may remit its sales taxes by cash equivalent. A seller shall notify the Waivers Unit of the Tax Commission if this condition arises.

R865-19S-87. Government-Owned Tooling and Equipment Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

The following definitions apply to the sales and use tax exemption for sales of certain tooling, special tooling, support equipment, and special test equipment.

(1) "Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, test equipment, other equipment, and other similar manufacturing aids generally available as stock items.

(2) "Special Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, other equipment and manufacturing aids, and all components of these items that are of such a specialized nature that without substantial modification or alteration their use is limited to the development or production of particular supplies or parts thereof or performing particular services.

(3) "Support equipment" means implements or devices that are required to inspect, test, service, adjust, calibrate, appraise, transport, safeguard, record, gauge, measure, repair, overhaul, assemble, disassemble, handle, store, actuate or otherwise maintain the intended functional operation status of an aerospace electronic system.

(4) "Special test equipment" means either single or multipurpose integrated test units engineered, designed, fabricated, or modified to accomplish special purpose testing in performing a contract. These testing units may be electrical, electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, or mechanical. Or they may be items or assemblies of equipment that are mechanically, electrically, or electronically interconnected so as to become a new functional entity, causing the individual item or items to become interdependent and essential in performing special purpose testing in the development or production of peculiar supplies or services.

R865-19S-90. Telecommunications Service Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Taxable telecommunications service charges include subscriber access fees.

(2) Nontaxable telecommunications charges include:

(a) refundable subscriber deposits, interest, and late payment penalties;

(b) charges for interstate calls;

(c) telecommunications answering services received or relayed by a human operator;

(d) charges to repair subscriber equipment that is regarded as real property; and

(e) charges levied on subscribers to fund or subsidize special telecommunications services, including 911 service, special communications services for the deaf, and special telecommunications service for low income subscribers.

R865-19S-91. Sales of Tangible Personal Property to Government Project Managers and Supply Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102, 59-12-103, and 59-12-104.

A. Sales of tangible personal property or services as

defined in Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103 to federal, state, or municipal government facilities managers or supply contractors, who are not employees or agents of that government entity, are subject to sales or use tax if the manager or contractor uses or consumes the property. Tax is due even though a contract vests title in the government.

B. A person qualifies as an agent for purchasing on behalf of a government entity if the person and the government entity enter into a contract that includes the following conditions:

1. The person is officially designated as the government entity's purchasing agent by resolution of the government entity;

2. The person identifies himself as a purchasing agent for the government entity;

3. The purchase is made on purchase orders that indicate the purchase is made by or on behalf of the government entity and the government entity is responsible for the purchase price;

4. The transaction is approved by the government entity; and

5. Title passes directly to the government entity upon purchase.

C. If the government entity makes a direct payment to the vendor for the tangible personal property or services, the sale is made to the government entity and not to the facilities manager or the supply contractor. In that case, the sale is not subject to sales tax.

D. Certain purchases made by aerospace or electronic industry contractors dealing with the United States are exempted by Section 59-12-104(15) and further covered by R865-19S-87. Therefore, these industry purchases are not covered by this rule.

R865-19S-92. Computer Software and Other Related Transactions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-211.

(1) "Computer-generated output" means the microfiche, microfilm, paper, discs, tapes, molds, or other tangible personal property generated by a computer.

(2) The sale, rental or lease of custom computer software constitutes a sale of personal services and is exempt from the sales or use tax, regardless of the form in which the software is purchased or transferred. Charges for services such as software maintenance, consultation in connection with a sale or lease, enhancements, or upgrading of custom software are not taxable.

(3) The sale of computer generated output is subject to the sales or use tax if the primary object of the sale is the output and not the services rendered in producing the output.

(4)(a) The provisions for determining the location of a transaction under Subsection (4)(b) apply if:

(i) a purchaser uses computer software;

(ii) there is not a transfer of a copy of the computer software to the purchaser; and

(iii) the purchaser uses the computer software at more than one location.

(b) The location of a transaction described in Subsection (4)(a) is:

(i) if the seller is required to collect and remit tax to the commission for the purchase, and the purchaser provides the seller at the time of purchase a reasonable and consistent method for allocating the purchase to multiple locations, the location determined by applying that reasonable and consistent method of allocation; or

(ii) if the seller is required to collect and remit tax to the commission for the purchase, and the seller does not receive information described in Subsection (4)(b)(i) from the purchaser at the time of the purchase, the location determined in accordance with Subsections 59-12-211(4) and (5); or

(iii) if the purchaser accrues and remits sales tax to the commission for the purchase, the location determined:

(A) by applying a reasonable and consistent method of allocation; or

(B) in accordance with Subsections 59-12-211(4) and (5).

R865-19S-93. Waste Tire Recycling Fee Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 19-6-808.

A. The waste tire recycling fee shall be paid by the retailer to the State Tax Commission at the same time and in the same manner as sales and use tax returns are filed. The sales tax account number will also be the recycling fee account number. A separate return form will be provided.

1. The tire recycling fee will be imposed at the same time the sales tax is imposed. For example, if tires are purchased for resale either as part of a vehicle sale or to be sold separately by a vehicle dealer, the recycling fee and the sales tax would be collected by the dealer at the time the vehicle is sold. If sales tax is paid to a tire retailer by a vehicle dealer when tires are purchased, the recycling fee will also be paid by the vehicle dealer to the tire retailer.

2. Where tires are sold to entities exempt from sales tax, the exempt entity must still pay the recycling fee.

B. The recycling fee is not considered part of the sales price of the tire and is not subject to sales or use tax.

C. Wholesalers purchasing tires for resale are not subject to the fee.

D. Tires sold and delivered out of state are not subject to the fee.

E. Tires purchased from out of state vendors are subject to the fee. The fee must be reported and paid directly to the Tax Commission in conjunction with the use tax.

R865-19S-94. Tips, Gratuities, and Cover Charges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Restaurants, cafes, clubs, private clubs, and similar businesses must collect sales tax on tips or gratuities included on a patron's bill that are required to be paid.

(a) Tax on the required gratuity is due from a private club, even though the club is not open to the public.

(b) Voluntary tips left on the table or added to a credit card charge slip are not subject to sales tax.

(2) Cover charges to enter a restaurant, tavern, club or similar facility are taxable as an admission to a place of recreation, amusement or entertainment.

R865-19S-96. Transient Room Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-301.

A. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-301 authorizes any board of county commissioners to impose a transient room tax. The transient room tax shall be charged in addition to sales tax authorized in 59-12-103(1)(i).

B. The transient room tax shall be charged on the rental price of any motor court, motel, hotel, inn, tourist home, campground, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park or similar business where the rental period is less than 30 consecutive days.

C. The transient room tax is not subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-98. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Vehicles, Off-highway Vehicles, and Boats Required to be Registered, and Boat Trailers and Outboard Motors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) "Use" means mooring, slipping, and dry storage as well as the actual operation of vehicles.

(2) An owner of a vehicle described in Subsections 59-12-104(9) or (31) may continue to qualify for the exemption provided by that section if use of the vehicle in this state is infrequent, occasional, and nonbusiness in nature.

(3) A vehicle is deemed not used in this state beyond the necessity of transporting it to the borders of this state if the vehicle is:

(a) inspected in this state; or

(b) tested for functionality in this state.

R865-19S-99. Sales and Use Taxes on Vehicles Purchased in Another State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

No sales or use tax is due on vehicles purchased in another state by a resident of that state and transferred into this state if all sales or use taxes required by the prior state for the purchase of the vehicle have been paid. A valid, nontemporary registration card shall serve as evidence of payment.

R865-19S-100. Procedures for Exemption from and Refund of Sales and Use Taxes Paid by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.1.

A. For purposes of Section 59-12-104.1(2)(b)(iii), "contract" does not include a purchase order.

B. Religious and charitable institutions may apply to the Tax Commission for a refund of Utah sales and use taxes paid no more often than on a monthly basis. Refund applications should be returned to the Tax Commission by the tenth day of the month for a timely refund.

C. Applications for refund of sales and use taxes shall be made on forms provided by the Tax Commission.

D. Religious and charitable institutions shall substantiate requests for refunds of sales and use taxes paid by retaining a copy of a receipt or invoice indicating the amount of sales or use taxes paid for each purchase for which a refund of taxes paid is claimed.

E. All supporting receipts required by D. must be provided to the Tax Commission upon request.

F. Original records supporting the refund claim must be maintained for three years following the date of refund.

G. Failure to pay any penalties and interest assessed by the Tax Commission may subject the institution to a deduction from future refunds of amounts owed, or revocation of the institution's exempt status as a religious or charitable institution, or both.

R865-19S-101. Application of Sales Tax to Fees Assessed in Conjunction with the Retail Sale of a Motor Vehicle Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

State-mandated fees and taxes assessed in conjunction with the retail sale of a motor vehicle are not subject to the sales tax and must be separately identified and segregated on the invoice as required by Tax Commission rule R877-23V-14.

R865-19S-102. Calculation of Qualifying Exempt Electricity Sales to Ski Resorts Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. When the sale of exempt electricity to a ski resort is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, the ski resort shall identify a methodology for the calculation of exempt electricity purchases, and shall submit that methodology to Internal Customer Support, Customer Service Division, of the Tax Commission for approval prior to its use.

B. When exempt electricity is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, a ski resort shall pay sales tax on all electricity at the time of purchase. The ski resort may then take a credit on its sales tax return for taxes paid on electricity that is determined to be exempt under this rule.

C. The provisions of this rule shall be retrospective to July 1, 1996.

R865-19S-103. Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 10-1-303, 10-1-306, and 10-1-307.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Gas" means natural gas in which those hydrocarbons,

other than oil and natural gas liquids separated from natural gas, that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir are produced and removed at the wellhead in gaseous form.

(b) "Supplying taxable energy" means the selling of taxable energy to the user of the taxable energy.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the delivered value of taxable energy for purposes of Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, shall be the arm's length sales price for that taxable energy.

(3) If the arm's length sales price does not include all components of delivered value, any component of the delivered value that is not included in the sales price shall be determined with reference to the most applicable tariffed price of the gas corporation or electrical corporation in closest proximity to the taxpayer.

(4) The point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall normally be the location of the taxpayer's meter unless the taxpayer demonstrates that the use is not in a municipality imposing the municipal energy sales and use tax.

(5) An energy supplier shall collect the municipal energy sales and use tax on all component parts of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier bills the user of the taxable energy.

(6) A user of taxable energy is liable for the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier does not collect the municipal energy sales and use tax.

(7) A user of taxable energy who is required to pay the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of taxable energy shall remit that tax to the commission:

(a) on forms provided by the commission, and

(b) at the time and in the manner sales and use tax is remitted to the commission.

(8) A person that delivers taxable energy to the point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall provide the following information to the commission for each user for whom the person does not supply taxable energy, but provides only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value:

(a) the name and address of the user of the taxable energy;

(b) the volume of taxable energy delivered to the user; and

(c) the entity from which the taxable energy was purchased.

(9) The information required under Subsection (8) shall be provided to the commission:

(a) for each user for whom, during the preceding calendar quarter, the person did not supply taxable energy, but provided only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value; and

(b)(i) except as provided in Subsection (9)(b)(ii), at the time the person delivering the taxable energy files sales and use tax returns with the commission; or

(ii) if the person delivering the taxable energy files an annual information return under Subsection 10-1-307(5), at the time that annual information return is filed with the commission.

R865-19S-104. County Option Sales Tax Distribution Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-1102.

A. The \$75,000 minimum annual distribution required under Section 59-12-1102 shall be based on sales tax amounts collected by the counties from January 1 through December 31.

B. Any adjustments made to ensure the required minimum distribution shall be reflected in the February distribution immediately following the end of the calendar year.

R865-19S-108. User Fee Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. For purposes of administering the sales or use tax on admission or user fees provided for in Section 59-12-103, "user

fees" includes charges imposed on an individual for access to the following, if that access occurs at any location other than the individual's residence:

1. video or video game;
2. television program; or
3. cable or satellite broadcast.

B. The provisions of this rule are effective for transactions occurring on or after October 1, 1999.

R865-19S-109. Sales Tax Nature of Veterinarians' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1)(a) Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if the property will be resold by the veterinarian.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a veterinarian must collect sales tax on tangible personal property that the veterinarian resells.

(2) Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice.

(3) The determination of whether a veterinarian's purchase of food, medicine, or vitamins is a sale for resale or a purchase that will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice shall be made by the veterinarian.

(a) For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will resell, the veterinarian shall comply with Subsection (1).

(b) For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will use or consume in the veterinarian's practice, the veterinarian shall comply with Subsection (2).

(4) A veterinarian is not required to collect sales and use tax on:

(a) medical services;

(b) boarding services; or

(c) grooming services required in connection with a medical procedure.

(5) Sales of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if:

(a) the sales are exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104; and

(b) the veterinarian obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-110. Advertisers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Advertiser" means a person that places advertisements in a publication, broadcast, or electronic medium, regardless of the name by which that person is designated.

1. A person is an advertiser only with respect to items actually placed in a publication, broadcast, or electronic medium.

B. All purchases of tangible personal property by an advertiser are subject to sales and use tax as property used or consumed by the advertiser.

C. The tax treatment of an advertiser's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

D. An advertiser's charges for placement of advertisements are not subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-111. Graphic Design Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Graphic design services are not subject to sales and use tax:

(a) if the graphic design is the object of the transaction; and

(b) even though a representation of the design is incorporated into a sample or template that is itself tangible personal property.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), if a vendor provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design:

(a) there is a rebuttable presumption that the tangible personal property is the object of the transaction; and

(b) the vendor must collect sales and use tax on the graphic design services and the tangible personal property.

(3) A vendor that provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design is not required to collect sales tax on the graphic design services if the vendor subcontracts the production of the tangible personal property to an independent third party.

R865-19S-113. Sales Tax Obligations of Aircraft and Boat Tour Operators, and Other Sellers Providing Similar Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) "Federal airway" shall be identical to the definition of Class E airspace in 14 C.F.R. 71.71 (2006), which is incorporated by reference.

(2) Amounts paid or charged for helicopter, airplane, or other aircraft tours that enter into airspace designated by the Federal Aviation Administration as a federal airway during the tour are exempt from the sales and use tax.

(a) The exemption described in Subsection (2) does not apply if the only time the aircraft enters a federal airway is prior to the commencement of the tour or after the tour ends.

(b) A tour is deemed to occur from the time a paying customer is picked up to the time the paying customer is dropped off at the final destination point.

(3) Amounts paid or charged for boat tours, scenic cruises, or other similar activities on the waters of the state are exempt from sales and use tax if the waters on which the tour, cruise, or other similar activity operates are used, by themselves or in connection with other waters, as highways for interstate commerce.

R865-19S-114. Items that Constitute Clothing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

- A. "Clothing" includes:
1. aprons for use in a household or shop;
 2. athletic supporters;
 3. baby receiving blankets;
 4. bathing suits and caps;
 5. beach capes and coats;
 6. belts and suspenders;
 7. boots;
 8. coats and jackets;
 9. costumes;
 10. diapers, including disposable diapers, for children and adults;
 11. ear muffs;
 12. footlets;
 13. formal wear;
 14. garters and garter belts;
 15. girdles;
 16. gloves and mittens for general use;
 17. hats and caps;
 18. hosiery;
 19. insoles for shoes;
 20. lab coats;
 21. neckties;
 22. overshoes;
 23. pantyhose;
 24. rainwear;
 25. rubber pants;
 26. sandals;
 27. scarves;
 28. shoes and shoe laces;
 29. slippers;

30. sneakers;
31. socks and stockings;
32. steel toed shoes;
33. underwear;
34. uniforms, both athletic and non-athletic; and
35. wearing apparel.

B. "Clothing" does not include:

1. belt buckles sold separately;
2. costume masks sold separately;
3. patches and emblems sold separately;
4. sewing equipment and supplies, including:
 - a) knitting needles;
 - b) patterns;
 - c) pins;
 - d) scissors;
 - e) sewing machines;
 - f) sewing needles;
 - g) tape measures; and
 - h) thimbles; and
5. sewing materials that become part of clothing,

including:

- a) buttons;
- b) fabric;
- c) lace;
- d) thread;
- e) yarn; and
- f) zippers.

R865-19S-115. Items that Constitute Protective Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Protective equipment" includes:

- A. breathing masks;
- B. clean room apparel and equipment;
- C. ear and hearing protectors;
- D. face shields;
- E. hard hats;
- F. helmets;
- G. paint or dust respirators;
- H. protective gloves;
- I. safety glasses and goggles;
- J. safety belts;
- K. tool belts; and
- L. welders gloves and masks.

R865-19S-116. Items that Constitute Sports or Recreational Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Sports or recreational equipment" includes:

- A. ballet and tap shoes;
- B. cleated or spiked athletic shoes;
- C. gloves, including:
 - (i) baseball gloves;
 - (ii) bowling gloves;
 - (iii) boxing gloves;
 - (iv) hockey gloves; and
 - (v) golf gloves;
- D. goggles;
- E. hand and elbow guards;
- F. life preservers and vests;
- G. mouth guards;
- H. roller skates and ice skates;
- I. shin guards;
- J. shoulder pads;
- K. ski boots;
- L. waders; and
- M. wetsuits and fins.

R865-19S-117. Use of Rounding in Determining Sales and Use Tax Liability Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-118.

- A. The computation of sales and use tax must be:
 - 1. carried to the third place; and
 - 2. rounded to a whole cent pursuant to B.
- B. The tax shall be rounded up to the next cent whenever the third decimal place of the tax liability calculated under A. is greater than four.
- C. Sellers may compute the tax due on a transaction on an:
 - 1. item basis; or
 - 2. invoice basis.
- D. The rounding required under this rule may be applied to aggregated state and local taxes.

R865-19S-118. Collection of Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 10-1-405.

- A. The commission shall transmit monies collected under Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act:
 - 1. monthly; and
 - 2. by electronic funds transfer to the municipality that imposes the tax.
- B. The commission shall conduct audits of the municipal telecommunications license tax with the same frequency and diligence as it does with the state sales and use tax.
- C. The commission shall charge a municipality for the commission's services in an amount:
 - 1. sufficient to reimburse the commission for the commission's cost of administering, collecting, and enforcing the municipal telecommunications license tax; and
 - 2. not to exceed an amount equal to 1.5 percent of the municipal telecommunications license tax imposed by the ordinance of the municipality.
- D. The commission shall collect, enforce, and administer the municipal telecommunications license tax pursuant to the same procedures used in the administration, collection, and enforcement of the state sales and use tax as provided in Subsection 10-1-405(1)(a).

R865-19S-120. Sales and Use Tax Exemption Relating to Film, Television, and Video Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

- (1) The provisions of this rule apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for the purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment by certain establishments related to film, television, and video if those purchases, leases, or rentals are primarily used in the production or postproduction of film, television, video, or similar media for commercial distribution.
- (2) "Machinery or equipment" means tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards.
- (3)(a) "Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards" means tangible personal property with an economic life greater than one year.
- (b) "Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards" does not include tangible personal property with an economic life of one year or less, even if that property is capitalized on the establishment's financial records.
- (c) There is a rebuttable presumption that an item of tangible personal property is not eligible for capitalization if that property is not shown as a capitalized asset on the financial records of the establishment.
- (4) Transactions that do not qualify for the sales tax exemption referred to in Subsection (1) include purchases, leases, or rentals of:
 - (a) land;
 - (b) buildings;
 - (c) raw materials;
 - (d) supplies;
 - (e) film;
 - (f) services;

- (g) transportation;
- (h) gas, electricity, and other fuels;
- (i) admissions or user fees; and
- (j) accommodations.
- (5) If a transaction is composed of machinery or equipment and items that are not machinery or equipment, the items that are not machinery or equipment are exempt from sales and use tax if the items are:
 - (a) an incidental component of a transaction that is a purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment; and
 - (b) not billed as a separate component of the transaction.
- (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an item used for administrative purposes does not qualify for the exemption.
- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a), if an item is used both in the production or postproduction process and for administrative purposes, the item qualifies for the exemption if the primary use of the item is in the production or postproduction process.

R865-19S-121. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Mining Facility Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

- (1) Definitions.
 - (a) "Establishment" means a unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying activities are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.
 - (b) "Machinery and equipment" means electronic or mechanical devices having an economic life of three or more years including any accessory that controls the operation of the machinery and equipment.
- (2) The exemptions do not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.
- (3) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.
- (4) Machinery and equipment used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in qualifying activities.
- (5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-122. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Web Search Portal Establishment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

- (1) Definitions.
 - (a) "Establishment" means a unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying activities are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.
 - (b) "Machinery and equipment" means electronic or mechanical devices having an economic life of three or more years including any accessory that controls the operation of the machinery and equipment.
 - (c) "New or expanding establishment" means:
 - (i)(A) the creation of a new web search portal establishment in this state; or
 - (B) the expansion of an existing Utah web search portal establishment if the expanded establishment increases services or is substantially different in nature, character, or purpose from the existing Utah web search portal establishment.

(ii) The operator of a web search portal establishment who closes operations at one location in this state and reopens the same establishment at a new location does not qualify as a new or expanding establishment without demonstrating that the move meets the conditions set forth in Subsection (1)(c)(i).

(2) The exemption for certain purchases by a web search portal establishment does not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.

(3) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(4) Machinery and equipment used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

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R873. Tax Commission, Motor Vehicle.**R873-22M. Motor Vehicle.****R873-22M-2. Documentation Required and Procedures to Follow to Register or Title Certain Vehicles Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-104 and 41-1a-108.**

A. To title or register a vehicle previously registered in a nontitle state, an applicant must submit both of the following:

1. the last certificate of registration;
2. a lien search from the recording jurisdiction or an "Affidavit of Ownership" in lieu of the lien search.

B. To title or register a repossessed vehicle, an applicant must submit both of the following:

1. the outstanding certificate of title, with the lien recorded in favor of the repossessor;
2. an approved affidavit of repossession, signed by the lien holder recorded on the certificate of title.

C. To title or register a vehicle previously owned by the U.S. Government, an applicant must submit a Certificate of Release of a Motor Vehicle, Standard Form No. 97.

D. To title or register a vehicle foreclosed by advertisement, an applicant must submit each of the following:

1. a certificate of sale bearing the notarized signature of the person who conducted the sale. The certificate must contain the following information:
 - a. date of sale;
 - b. name of person to whom the vehicle was sold;
 - c. complete description of the vehicle;
 - d. amount due on the contract;
 - e. date that the amount due became delinquent; and
 - f. amount received from the sale of the vehicle.
2. a copy of the notice sent to the owner and lien holder of record;
3. proof that notice was published two consecutive weeks prior to sale. If the notice was not published in a newspaper, an affidavit of posting of notices must be furnished. Posting must be at least ten days prior to sale.

E. To title or register a vehicle transferred by divorce decree an applicant must submit each of the following:

1. a certified copy of the divorce decree;
2. the outstanding certificate of title;
3. the last registration certificate.

F. To title or register a vehicle when the current owner is declared incompetent, an applicant must submit each of the following:

1. the outstanding certificate of title, endorsed for transfer by the guardian;
2. the last registration certificate;
3. a certified copy of the court order appointing the guardian.

G. To title or register a vehicle purchased at impound auction, an applicant must submit a certificate of sale that contains the following information:

1. legal basis under which the vehicle was impounded and sold;
2. a complete description of the vehicle;
3. name of the purchaser;
4. the notarized signature of the state, city, or county official who conducted the sale.

H. To title or register a vehicle transferred pursuant to a power of attorney, an applicant must submit the properly notarized power of attorney to the Tax Commission.

I. To title or register a vehicle transferred from a deceased owner when a survivorship affidavit is not applicable, the applicant must submit the outstanding certificate of title and the last registration card. In addition, the applicant must submit one of the following:

1. a certified copy of the final decree of distribution;
2. an order from the court confirming sale;
3. an endorsement on the title by the administrator,

executor, or personal representative with a certified copy of letters of administration, letters testamentary, or letters appointing a personal representative attached.

a. When the title is issued in joint ownership where the owners names are connected with "and" or a "/" the survivor may transfer ownership by endorsement only and by furnishing proof of death of the other joint owner.

J. The Tax Commission may issue a title or a dismantle permit upon receipt of a court order or upon receipt of an affidavit and surety bond when satisfactory documentary evidence of ownership is lacking and the applicant has exhausted all normal means of obtaining evidence of ownership.

1. The affidavit must contain each of the following:
 - a) a complete recital of facts explaining the absence of a negotiable title or current registration for nontitle states;
 - b) an explanation of how the vehicle was obtained and from whom;
 - c) a statement indicating any outstanding liens or encumbrances on the vehicle;
 - d) a statement indicating where the vehicle was last titled or registered;
 - e) a description of the vehicle;
 - f) any other items pertinent to the acquisition or possession of the vehicle.
2. The Tax Commission may issue a title or a dismantle permit upon receipt of an affidavit and an indemnification agreement holding the Tax Commission and its employees harmless from any and all liability resulting from the issuance of the title or dismantle permit if the vehicle satisfies each of the following conditions:
 - a) the vehicle is not a motorcycle;
 - b) the vehicle has a value of \$1,000 or less at the time of application;
 - c) the vehicle is six model years old or older.

3. If the vehicle has a value of \$1,000 or less at the time of application, and the vehicle is not more than six model years old, or the vehicle is a motorcycle, a title or dismantle permit may not be issued until the vehicle is physically examined by a qualified investigator appointed by the Tax Commission.

4. If the vehicle has a value in excess of \$1,000, the Tax Commission may require a surety bond in addition to the affidavit. The amount of the surety bond may not exceed twice the fair market value of the vehicle as determined by the Tax Commission.

K. To title or register a specially constructed or rebuilt vehicle, an applicant shall furnish an affidavit of construction, explaining the acquisition of essential parts and the date construction was completed. The affidavit must be supported by bills of sale or invoices for the parts.

1. An application for an identification number must be completed. The assigned number shall be affixed to the vehicle and inspected by a peace officer or an authorized agent of the Tax Commission.

2. The vehicle make shall be designated as "SPCN" (specially constructed), and the year model shall be determined according to the date the construction was completed.

3. If satisfactory evidence of ownership is lacking, the procedure outlined in J. shall be followed.

4. In the case of a dune buggy or similar type vehicle where the complete running gear and chassis of another vehicle is used, the identification number of the vehicle used as the primary base of the rebuilt vehicle shall be used for identification and must correspond to the identification number on the surrendered certificate of title.

5. The rebuilt vehicle shall retain the manufacturer's name as it appeared on the surrendered title. However, the word "rebuilt" shall be placed on the application and on the face of the title issued by the Tax Commission. The type of body and vehicle model may be changed to more accurately describe the

vehicle. If a new body is used, the year model shall be determined by the date the rebuilding is complete. If only the body style has been altered or changed, the vehicle shall retain the year model stated on the surrendered title.

R873-22M-7. Transfer of License Plates and Registration for an Increase of Gross Laden Weight Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-701.

A. License plates and registration may not be transferred under any of the following conditions:

1. The license plates are lifetime trailer plates issued pursuant to Section 41-1a-228.

2. The newly acquired vehicle requires a different registration period from that of the vehicle previously owned.

B. License plates may be transferred only if the application for transfer is made in the name of the original registered owner, unless the owner's name has been changed by marriage, divorce, or court order.

C. Transferred license plates may not be displayed upon the newly acquired vehicle until the registration has been completed and a new registration card has been issued.

D. The expiration date on the new registration card shall be the same as that appearing on the original registration.

E. If registration is based on gross laden weight and the gross laden weight of a vehicle is increased during the registration year, additional registration fees shall be collected based on the following computations:

1. Subtract the registration fee for the current year from the registration fee for the increased weight.

2. Multiply that difference by the percentage of the year for which the vehicle will be registered at the increased weight.

F. The holder of a three-month registration who seeks to increase the gross laden weight of a vehicle shall pay the full three-month registration fee for the increased weight.

R873-22M-8. Expiration of Registration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-211 and 41-1a-215.

A. Registration issued for a period of three calendar months, six calendar months, or nine calendar months, shall expire at midnight on the last day of the third, sixth, or ninth calendar month from the date issued.

B. If an unexpired registration issued for three calendar months, six calendar months, or nine calendar months is being renewed, the expiration date shall be three calendar months, six calendar months or nine calendar months from the month the previous registration would have expired.

C. When a temporary permit is issued as authorized under Section 41-1a-211, the registration period shall begin on the first day of the calendar month in which the first temporary permit was issued.

R873-22M-11. Copies of Registration Cards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-214.

A. In lieu of an original registration card, a copy of a registration card may be carried in an intrastate commercial vehicle or a vehicle owned or leased by this state or any of its political subdivisions. Both the front and back of the registration card must be copied.

R873-22M-14. License Plates and Decals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-215, 41-1a-401, and 41-1a-402.

A. Except as provided under Section 41-1a-215(1), license plates shall be renewed on a yearly basis until new license plates are issued.

B. For all license plates, except vintage vehicle license plates, a month decal and year decal shall be issued upon the first registration of the vehicle. Upon each subsequent registration, the vehicle owner shall receive only a year decal to validate renewal. The registration decals shall be applied as

follows:

1. Decals displayed on license plates with black lettering on a white background shall be applied to the lower left hand corner of the rear license plate.

2. Decals displayed on centennial license plates and regular issue license plates with blue lettering on a white background shall be applied to the upper left hand corner of the rear license plate.

3. Decals displayed on special group license plates shall be applied to the upper right hand corner of the rear license plate unless there is a plate indentation on the upper left hand corner of the license plate.

4. All registration decals issued for truck tractors shall be applied to the front license plate in the position described in either Subsection B.1. or B.2.

5. All registration decals issued for motorcycles shall be applied to the upper corner of the license plate opposite the word "Utah".

C. The month decal shall be displayed on the license plate in the left position, and the year decal in the right position.

D. The current year decal shall be placed over the previous year decal.

E. Whenever any license plate, month decal, or year decal is lost or destroyed, a replacement shall be issued upon application and payment of the established fees.

R873-22M-15. Assigned and Replacement Vehicle Identification Number System Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-801.

A. The Tax Commission provides a standard Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate for vehicles, snowmobiles, trailers, and outboard boat motors that have never had a distinguishing number or if the original VIN has been altered, removed, or defaced.

B. The owner of the unit will make application to the Tax Commission on form TC-162 for an assigned or replacement VIN. In the event the applicant has no title to the unit, the Motor Vehicle Division follows the procedure in Rule R873-22M-2, to determine ownership.

C. The vehicle may be subject to inspection and investigation. Upon determination of the validity of the application, a vehicle identification plate is issued.

1. In cases involving vehicles where the original plate has been removed or obliterated but the original factory number can be verified, a VIN plate is issued with the original VIN entered by means of an approved procedure.

2. In all other instances a pre-stamped VIN plate is issued bearing an official Utah assigned VIN.

3. The VIN plate must, under the supervision of the Tax Commission, be attached to the unit as follows:

a) passenger and commercial vehicles:
(1) primary location is on a portion of the left front door lock post;

(2) secondary location is on a portion of the firewall, either left or right side, whichever is most advantageous; (This location is to be selected only when the VIN plate cannot be attached to the lock posts.)

b) motorcycles, snowmobiles, and outboard motors:
(1) as near as possible to the original number location; (If an original number, the VIN plate shall be affixed to the headstock.)

c) trailers:
(1) primary location is on a portion of the right side of the tongue or drawbar near the body;

(2) secondary location is on a portion of the metal frame near the front right corner;

d) on units where it is not practical to install rivets, the VIN plate may be attached by adhesive only.

D. The Motor Vehicle Division is responsible for the

control, security, and distribution of the VIN plates and will keep the necessary records and require regular reports from designated branch offices.

E. Following are the specifications of the official Utah assigned identification plate and attachment accessories.

1. Size will be 1 inch x 3 inches x .003 inch deep etched to .002 inch with 1/8 inch radius corners.
2. Material will be color anodized aluminum foil.
3. Color will be blue background with silver lettering.
4. Backing will be laminated with permanent pressure sensitive adhesive.
5. Control numbers will be serialized with 1/8 inch permanent embossed or anodized numbers.
6. The state seal will be in the left center, with appropriate rivet areas designated.
7. The assigned number will be pre-stamped using the prefix of "UT." The number series to include one letter and five digits with the letter to identify the unit type as follows:

TABLE

a) Passenger and Commercial	P00001
b) Motorcycles	M00001
c) Trailers	T00001
d) Reconstructed vehicle	R00001
e) Outboard Motors	E00001
f) Snowmobiles	S00001

R873-22M-16. Authorization to Issue a Certificate of Title Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-104.

A. A lienholder who lawfully repossesses a vehicle may apply for a certificate of title by paying the title fee and filing all of the following documents:

1. the outstanding Utah certificate of title showing the lien recorded;
2. a notarized affidavit of repossession, signed by the lienholder of record;
3. an application for title, properly signed and notarized.

B. If the purpose of the certificate of title is to record a new lien, or to rerecord a lien, and there is no change in the registered owner, all of the following are required:

1. the outstanding Utah certificate of title showing a release of all prior liens;
2. an application for title, properly signed and notarized;
3. the title fee.

C. In order to issue a new certificate of title showing the assignee as the lienholder, an applicant shall submit all of the following:

1. the outstanding Utah certificate of title with the lien recorded;
2. an application for title showing the registered owner and the new lienholder;
3. the title fee.

D. In lieu of the required owner's signature under Subsection C.2., the application may be stamped "Assignment of Lien Pursuant to Section 41-1a-607."

R873-22M-17. Standards for State Impound Lots Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-1101.

A. An impound yard may be used by the Motor Vehicle Division and peace officers only if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. The yard must be identified by a conspicuously placed, well-maintained sign that:
 - a) is at least 24 square feet in size;
 - b) includes the business name, address, phone number, and hours of business; and
 - c) displays the impound yard identification number issued by the Motor Vehicle Division in characters at least four inches high.

2. The yard shall maintain a hard-surfaced storage area of concrete, black top, gravel, road base, or other similar material.

3. The yard must have adequate lighting.

4. A six-foot chain link or other similar fence that is topped with three strands of barbed wire or razor security wire must surround the yard.

5. Spacing between vehicles must be adequate to allow opening of vehicle doors without interfering with other vehicles or objects.

6. An office shall be located on the premises of the yard.

- a) The yard office shall be staffed and open for public business during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except for designated state and federal holidays.

b) If the yard maintains multiple storage areas, authorization may be requested from the Motor Vehicle Division to maintain a central office facility in a location not to exceed a 10 mile radius from any of its storage areas.

c) If a central office is approved under Subsection 6.b) above, the signs of all storage areas must provide the location of the office.

7. The yard shall provide compressed air and battery boosting capabilities at no additional cost.

B. Persons who can demonstrate an ownership interest in a car held at a state impound yard are allowed to enter the vehicle during normal business hours and remove personal property not attached to the vehicle upon signing a receipt for the property with the yard.

1. An individual has ownership interest in the vehicle if he:

- a) is listed as a registered owner or lessee of the vehicle;
- or
- b) has possession of the vehicle title.

2. An individual must show picture identification as evidence of his ownership interest.

3. The storage yard shall maintain a log of individuals who have been given access to vehicles for the purpose of removing personal property.

C. Impound yards holding five or less vehicles in a month may be required to tow those vehicles to another yard for the purpose of centralizing sales of vehicles or, at the discretion of the Motor Vehicle Division, be required to hold the vehicles until additional impounded vehicles may be included.

D. Operators of impound yards shall remove license plates from impounded vehicles prior to the time of sale and turn them over to the Tax Commission at the time the vehicles are sold.

E. The Motor Vehicle Division has the authority to review the qualifications of state impound yards to assure compliance with the requirements set forth in this rule. Any yard not in compliance shall be notified in writing and given 30 days from that notice to rectify any noncompliance. If no action or insufficient action is taken by the impound yard, the Motor Vehicle Division may order it to be suspended as a state impound yard. Any yard contesting suspension, or any yard directly and adversely affected by the Motor Vehicle Division's refusal to designate it a state impound yard, has the right to appeal that suspension to the Tax Commission.

R873-22M-20. Aircraft Registration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 72-10-102, 72-10-109 through 72-10-112.

(1) The registration period for aircraft is from January 1 through December 31.

(2) The average wholesale value of an aircraft is obtained from the "average wholesale" column listed in the fall edition of the Aircraft Bluebook Price Digest in the year preceding the year of registration for all aircraft listed in that publication.

(3) The database maintained by the Division of Aeronautics shall include the following information for each aircraft:

- (a) the name and address of the owner of the aircraft;

- (b) the airport where the aircraft is hangered;
- (c) the FAA number of the aircraft;
- (d) the aircraft manufacturer or builder;
- (e) the year of manufacture or the year the aircraft was completed and certified for air worthiness by the FAA;
- (f) the aircraft model as identified by the manufacturer or builder; and
- (g) the aircraft serial number.

(4) Aircraft not legally registered are subject to seizure and impound under the provisions of Section 72-10-112.

(5) The registration certificate shall be surrendered upon the sale of an aircraft or at the time of registration renewal. A duplicate certificate may be obtained for a fee.

(6) The Utah decal shall be displayed on the registered aircraft in accordance with instructions given with the decal. Decals must be applied and maintained in a manner that permits identification of the calendar-year expiration date and the registration number. In the event of loss or damage, a decal replacement shall be obtained for a fee.

R873-22M-22. Salvage Certificate and Branded Title Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-522, 41-1a-1001, 41-1a-1004, and 41-1a-1009 through 41-1a-1011.

A. If a vehicle with an out-of-state branded title is roadworthy, a comparably branded Utah certificate of title may be issued upon proper application and payment of applicable fees.

B. The Utah registration of a vehicle qualifying for any of the following designations expires effective with that qualification or declaration and the title to that vehicle is restricted from that time:

- 1. salvage vehicle;
- 2. dismantled vehicle;
- 3. any vehicle for which a dismantling permit has been issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-1010;
- 4. any vehicle for which a certificate of abandoned and inoperable vehicle has been issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-1009; and
- 5. manufacturer buyback nonconforming vehicle.

C. For purposes of Section 41-1a-1001, the cost to repair or restore a vehicle for safe operation is the total cost shown on a certified and notarized repair order or estimate from an authorized representative of an insurance adjusting firm, or a bonded Utah automobile dealer or body shop. The repair order or estimate must be current at the time of application and must show all costs, including a detailed list of all parts, materials, and labor, required to repair the vehicle.

R873-22M-24. Salvage Vehicle Definitions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-1001 and 41-1a-1002.

A. "Cosmetic repairs" means repairs that are not necessary to promote the structural soundness or safety of the vehicle or to prevent accelerated wear or deterioration.

- 1. Cosmetic repairs include:
 - a) cracks or chips in windows if the vehicle will pass a safety inspection;
 - b) paint chips or scratches that do not extend below the rust preventive primer coating;
 - c) decals or decorative paint;
 - d) decorative molding and trim made from plastic, light metal, or other similar material;
 - e) hood ornaments;
 - f) wheel covers;
 - g) final coats of paint applied over any rust preventive primer, primer surfacer, or primer sealer;
 - h) vinyl roof covers or imitation convertible tops;
 - i) rubber inserts in bumpers or bumper guards; and
 - j) minor damage to seats, dashboard, door panels, carpet, headliner, or other interior components if the damage does not

affect the comfort of the driver or passengers, or the safe operation of the vehicle.

2. Cosmetic repairs do not include:

- a) primer coats or sealer necessary to prevent deterioration of any structural body component, such as fenders, doors, hood, or roof;
- b) repair or replacement of any sheet metal;
- c) repair or replacement of exterior or interior body panels;
- d) repair or replacement of mounting or attachment brackets and all other components and attaching hardware associated with the body of the vehicle; and
- e) cracks or chips in windows if the vehicle will not pass a safety inspection.

3. The determination of whether a specific repair is cosmetic shall be made by the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

B. "Collision estimating guide recognized by the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division" means the current edition of the:

- 1. Mitchell Collision Estimating Guide;
- 2. Motor Estimating Guide;
- 3. Delmar Auto Series Complete Automotive Estimating;
- 4. CCC Autobody Systems EZEst Software;
- 5. ADP Collision Estimating Services; or
- 6. an equivalent estimating guide recognized by the industry.

C. For purposes of Section 41-1a-1002, the determination of whether a vehicle is seven years old or older is made by subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the current calendar year.

R873-22M-25. Written Notification of a Salvage Certificate or Branded Title Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-1004.

A. The Motor Vehicle Division shall brand a vehicle's title if, at the time of initial registration or transfer of ownership, evidence exists that the vehicle is a salvage vehicle.

B. Written notification that a vehicle has been issued a salvage certificate or branded title shall be made to a prospective purchaser on a form approved by the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

C. The form must clearly and conspicuously disclose that the vehicle has been issued a salvage certificate or branded title.

D. The form must be presented to and signed by the prospective purchaser and the prospective lienholder, if any, prior to the sale of the vehicle.

E. If the seller of the vehicle is a dealer, the form must be prominently displayed in the lower passenger-side corner of the windshield for the period of time the vehicle is on display for sale.

F. The original disclosure form shall be given to the purchaser and a copy shall be given to the new lienholder, if any. A copy shall be kept on file by the seller for a period of three years from the date of sale if the seller is a dealer.

R873-22M-26. Interim Inspections and Repair Standards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-1002.

A. Each certified vehicle inspector shall independently determine:

- 1. if one or more interim inspections are required; and
- 2. when any required interim inspection shall be made.

B. A vehicle that is repaired beyond the point of a required interim inspection prior to that interim inspection may not receive an unbranded title.

C. A vehicle is repaired in accordance with Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division standards if it meets or exceeds the standards established by the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair ("I-CAR").

- 1. Repairs must be performed in licensed body shops.
- 2. All repairs must be certified by an individual who:

- a) owns or is employed by that body shop;
- b) has repaired the vehicle or supervised any repairs he did not make;
- c) is certified with I-CAR for structural repair and has either five years experience in repairing structural collision damage in a licensed body shop, or three years experience in repairing structural collision damage in a licensed body shop and an associate degree in the structural repair of an automobile from an accredited institution; and
- d) completes ten hours of division approved continuing training in repair of structural collision damage every three years.

D. Individuals certifying repairs under Subsection (C) must be certified with I-CAR by January 1, 1994.

E. A person who repairs or replaces major damage identified by a certified vehicle inspector shall keep records of the repairs made, and the time required to make those repairs, for a period of three years from the date of repair.

R873-22M-27. Issuance of Special Group License Plates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-418, 41-1a-419, 41-1a-420, and 41-1a-421.

(1) Except as otherwise provided, a special group license plate shall consist of a symbol affixed to the left-hand side of the plate, followed by a total of five characters and numerals.

(2)(a) Legislature special group license plates shall carry the letter combination SEN or REP with the number of the district from which the legislator was elected or appointed.

(b) A state legislator may register a maximum of two vehicles with Legislature special group license plates.

(c) Upon leaving office, a legislator may not display the Legislature special group license plates on any motor vehicle. Legislators not reelected to office may not display the Legislature special group license plates after December 31 of the election year.

(3)(a) United States Congress special group license plates shall carry, in the case of representatives, the letter combination HR, followed by the number of the district from which the representative was elected or appointed, or, in the case of senators, USS 1 or USS 2, signifying the senior and junior senators.

(b) Upon leaving office, a member of Congress may not display United States Congress special group license plates on any motor vehicle. A member of Congress not reelected to office may not display United States Congress special group license plates after December 31 of the election year.

(4) Survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor special group license plates may be issued to qualified U.S. military veterans who:

(a) provide a copy of their discharge papers, notice of separation, or other government issued document acceptable to the division verifying dates and locations of active service; or

(b) present evidence of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

(5) Former prisoner of war special group license plates shall be issued to qualified U.S. military veterans who provide a copy of their discharge papers, notice of separation, or other government issued document acceptable to the division indicating that the veteran was classified as a prisoner of war.

(6) Recipient of a purple heart special group license plates shall be issued to qualified U.S. military veterans who:

(a) provide a copy of their discharge papers, notice of separation, or other government issued document acceptable to the division indicating the veteran was awarded the purple heart; or

(b) present evidence of current membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

(7) An applicant for a National Guard special group license plate must present a current military identification card

that shows active membership in the Utah National Guard.

(8) The issuance, renewal, surrender, and design of disability special group license plates and windshield placards shall be subject to the provisions of the federal Uniform System for Parking for Persons with Disabilities, 23 C.F.R. Ch. 11, Subch. B, Pt. 1235.2 (1991), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(9)(a) An applicant for a licensed amateur radio operator special group license plate shall present a current Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license.

(b) The license plate number for a licensed amateur radio operator special group license plate shall be the same combination of alpha and numeric characters that comprise the FCC assigned radio call letters of the licensed operator.

(c) Only one set of licensed amateur radio operator special group license plates may be issued per FCC license.

(10) A farm truck special group license plate may be issued for a vehicle that is qualified to register as a farm truck under Section 41-1a-1206.

(11)(a) To qualify for a firefighter special group license plate, an applicant must present one of the following:

(i) evidence indicating the applicant has a current membership in the Utah Firefighters' Association;

(ii) an official identification card issued by the firefighting entity identifying the applicant as an employee or volunteer of that firefighting entity;

(iii) a letter on letterhead of the firefighting entity, or the municipality or county in which the firefighting entity is located, identifying the applicant as an employee or volunteer of that firefighting entity; or

(iv) a letter on letterhead from a firefighting entity, or the municipality or county in which the firefighting entity is located, identifying the applicant as a retired firefighter, whether employed or volunteer, of that firefighting entity.

(b) The division shall revoke a firefighter special group license plate issued under Section 41-1a-418 upon receipt of written notification from the head of a firefighting entity indicating:

(i) the name of the individual whose license plate is revoked;

(ii) the license plate number that is revoked;

(iii) the reason the license plate is revoked; and

(iv) that the firefighting entity has provided the individual described in Subsection (11)(b)(i) at least 30 days notice that the license plate will be revoked.

(12)(a) To qualify for a search and rescue special group license plate, an applicant must present one of the following:

(i) an official identification card issued by a county sheriff's office identifying the applicant as an employee or volunteer of that county's search and rescue team; or

(ii) a letter on letterhead of the county sheriff's office of the county in which the search and rescue team is located, identifying the applicant as an employee or volunteer of that county's search and rescue team.

(b) The division shall revoke a search and rescue special group license plate issued under Section 41-1a-418 upon receipt of written notification from the county sheriff's office of the county in which the search and rescue team is located, indicating:

(i) the name of the individual whose license plate is revoked;

(ii) the license plate number that is revoked;

(iii) the reason the license plate is revoked; and

(iv) that the search and rescue team has provided the individual described in Subsection (12)(b)(i) at least 30 days notice that the license plate will be revoked.

(13) An individual who no longer qualifies for the particular special group license plate may not display that special group license plate on any motor vehicle and must

reregister the vehicle and obtain new license plates.

R873-22M-28. Option to Exchange Horseless Carriage License Plates Issued Prior to July 1, 1992, Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-419.

The registered owner of a vehicle that is forty years old or older and for which a horseless carriage license plate was issued prior to July 1, 1992, may exchange that plate at no charge for a vintage vehicle special group license plate issued after July 1, 1992.

R873-22M-29. Removable Windshield Placards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-420.

(1) A removable windshield placard is a two-sided placard, renewable on an annual basis, which includes on each side:

(a) the International Symbol of Access, the wheelchair symbol adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969, which is at least three inches in height, is centered on the placard, and is white on a blue background;

(b) an identification number;

(c) a date of expiration which is one year from the later of the initial issuance of the placard or the most recent renewal of the placard; and

(d) a facsimile of the Great Seal of the State of Utah.

(2) Upon application, a removable windshield placard shall be issued to a person with a disability which limits or impairs ability to walk or for a vehicle that is used by an organization primarily to transport persons with disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk.

(a) The definition of the phrase "persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk" shall be identical to the definition of that phrase in Uniform System for Handicapped Parking, 58 Fed. Reg. 10328, 10329 (1991).

(b) An applicant for a removable windshield placard shall present a licensed physician's certification upon initial application, stating that the applicant has a permanent disability which limits or impairs ability to walk, or sign an affidavit attesting that the vehicle is used by an organization primarily for the transportation of persons with disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk.

(c) A physician's certification is not required for renewal of a removable windshield placard.

(d) The Tax Commission may, on a case by case basis, issue a removable windshield placard to persons with disabilities other than disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk.

(e) The original and one additional removable windshield placard shall be issued free of charge. Replacement placards, for placards that are lost or destroyed, shall be issued for a fee.

(3) A temporary removable windshield placard is a two-sided placard, issued on a temporary basis, which includes on each side:

(a) the International Symbol of Access, the wheelchair symbol adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969, which is at least three inches in height, is centered on the placard, and is white on a red background;

(b) an identification number;

(c) a date of expiration not to exceed six months from the date of issuance; and

(d) a facsimile of the Great Seal of the State of Utah.

(4) Upon application, a temporary removable windshield placard shall be issued.

(a) The application must be accompanied by the certification of a licensed physician that the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability which limits or impairs ability to walk. The certification shall include the period of time that the physician determines the applicant will have the disability, not to exceed six months.

(b) Applications for renewal of a temporary removable windshield placard shall be supported by a licensed physician's

certification of the applicant's disability dated within the previous three months.

(c) The Tax Commission may, on a case by case basis, issue a temporary removable windshield placard to persons with disabilities other than disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk.

(d) The original and one additional temporary removable windshield placard shall be issued free of charge. Replacement placards, for placards that are lost or destroyed, shall be issued for a fee.

(5) Any placard, whether permanent or temporary, shall be hung from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of any vehicle utilizing a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities. If there is no rearview mirror, the placard shall be clearly displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle. The placard shall not be displayed when the vehicle is moving.

R873-22M-30. Standards for Issuance of Original Issue License Plates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-416.

A. "Series" means the general alpha-numeric sequence from which plate numbers are assigned.

B. An original issue license plate is unique and does not conflict with existing plate series in the state if the particular plate number is not currently registered or displayed on the motor vehicle master file record.

R873-22M-31. Determination of Special Interest Vehicle Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-102.

A. The division shall maintain a list of all vehicles currently eligible for classification as special interest vehicles.

1. A request for the classification of a vehicle as a special interest vehicle shall be approved if the vehicle is on the list.

2. If a vehicle not on the list qualifies for classification as a special interest vehicle pursuant to Section 41-1a-102, the division director shall add that vehicle to the list.

R873-22M-32. Rescinding Dismantling Permit Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-1010.

A. For purposes of Section 41-1a-1010, a Utah certificate of title does not include a salvage certificate, an Affidavit of Facts, or Tax Commission form TC-839, Certificate of Sale.

B. An applicant with a vehicle eligible for retitling under Section 41-1a-1010 shall receive a title consistent with the title of the vehicle at the time of application for a permit to dismantle.

R873-22M-33. Private Institution of Higher Education Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-422.

(1) "Private institution of higher education" means a private institution that is accredited pursuant to Section 41-1a-422 and that issues a standard collegiate degree.

(2) "Standard collegiate degree" means an associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree.

R873-22M-34. Rule for Denial of Personalized Plate Requests Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-104 and 41-1a-411.

(1) The personalized plate is a non-public forum. Nothing in the issuance of a personalized plate creates a designated or limited public forum. The presence of a personalized plate on a vehicle does not make the plate a traditional public forum.

(2) Pursuant to Section 41-1a-411(2), the division may not issue personalized license plates in the following formats:

(a) Combination of letters, words, or numbers with any connotation that is vulgar, derogatory, profane, or obscene.

(b) Combinations of letters, words, or numbers that connote breasts, genitalia, pubic area, buttocks, or relate to

sexual and eliminatory functions. Additionally, "69" formats are prohibited unless used in a combination with the vehicle make, model, style, type, or commonly used or readily understood abbreviations of those terms, for example, "69 CHEV."

(c) Combinations of letters, words, or numbers that connote:

(i) any intoxicant or any illicit narcotic or drug;

(ii) the sale, use, seller, purveyor, or user of any intoxicant or any illicit narcotic or drug; or

(iii) the physiological or mental state produced by any intoxicant or any illicit narcotic or drug.

(d) Combinations of letters, words, or numbers that express contempt, ridicule, or superiority of a race, religion, deity, ethnic heritage, gender, or political affiliation.

(e)(i) Combinations of letters, words, or numbers that express affiliations or actions that may be construed to suggest endangerment to the public welfare.

(ii) Examples of letters, words, or numbers described in Subsection (2)(e)(i) include words, signs, or symbols that represent:

(A) illegal activity;

(B) organized crime associations; or

(C) gang or gang terminology.

(iii) The division shall consult with local, state, and national law enforcement agencies to establish criteria to determine whether a combination of letters, words, or numbers express affiliations or actions that may be construed to suggest endangerment to the public welfare.

(3) If the division denies a requested combination, the applicant may request a review of the denial, in writing, within 15 days from the date of notification. The request must be directed to the Director of the Motor Vehicle Division and should include a detailed statement of the reasons why the applicant believes the requested license plates are not offensive or misleading.

(4) The director shall review the format for connotations that may reasonably be detected through linguistic, numerical, or phonetic modes of communication. The review may include:

(a) translation from foreign languages;

(b) an upside down or reverse reading of the requested format; and

(c) the use of references such as dictionaries or glossaries of slang, foreign language, or drug terms.

(5) The director shall consider the applicant's declared definition of the format, if provided.

(6) If the requested format is rejected by the director, the division shall notify the applicant in writing of the right to appeal the decision through the appeals process outlined in Tax Commission rule R861-1A-22.

(7) If, after issuance of a personalized license plate, the commission becomes aware through written complaint that the format may be prohibited under Subsection R873-22M-34(1), the division shall again review the format.

(8) If the division determines pursuant to Subsection R873-22M-34(2) that the issued format is prohibited, the holder of the plates shall be notified in writing and directed to surrender the plates. This determination is subject to the review and appeal procedures outlined in Subsections (3) through (7).

(9) A holder required to surrender license plates shall be issued a refund for the amount of the personalized license plate application fee and for the prorated amount of the personalized license plate annual renewal fee, or shall be allowed to apply for replacement personalized license plates at no additional cost.

(10) If the holder of plates found to be prohibited fails to voluntarily surrender the plates within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of the division's final decision that the format is prohibited, the division shall cancel the personalized license plates and suspend the vehicle registration.

R873-22M-35. Reissuance of Personalized License Plates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-413 and 41-1a-1211.

A. If a person who has been issued personalized license plates fails to renew the personalized license plates within six months of the plates' expiration, the license plates shall be deemed to be surrendered to the division and the division may reissue the personalized license plates to a new requestor.

R873-22M-36. Access to Protected Motor Vehicle Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-116.

A. "Advisory notice" means:

1. notices from vehicle manufacturers, the manufacturers' authorized representative, or government entities regarding information that is pertinent to the safety of vehicle owners or occupants; and

2. statutory notices required by Sections 38-2-4 and 72-9-603 or by other state or federal law directing a party to mail a notice to a vehicle owner at the owner's last known address as shown on Motor Vehicle Division records.

B. Telephone accounts.

1. Public records may be released by phone to any person who has established a telephone account pursuant to Section 41-1a-116 (7).

2. A person who is authorized to access protected records must submit a written request in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the Motor Vehicle Division. Protected records may be released by phone to a person who has established a telephone account only under the following conditions:

a) The applicant for a telephone account must complete an application form prescribed by the Commission annually.

b) Protected records may be released by phone to private investigators, tow truck operators or vehicle mechanics who are licensed to conduct business in that capacity by the appropriate state or local authority.

c) Towers and mechanics are entitled to access protected records only for the purpose of making statutory notification of the owner at the last known address according to motor vehicle records. Prior to release of the information, the tower or mechanic must deliver or fax to the Motor Vehicle Division a copy of the work order or other evidence of a possessory lien on the vehicle. The lien claim must arise under a statute that requires notification of the vehicle owner at the owner's last known address according to state motor vehicle records.

C. An authorized agent of an individual allowed access to protected records under Section 41-1a-116 must evidence a signed statement indicating that he is acting as an authorized representative and the extent of that representative authority.

D. Utah law governs only the release of Utah motor vehicle records. The Motor Vehicle Division shall not release out-of-state motor vehicle registration information.

R873-22M-37. Standard Issue License Plates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-402 and 41-1a-1211.

A. In the absence of a designation of one of the standard issue license plates at the time of the license plate transaction, the license plate provided shall be the statehood centennial license plate.

B. Any exchange of one type of standard issue license plate for the other type of standard issue license plate shall be subject to the plate replacement fee provided in Section 41-1a-1211.

R873-22M-40. Age of Vehicle for Purposes of Safety Inspection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 53-8-205.

A. The age of a vehicle, for purposes of determining the frequency of the safety inspection required under Section 53-8-205, shall be determined by subtracting the vehicle model year from the current calendar year.

R873-22M-41. Issuance of Salvage Certificate in Certain Circumstances Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 41-1a-1005.

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 72-10-109 through 72-10-112
 72-10-102

(1) Subject to Subsection (3), an insurance company shall receive a salvage certificate in the insurance company's name if the insurance company provides the commission:

(a) evidence that the insurance company has declared a particular vehicle a salvage vehicle;

(b) a copy of the check issued to the registered owner of the vehicle; and

(c) a copy of at least two letters the insurance company has mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and any lien holder of that vehicle requesting:

(i) in the case of an insurance company that has not received a certificate of title from the registered owner of the vehicle, a copy of the certificate of title or other evidence of ownership; or

(ii) in the case of an insurance company that has received an improperly endorsed certificate of title from the registered owner of the vehicle, correction of the improperly endorsed certificate of title.

(2) The information described in Subsection (1) shall accompany the Application for Utah Title.

(3) If the requirements of Subsections (1) and (2) are satisfied, the Motor Vehicle Division shall issue a salvage certificate to an insurance company:

(a) in the case of an insurance company that has not received a certificate of title from the registered owner of the vehicle, no sooner than 30 days from the settlement of the loss; or

(b) in the case of an insurance company that has received an improperly endorsed certificate of title from the registered owner of the vehicle, no sooner than 30 days from the insurance company's receipt of an improperly endorsed certificate of title.

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R884. Tax Commission, Property Tax.**R884-24P. Property Tax.****R884-24P-5. Abatement or Deferral of Property Taxes of Indigent Persons Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1107 through 59-2-1109 and 59-2-1202(5).**

A. "Household income" includes net rents, interest, retirement income, welfare, social security, and all other sources of cash income.

B. Absence from the residence due to vacation, confinement to hospital, or other similar temporary situation shall not be deducted from the ten-month residency requirement of Section 59-2-1109(3)(a)(ii).

C. Written notification shall be given to any applicant whose application for abatement or deferral is denied.

R884-24P-7. Assessment of Mining Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.**A. Definitions.**

1. "Allowable costs" means those costs reasonably and necessarily incurred to own and operate a productive mining property and bring the minerals or finished product to the customary or implied point of sale.

a) Allowable costs include: salaries and wages, payroll taxes, employee benefits, workers compensation insurance, parts and supplies, maintenance and repairs, equipment rental, tools, power, fuels, utilities, water, freight, engineering, drilling, sampling and assaying, accounting and legal, management, insurance, taxes (including severance, property, sales/use, and federal and state income taxes), exempt royalties, waste disposal, actual or accrued environmental cleanup, reclamation and remediation, changes in working capital (other than those caused by increases or decreases in product inventory or other nontaxable items), and other miscellaneous costs.

b) For purposes of the discounted cash flow method, allowable costs shall include expected future capital expenditures in addition to those items outlined in A.1.a).

c) For purposes of the capitalized net revenue method, allowable costs shall include straight-line depreciation of capital expenditures in addition to those items outlined in A.1.a).

d) Allowable costs does not include interest, depletion, depreciation other than allowed in A.1.c), amortization, corporate overhead other than allowed in A.1.a), or any expenses not related to the ownership or operation of the mining property being valued.

e) To determine applicable federal and state income taxes, straight line depreciation, cost depletion, and amortization shall be used.

2. "Asset value" means the value arrived at using generally accepted cost approaches to value.

3. "Capital expenditure" means the cost of acquiring property, plant, and equipment used in the productive mining property operation and includes:

- a) purchase price of an asset and its components;
- b) transportation costs;
- c) installation charges and construction costs; and
- d) sales tax.

4. "Constant or real dollar basis" means cash flows or net revenues used in the discounted cash flow or capitalized net revenue methods, respectively, prepared on a basis where inflation or deflation are adjusted back to the lien date. For this purpose, inflation or deflation shall be determined using the gross domestic product deflator produced by the Congressional Budget Office, or long-term inflation forecasts produced by reputable analysts, other similar sources, or any combination thereof.

5. "Discount rate" means the rate that reflects the current yield requirements of investors purchasing comparable properties in the mining industry, taking into account the

industry's current and projected market, financial, and economic conditions.

6. "Economic production" means the ability of the mining property to profitably produce and sell product, even if that ability is not being utilized.

7. "Exempt royalties" means royalties paid to this state or its political subdivisions, an agency of the federal government, or an Indian tribe.

8. "Expected annual production" means the economic production from a mine for each future year as estimated by an analysis of the life-of-mine mining plan for the property.

9. "Fair market value" is as defined in Section 59-2-102.

10. "Federal and state income taxes" mean regular taxes based on income computed using the marginal federal and state income tax rates for each applicable year.

11. "Implied point of sale" means the point where the minerals or finished product change hands in the normal course of business.

12. "Net cash flow" for the discounted cash flow method means, for each future year, the expected product price multiplied by the expected annual production that is anticipated to be sold or self-consumed, plus related revenue cash flows, minus allowable costs.

13. "Net revenue" for the capitalized net revenue method means, for any of the immediately preceding five years, the actual receipts from the sale of minerals (or if self-consumed, the value of the self-consumed minerals), plus actual related revenue cash flows, minus allowable costs.

14. "Non-operating mining property" means a mine that has not produced in the previous calendar year and is not currently capable of economic production, or land held under a mineral lease not reasonably necessary in the actual mining and extraction process in the current mine plan.

15. "Productive mining property" means the property of a mine that is either actively producing or currently capable of having economic production. Productive mining property includes all taxable interests in real property, improvements and tangible personal property upon or appurtenant to a mine that are used for that mine in exploration, development, engineering, mining, crushing or concentrating, processing, smelting, refining, reducing, leaching, roasting, other processes used in the separation or extraction of the product from the ore or minerals and the processing thereof, loading for shipment, marketing and sales, environmental clean-up, reclamation and remediation, general and administrative operations, or transporting the finished product or minerals to the customary point of sale or to the implied point of sale in the case of self-consumed minerals.

16. "Product price" for each mineral means the price that is most representative of the price expected to be received for the mineral in future periods.

a) Product price is determined using one or more of the following approaches:

(1) an analysis of average actual sales prices per unit of production for the minerals sold by the taxpayer for up to five years preceding the lien date; or,

(2) an analysis of the average posted prices for the minerals, if valid posted prices exist, for up to five calendar years preceding the lien date; or,

(3) the average annual forecast prices for each of up to five years succeeding the lien date for the minerals sold by the taxpayer and one average forecast price for all years thereafter for those same minerals, obtained from reputable forecasters, mutually agreed upon between the Property Tax Division and the taxpayer.

b) If self-consumed, the product price will be determined by one of the following two methods:

(1) Representative unit sales price of like minerals. The representative unit sales price is determined from:

- (a) actual sales of like mineral by the taxpayer;
- (b) actual sales of like mineral by other taxpayers; or
- (c) posted prices of like mineral; or

(2) If a representative unit sales price of like minerals is unavailable, an imputed product price for the self-consumed minerals may be developed by dividing the total allowable costs by one minus the taxpayer's discount rate to adjust to a cost that includes profit, and dividing the resulting figure by the number of units mined.

17. "Related revenue cash flows" mean non-product related cash flows related to the ownership or operation of the mining property being valued. Examples of related revenue cash flows include royalties and proceeds from the sale of mining equipment.

18. "Self consumed minerals" means the minerals produced from the mining property that the mining entity consumes or utilizes for the manufacture or construction of other goods and services.

19. "Straight line depreciation" means depreciation computed using the straight line method applicable in calculating the regular federal tax. For this purpose, the applicable recovery period shall be seven years for depreciable tangible personal mining property and depreciable tangible personal property appurtenant to a mine, and 39 years for depreciable real mining property and depreciable real property appurtenant to a mine.

B. Valuation.

1. The discounted cash flow method is the preferred method of valuing productive mining properties. Under this method the taxable value of the mine shall be determined by:

- a) discounting the future net cash flows for the remaining life of the mine to their present value as of the lien date; and
- b) subtracting from that present value the fair market value, as of the lien date, of licensed vehicles and nontaxable items.

2. The mining company shall provide to the Property Tax Division an estimate of future cash flows for the remaining life of the mine. These future cash flows shall be prepared on a constant or real dollar basis and shall be based on factors including the life-of-mine mining plan for proven and probable reserves, existing plant in place, capital projects underway, capital projects approved by the mining company board of directors, and capital necessary for sustaining operations. All factors included in the future cash flows, or which should be included in the future cash flows, shall be subject to verification and review for reasonableness by the Property Tax Division.

3. If the taxpayer does not furnish the information necessary to determine a value using the discounted cash flow method, the Property Tax Division may use the capitalized net revenue method. This method is outlined as follows:

- a) Determine annual net revenue, both net losses and net gains, from the productive mining property for each of the immediate past five years, or years in operation, if less than five years. Each year's net revenue shall be adjusted to a constant or real dollar basis.

- b) Determine the average annual net revenue by summing the values obtained in B.3.a) and dividing by the number of operative years, five or less.

- c) Divide the average annual net revenue by the discount rate to determine the fair market value of the entire productive mining property.

- d) Subtract from the fair market value of the entire productive mining property the fair market value, as of the lien date, of licensed vehicles and nontaxable items, to determine the taxable value of the productive mining property.

4. The discount rate shall be determined by the Property Tax Division.

- a) The discount rate shall be determined using the weighted average cost of capital method, a survey of reputable mining industry analysts, any other accepted methodology, or

any combination thereof.

- b) If using the weighted average cost of capital method, the Property Tax Division shall include an after-tax cost of debt and of equity. The cost of debt will consider market yields. The cost of equity shall be determined by the capital asset pricing model, arbitrage pricing model, risk premium model, discounted cash flow model, a survey of reputable mining industry analysts, any other accepted methodology, or a combination thereof.

5. Where the discount rate is derived through the use of publicly available information of other companies, the Property Tax Division shall select companies that are comparable to the productive mining property. In making this selection and in determining the discount rate, the Property Tax Division shall consider criteria that includes size, profitability, risk, diversification, or growth opportunities.

6. A non-operating mine will be valued at fair market value consistent with other taxable property.

7. If, in the opinion of the Property Tax Division, these methods are not reasonable to determine the fair market value, the Property Tax Division may use other valuation methods to estimate the fair market value of a mining property.

8. The fair market value of a productive mining property may not be less than the fair market value of the land, improvements, and tangible personal property upon or appurtenant to the mining property. The mine value shall include all equipment, improvements and real estate upon or appurtenant to the mine. All other tangible property not appurtenant to the mining property will be separately valued at fair market value.

9. Where the fair market value of assets upon or appurtenant to the mining property is determined under the cost method, the Property Tax Division shall use the replacement cost new less depreciation approach. This approach shall consider the cost to acquire or build an asset with like utility at current prices using modern design and materials, adjusted for loss in value due to physical deterioration or obsolescence for technical, functional and economic factors.

C. When the fair market value of a productive mining property in more than one tax area exceeds the asset value, the fair market value will be divided into two components and apportioned as follows:

- 1. Asset value that includes machinery and equipment, improvements, and land surface values will be apportioned to the tax areas where the assets are located.

- 2. The fair market value less the asset value will give an income increment of value. The income increment will be apportioned as follows:

- a) Divide the asset value by the fair market value to determine a quotient. Multiply the quotient by the income increment of value. This value will be apportioned to each tax area based on the percentage of the total asset value in that tax area.

- b) The remainder of the income increment will be apportioned to the tax areas based on the percentage of the known mineral reserves according to the mine plan.

D. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1998.

R884-24P-8. Security for Property Tax on Uranium and Vanadium Mines Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-211.

A. The security deposit allowed by Section 59-2-211 shall be requested from the mine owners or operators by giving notice in the manner required by Section 59-2-211. A list of mine owners and operators who have made lump sum security deposits with the Tax Commission will be furnished annually by the Tax Commission to any person, mill, buying station, or other legal entity receiving uranium or vanadium ore mined, produced, or received from within Utah.

B. At the option of the mine owner or operator, within 30 days after receiving proper notice from the Tax Commission, or if the mine owner or operator has not complied with the request within the 30 day period, the Tax Commission may implement the following procedure:

1. Any person, mill, buying station, or other legal entity receiving uranium or vanadium ore mined, produced, or received from within Utah shall withhold 4 percent, or any higher amount set by the Tax Commission, of the gross proceeds due to the mine operator or owner.

2. All amounts withheld shall be remitted to the Tax Commission by the last day of April, July, October, and January for the immediately preceding calendar quarter, in the manner set forth by the Tax Commission.

3. Not later than the last day of February, owners or operators of uranium and vanadium mines who have not made lump sum security deposits with the Tax Commission shall be provided with a statement from the Tax Commission showing all security deposit amounts withheld from their gross proceeds during the previous calendar year.

4. The Tax Commission shall provide the county treasurers with a list of all uranium and vanadium mine owners and operators who have had security deposit amounts withheld. The county treasurers shall then advise the Tax Commission in writing of the amount of taxes due from each mine owner or operator on the Tax Commission's list.

5. Once all county treasurers have responded, the Tax Commission shall forward to each county treasurer the taxes due, or the pro rata portion thereof, to the extent taxes have been withheld and remitted to the Tax Commission.

a. Any amount withheld in excess of the total taxes due to all counties shall be refunded to the appropriate mine owner or operator by the Tax Commission.

b. If the amount withheld is not sufficient to pay the full amount of taxes due, the county treasurers shall collect the balance of taxes directly from the mine owner or operator.

R884-24P-10. Taxation of Underground Rights in Land That Contains Deposits of Oil or Gas Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-201 and 59-2-210.

A. Definitions.

1. "Person" is as defined in Section 68-3-12.

2. "Working interest owner" means the owner of an interest in oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon substances burdened with a share of the expenses of developing and operating the property.

3. "Unit operator" means a person who operates all producing wells in a unit.

4. "Independent operator" means a person operating an oil or gas producing property not in a unit.

5. One person can, at the same time, be a unit operator, a working interest owner, and an independent operator and must comply with all requirements of this rule based upon the person's status in the respective situations.

6. "Expected annual production" means the future economic production of an oil and gas property as estimated by the Property Tax Division using decline curve analysis. Expected annual production does not include production used on the same well, lease, or unit for the purpose of repressuring or pressure maintenance.

7. "Product price" means:

a) Oil: The weighted average posted price for the calendar year preceding January 1, specific for the field in which the well is operating as designated by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The weighted average posted price is determined by weighing each individual posted price based on the number of days it was posted during the year, adjusting for gravity, transportation, escalation, or deescalation.

b) Gas:

(1) If sold under contract, the price shall be the stated price as of January 1, adjusted for escalation and deescalation.

(2) If sold on the spot market or to a direct end-user, the price shall be the average price received for the 12-month period immediately preceding January 1, adjusted for escalation and deescalation.

8. "Future net revenue" means annual revenues less costs of the working interests and royalty interest.

9. "Revenue" means expected annual gross revenue, calculated by multiplying the product price by expected annual production for the remaining economic life of the property.

10. "Costs" means expected annual allowable costs applied against revenue of cost-bearing interests:

a) Examples of allowable costs include management salaries; labor; payroll taxes and benefits; workers' compensation insurance; general insurance; taxes (excluding income and property taxes); supplies and tools; power; maintenance and repairs; office; accounting; engineering; treatment; legal fees; transportation; miscellaneous; capital expenditures; and the imputed cost of self consumed product.

b) Interest, depreciation, or any expense not directly related to the unit shall not be included as allowable costs.

11. "Production asset" means any asset located at the well site that is used to bring oil or gas products to a point of sale or transfer of ownership.

B. The discount rate shall be determined by the Property Tax Division using methods such as the weighted cost of capital method.

1. The cost of debt shall consider market yields. The cost of equity shall be determined by the capital asset pricing model, risk premium model, discounted cash flow model, a combination thereof, or any other accepted methodology.

2. The discount rate shall reflect the current yield requirements of investors purchasing similar properties, taking into consideration income, income taxes, risk, expenses, inflation, and physical and locational characteristics.

3. The discount rate shall contain the same elements as the expected income stream.

C. Assessment Procedures.

1. Underground rights in lands containing deposits of oil or gas and the related tangible property shall be assessed by the Property Tax Division in the name of the unit operator, the independent operator, or other person as the facts may warrant.

2. The taxable value of underground oil and gas rights shall be determined by discounting future net revenues to their present value as of the lien date of the assessment year and then subtracting the value of applicable exempt federal, state, and Indian royalty interests.

3. The reasonable taxable value of productive underground oil and gas rights shall be determined by the methods described in C.2. of this rule or such other valuation method that the Tax Commission believes to be reasonably determinative of the property's fair market value.

4. The value of the production assets shall be considered in the value of the oil and gas reserves as determined in C.2. above. Any other tangible property shall be separately valued at fair market value by the Property Tax Division.

5. The minimum value of the property shall be the value of the production assets.

D. Collection by Operator.

1. The unit operator may request the Property Tax Division to separately list the value of the working interest, and the value of the royalty interest on the Assessment Record. When such a request is made, the unit operator is responsible to provide the Property Tax Division with the necessary information needed to compile this list. The unit operator may make a reasonable estimate of the ad valorem tax liability for a given period and may withhold funds from amounts due to royalty. Withheld funds shall be sufficient to ensure payment of

the ad valorem tax on each fractional interest according to the estimate made.

a) If a unit operating agreement exists between the unit operator and the fractional working interest owners, the unit operator may withhold or collect the tax according to the terms of that agreement.

b) In any case, the unit operator and the fractional interest owner may make agreements or arrangements for withholding or otherwise collecting this tax. This may be done whether or not that practice is consistent with the preceding paragraphs so long as all requirements of the law are met. When a fractional interest owner has had funds withheld to cover the estimated ad valorem tax liability and the operator fails to remit such taxes to the county when due, the fractional interest owner shall be indemnified from any further ad valorem tax liability to the extent of the withholding.

c) The unit operator shall compare the amount withheld to the taxes actually due, and return any excess amount to the fractional interest owner within 60 days after the delinquent date of the tax. At the request of the fractional interest owner the excess may be retained by the unit operator and applied toward the fractional interest owner's tax liability for the subsequent year.

2. The penalty provided for in Section 59-2-210 is intended to ensure collection by the county of the entire tax due. Any unit operator who has paid this county imposed penalty, and thereafter collects from the fractional interest holders any part of their tax due, may retain those funds as reimbursement against the penalty paid.

3. Interest on delinquent taxes shall be assessed as set forth in Section 59-2-1331.

4. Each unit operator may be required to submit to the Property Tax Division a listing of all fractional interest owners and their interests upon specific request of the Property Tax Division. Working interest owners, upon request, shall be required to submit similar information to unit operators.

R884-24P-14. Valuation of Real Property Encumbered by Preservation Easements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-303.

A. The assessor shall take into consideration any preservation easements attached to historically significant real property and structures when determining the property's value.

B. After the preservation easement has been recorded with the county recorder, the property owner of record shall submit to the county assessor and the Tax Commission a notice of the preservation easement containing the following information:

1. the property owner's name;
2. the address of the property; and
3. the serial number of the property.

C. The county assessor shall review the property and incorporate any value change due to the preservation easement in the following year's assessment roll.

R884-24P-16. Assessment of Interlocal Cooperation Act Project Entity Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 11-13-302.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Utah fair market value" means the fair market value of that portion of the property of a project entity located within Utah upon which the fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax may be calculated.

(b) "Fee" means the annual fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax payable by a project entity pursuant to Section 11-13-302.

(c) "Energy supplier" means an entity that purchases any capacity, service or other benefit of a project to provide electrical service.

(d) "Exempt energy supplier" means an energy supplier

whose tangible property is exempted by Article XIII, Sec. 3 of the Constitution of Utah from the payment of ad valorem property tax.

(e) "Optimum operating capacity" means the capacity at which a project is capable of operating on a sustained basis taking into account its design, actual operating history, maintenance requirements, and similar information from comparable projects, if any. The determination of the projected and actual optimum operating capacities of a project shall recognize that projects are not normally operated on a sustained basis at 100 percent of their designed or actual capacities and that the optimum level for operating a project on a sustained basis may vary from project to project.

(f) "Property" means any electric generating facilities, transmission facilities, distribution facilities, fuel facilities, fuel transportation facilities, water facilities, land, water or other existing facilities or tangible property owned by a project entity and required for the project which, if owned by an entity required to pay ad valorem property taxes, would be subject to assessment for ad valorem tax purposes.

(g) "Sold," for the purpose of interpreting Subsection (4), means the first sale of the capacity, service, or other benefit produced by the project without regard to any subsequent sale, resale, or lay-off of that capacity, service, or other benefit.

(h) "Taxing jurisdiction" means a political subdivision of this state in which any portion of the project is located.

(i) All definitions contained in Section 11-13-103 apply to this rule.

(2) The Tax Commission shall determine the fair market value of the property of each project entity. Fair market value shall be based upon standard appraisal theory and shall be determined by correlating estimates derived from the income and cost approaches to value described below.

(a) The income approach to value requires the imputation of an income stream and a capitalization rate. The income stream may be based on recognized indicators such as average income, weighted income, trended income, present value of future income streams, performance ratios, and discounted cash flows. The imputation of income stream and capitalization rate shall be derived from the data of other similarly situated companies. Similarity shall be based on factors such as location, fuel mix, customer mix, size and bond ratings. Estimates may also be imputed from industry data generally. Income data from similarly situated companies will be adjusted to reflect differences in governmental regulatory and tax policies.

(b) The cost approach to value shall consist of the total of the property's net book value of the project's property. This total shall then be adjusted for obsolescence if any.

(c) In addition to, and not in lieu of, any adjustments for obsolescence made pursuant to Subsection (2)(b), a phase-in adjustment shall be made to the assessed valuation of any new project or expansion of an existing project on which construction commenced by a project entity after January 1, 1989 as follows:

(i) During the period the new project or expansion is valued as construction work in process, its assessed valuation shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated by dividing its projected production as of the projected date of completion of construction by its projected optimum operating capacity as of that date.

(ii) Once the new project or expansion ceases to be valued as construction work in progress, its assessed valuation shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated by dividing its actual production by its actual optimum operating capacity. After the new project or expansion has sustained actual production at its optimum operating capacity during any tax year, this percentage shall be deemed to be 100 percent for the remainder of its useful life.

(3) If portions of the property of the project entity are located in states in addition to Utah and those states do not apply a unit valuation approach to that property, the fair market value of the property allocable to Utah shall be determined by computing the cost approach to value on the basis of the net book value of the property located in Utah and imputing an estimated income stream based solely on the value of the Utah property as computed under the cost approach. The correlated value so determined shall be the Utah fair market value of the property.

(4) Before fixing and apportioning the Utah fair market value of the property to the respective taxing jurisdictions in which the property, or a portion thereof is located, the Utah fair market value of the property shall be reduced by the percentage of the capacity, service, or other benefit sold by the project entity to exempt energy suppliers.

(5) For purposes of calculating the amount of the fee payable under Section 11-13-302(3), the percentage of the project that is used to produce the capacity, service or other benefit sold shall be deemed to be 100 percent, subject to adjustments provided by this rule, from the date the project is determined to be commercially operational.

(6) In computing its tax rate pursuant to the formula specified in Section 59-2-924(2), each taxing jurisdiction in which the project property is located shall add to the amount of its budgeted property tax revenues the amount of any credit due to the project entity that year under Section 11-13-302(3), and shall divide the result by the sum of the taxable value of all property taxed, including the value of the project property apportioned to the jurisdiction, and further adjusted pursuant to the requirements of Section 59-2-924.

(7) Subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) are retroactive to the lien date of January 1, 1984. Subsection (2)(c) is effective as of the lien date of January 1, 1989. The remainder of this rule is retroactive to the lien date of January 1, 1988.

R884-24P-17. Reappraisal of Real Property by County Assessors Pursuant to Utah Constitution, Article XIII, Subsection 11, and Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-303, 59-2-302, and 59-2-704.

A. The following standards shall be followed in sequence when performing a reappraisal of all classes of locally-assessed real property within a county.

1. Conduct a preliminary survey and plan.
 - a) Compile a list of properties to be appraised by property class.
 - b) Assemble a complete current set of ownership plats.
 - c) Estimate personnel and resource requirements.
 - d) Construct a control chart to outline the process.
2. Select a computer-assisted appraisal system and have the system approved by the Property Tax Division.
3. Obtain a copy of all probable transactions from the recorder's office for the three-year period ending on the effective date of reappraisal.
4. Perform a use valuation on agricultural parcels using the most recent set of aerial photographs covering the jurisdiction.
 - a) Perform a field review of all agricultural land, dividing up the land by agricultural land class.
 - b) Transfer data from the aerial photographs to the current ownership plats, and compute acreage by class on a per parcel basis.
 - c) Enter land class information and the calculated agricultural land use value on the appraisal form.
5. Develop a land valuation guideline.
6. Perform an appraisal on improved sold properties considering the three approaches to value.
7. Develop depreciation schedules and time-location modifiers by comparing the appraised value with the sale price of sold properties.

8. Organize appraisal forms by proximity to each other and by geographical area. Insert sold property information into the appropriate batches.

9. Collect data on all nonsold properties.
 10. Develop capitalization rates and gross rent multipliers.
 11. Estimate the value of income-producing properties using the appropriate capitalization method.
 12. Input the data into the automated system and generate preliminary values.
 13. Review the preliminary figures and refine the estimate based on the applicable approaches to value.
 14. Develop an outlier analysis program to identify and correct clerical or judgment errors.
 15. Perform an assessment/sales ratio study. Include any new sale information.
 16. Make a final review based on the ratio study including an analysis of variations in ratios. Make appropriate adjustments.
 17. Calculate the final values and place them on the assessment role.
 18. Develop and publish a sold properties catalog.
 19. Establish the local Board of Equalization procedure.
 20. Prepare and file documentation of the reappraisal program with the local Board of Equalization and Property Tax Division.
- B. The Tax Commission shall provide procedural guidelines for implementing the above requirements.

R884-24P-19. Appraiser Designation Program Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-701 and 59-2-702.

- (1) "State certified general appraiser," "state certified residential appraiser," "state licensed appraiser," and trainee are as defined in Section 61-2b-2.
- (2) The ad valorem training and designation program consists of several courses and practica.
 - (a) Certain courses must be sanctioned by either the Appraiser Qualification Board of the Appraisal Foundation (AQB) or the Western States Association of Tax Administrators (WSATA).
 - (b) The courses comprising the basic designation program are:
 - (i) Course 101 - Basic Appraisal Principles;
 - (ii) Course 103 - Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (AQB);
 - (iii) Course 501 - Assessment Practice in Utah;
 - (iv) Course 502 - Mass Appraisal of Land;
 - (v) Course 503 - Development and Use of Personal Property Schedules;
 - (vi) Course 504 - Appraisal of Public Utilities and Railroads (WSATA); and
 - (vii) Course 505 - Income Approach Application.
 - (3) Candidates must attend 90 percent of the classes in each course and pass the final examination for each course with a grade of 70 percent or more to be successful.
 - (4) There are four recognized ad valorem designations: ad valorem residential appraiser, ad valorem general real property appraiser, ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser, and ad valorem centrally assessed valuation analyst.
 - (a) These designations are granted only to individuals employed in a county assessor office or the Property Tax Division, working as appraisers, review appraisers, valuation auditors, or analysts/administrators providing oversight and direction to appraisers and auditors.
 - (b) An assessor, county employee, or state employee must hold the appropriate designation to value property for ad valorem taxation purposes.
 - (5) Ad valorem residential appraiser.
 - (a) To qualify for this designation, an individual must:
 - (i) successfully complete courses 501 and 502;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive residential field practicum; and

(iii) attain and maintain state licensed or state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the appraiser may value residential, vacant, and agricultural property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(6) Ad valorem general real property appraiser.

(a) In order to qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501, 502, and 505;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive field practicum including residential and commercial properties; and

(iii) attain and maintain state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the appraiser may value all types of locally assessed real property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(7) Ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser.

(a) To qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 101, 103, 501, and 503;

and

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive auditing practicum.

(b) Upon designation, the auditor/appraiser may value locally assessed personal property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(8) Ad valorem centrally assessed valuation analyst.

(a) In order to qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501 and 504;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive valuation practicum; and

(iii) attain and maintain state licensed or state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the analyst may value centrally assessed property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(9) If a candidate fails to receive a passing grade on a final examination, two re-examinations are allowed. If the re-examinations are not successful, the individual must retake the failed course. The cost to retake the failed course will not be borne by the Tax Commission.

(10) A practicum involves the appraisal or audit of selected properties. The candidate's supervisor must formally request that the Property Tax Division administer a practicum.

(a) Emphasis is placed on those types of properties the candidate will most likely encounter on the job.

(b) The practicum will be administered by a designated appraiser assigned from the Property Tax Division.

(11) An appraiser trainee referred to in Section 59-2-701 shall be designated an ad valorem associate if the appraiser trainee:

(a) has completed all education and practicum requirements for designation under Subsections (5), (6), or (8); and

(b) has not completed the non-education requirements for licensure or certification under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification.

(12) An individual holding a specified designation can qualify for other designations by meeting the additional requirements under Subsections (5), (6), (7), or (8).

(13)(a) Maintaining designated status for individuals designated under Subsection (7) requires completion of 14 hours of Tax Commission approved classroom work every two years.

(b) Maintaining designated status for individuals designated under Subsections (5), (6), and (8) requires maintaining their appraisal license or certification under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification.

(14) Upon termination of employment from any Utah assessment jurisdiction, or if the individual no longer works

primarily as an appraiser, review appraiser, valuation auditor, or analyst/administrator in appraisal matters, designation is automatically revoked.

(a) Ad valorem designation status may be reinstated if the individual secures employment in any Utah assessment jurisdiction within four years from the prior termination.

(b) If more than four years elapse between termination and rehire, and:

(i) the individual has been employed in a closely allied field, then the individual may challenge the course examinations. Upon successfully challenging all required course examinations, the prior designation status will be reinstated; or

(ii) if the individual has not been employed in real estate valuation or a closely allied field, the individual must retake all required courses and pass the final examinations with a score of 70 percent or more.

(15) All appraisal work performed by Tax Commission designated appraisers shall meet the standards set forth in section 61-2b-27.

(16) If appropriate Tax Commission designations are not held by assessor's office personnel, the appraisal work must be contracted out to qualified private appraisers. An assessor's office may elect to contract out appraisal work to qualified private appraisers even if personnel with the appropriate designation are available in the office. If appraisal work is contracted out, the following requirements must be met:

(a) The private sector appraisers performing the contracted work must hold the state certified residential appraiser or state certified general appraiser license issued by the Division of Real Estate of the Utah Department of Commerce. Only state certified general appraisers may appraise nonresidential properties.

(b) All appraisal work shall meet the standards set forth in Section 61-2b-27.

(17) The completion and delivery of the assessment roll required under Section 59-2-311 is an administrative function of the elected assessor.

(a) There are no specific licensure, certification, or educational requirements related to this function.

(b) An elected assessor may complete and deliver the assessment roll as long as the valuations and appraisals included in the assessment roll were completed by persons having the required designations.

R884-24P-20. Construction Work in Progress Pursuant to Utah Constitution Art. XIII, Section 2 and Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-201 and 59-2-301.

A. For purposes of this rule:

1. Construction work in progress means improvements as defined in Section 59-2-102, and personal property as defined in Section 59-2-102, not functionally complete as defined in A.6.

2. Project means any undertaking involving construction, expansion or modernization.

3. "Construction" means:

a) creation of a new facility;

b) acquisition of personal property; or

c) any alteration to the real property of an existing facility other than normal repairs or maintenance.

4. Expansion means an increase in production or capacity as a result of the project.

5. Modernization means a change or contrast in character or quality resulting from the introduction of improved techniques, methods or products.

6. Functionally complete means capable of providing economic benefit to the owner through fulfillment of the purpose for which it was constructed. In the case of a cost-regulated utility, a project shall be deemed to be functionally complete when the operating property associated with the

project has been capitalized on the books and is part of the rate base of that utility.

7. Allocable preconstruction costs means expenditures associated with the planning and preparation for the construction of a project. To be classified as an allocable preconstruction cost, an expenditure must be capitalized.

8. Cost regulated utility means a power company, oil and gas pipeline company, gas distribution company or telecommunication company whose earnings are determined by a rate of return applied to rate base. Rate of return and rate base are set and approved by a state or federal regulatory commission.

9. Residential means single-family residences and duplex apartments.

10. Unit method of appraisal means valuation of the various physical components of an integrated enterprise as a single going concern. The unit method may employ one or more of the following approaches to value: the income approach, the cost approach, and the stock and debt approach.

B. All construction work in progress shall be valued at "full cash value" as described in this rule.

C. Discount Rates

For purposes of this rule, discount rates used in valuing all projects shall be determined by the Tax Commission, and shall be consistent with market, financial and economic conditions.

D. Appraisal of Allocable Preconstruction Costs.

1. If requested by the taxpayer, preconstruction costs associated with properties, other than residential properties, may be allocated to the value of the project in relation to the relative amount of total expenditures made on the project by the lien date. Allocation will be allowed only if the following conditions are satisfied by January 30 of the tax year for which the request is sought:

a) a detailed list of preconstruction cost data is supplied to the responsible agency;

b) the percent of completion of the project and the preconstruction cost data are certified by the taxpayer as to their accuracy.

2. The preconstruction costs allocated pursuant to D.1. of this rule shall be discounted using the appropriate rate determined in C. The discounted allocated value shall either be added to the values of properties other than residential properties determined under E.1. or shall be added to the values determined under the various approaches used in the unit method of valuation determined under F.

3. The preconstruction costs allocated under D. are subject to audit for four years. If adjustments are necessary after examination of the records, those adjustments will be classified as property escaping assessment.

E. Appraisal of Properties not Valued under the Unit Method.

1. The full cash value, projected upon completion, of all properties valued under this section, with the exception of residential properties, shall be reduced by the value of the allocable preconstruction costs determined D. This reduced full cash value shall be referred to as the "adjusted full cash value."

2. On or before January 1 of each tax year, each county assessor and the Tax Commission shall determine, for projects not valued by the unit method and which fall under their respective areas of appraisal responsibility, the following:

a) The full cash value of the project expected upon completion.

b) The expected date of functional completion of the project currently under construction.

(1) The expected date of functional completion shall be determined by the county assessor for locally assessed properties and by the Tax Commission for centrally-assessed properties.

c) The percent of the project completed as of the lien date.

(1) Determination of percent of completion for residential

properties shall be based on the following percentage of completion:

(a) 10 - Excavation-foundation

(b) 30 - Rough lumber, rough labor

(c) 50 - Roofing, rough plumbing, rough electrical, heating

(d) 65 - Insulation, drywall, exterior finish

(e) 75 - Finish lumber, finish labor, painting

(f) 90 - Cabinets, cabinet tops, tile, finish plumbing, finish electrical

(g) 100 - Floor covering, appliances, exterior concrete, misc.

(2) In the case of all other projects under construction and valued under this section the percent of completion shall be determined by the county assessor for locally assessed properties and by the Tax Commission for centrally-assessed properties.

3. Upon determination of the adjusted full cash value for nonresidential projects under construction or the full cash value expected upon completion of residential projects under construction, the expected date of completion, and the percent of the project completed, the assessor shall do the following:

a) multiply the percent of the residential project completed by the total full cash value of the residential project expected upon completion; or in the case of nonresidential projects,

b) multiply the percent of the nonresidential project completed by the adjusted full cash value of the nonresidential project;

c) adjust the resulting product of E.3.a) or E.3.b) for the expected time of completion using the discount rate determined under C.

F. Appraisal of Properties Valued Under the Unit Method of Appraisal.

1. No adjustments under this rule shall be made to the income indicator of value for a project under construction that is owned by a cost-regulated utility when the project is allowed in rate base.

2. The full cash value of a project under construction as of January 1 of the tax year, shall be determined by adjusting the cost and income approaches as follows:

a) Adjustments to reflect the time value of money in appraising construction work in progress valued under the cost and income approaches shall be made for each approach as follows:

(1) Each company shall report the expected completion dates and costs of the projects. A project expected to be completed during the tax year for which the valuation is being determined shall be considered completed on January 1 or July 1, whichever is closest to the expected completion date. The Tax Commission shall determine the expected completion date for any project whose completion is scheduled during a tax year subsequent to the tax year for which the valuation is being made.

(2) If requested by the company, the value of allocable preconstruction costs determined in D. shall then be subtracted from the total cost of each project. The resulting sum shall be referred to as the adjusted cost value of the project.

(3) The adjusted cost value for each of the future years prior to functional completion shall be discounted to reflect the present value of the project under construction. The discount rate shall be determined under C.

(4) The discounted adjusted cost value shall then be added to the values determined under the income approach and cost approach.

b) No adjustment will be made to reflect the time value of money for a project valued under the stock and debt approach to value.

G. This rule shall take effect for the tax year 1985.

R884-24P-24. Form for Notice of Property Valuation and

Tax Changes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-918.5 through 59-2-924.

(1) The county auditor must notify all real property owners of property valuation and tax changes on the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes form.

(a) If a county desires to use a modified version of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, a copy of the proposed modification must be submitted for approval to the Property Tax Division of the Tax Commission no later than March 1.

(i) Within 15 days of receipt, the Property Tax Division will issue a written decision, including justifications, on the use of the modified Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes.

(ii) If a county is not satisfied with the decision, it may petition for a hearing before the Tax Commission as provided in R861-1A-22.

(b) The Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, however modified, must contain the same information as the unmodified version. A property description may be included at the option of the county.

(2) The Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes must be completed by the county auditor in its entirety, except in the following circumstances:

(a) New property is created by a new legal description; or

(b) The status of the improvements on the property has changed.

(c) In instances where partial completion is allowed, the term nonapplicable will be entered in the appropriate sections of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes.

(d) If the county auditor determines that conditions other than those outlined in this section merit deletion, the auditor may enter the term "nonapplicable" in appropriate sections of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes only after receiving approval from the Property Tax Division in the manner described in Subsection (1).

(3) Real estate assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1969 must be reported at full market value, with the value based upon Farmland Assessment Act rates shown parenthetically.

(4)(a) All completion dates specified for the disclosure of property tax information must be strictly observed.

(b) Requests for deviation from the statutory completion dates must be submitted in writing on or before June 1, and receive the approval of the Property Tax Division in the manner described in Subsection (1).

(5) If the proposed rate exceeds the certified rate, jurisdictions in which the fiscal year is the calendar year are required to hold public hearings even if budget hearings have already been held for that fiscal year.

(6) If the cost of public notice required under Section 59-2-919 is greater than one percent of the property tax revenues to be received, an entity may combine its advertisement with other entities, or use direct mail notification.

(7) Calculation of the amount and percentage increase in property tax revenues required by Section 59-2-919 shall be computed by comparing property taxes levied for the current year with property taxes collected the prior year, without adjusting for revenues attributable to new growth.

(8) If a taxing district has not completed the tax rate setting process as prescribed in Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-920 by August 17, the county auditor must seek approval from the Tax Commission to use the certified rate in calculating taxes levied.

(9) The value of property subject to the uniform fee under Sections 59-2-405 through 59-2-405.3 is excluded from taxable value for purposes of calculating new growth, the certified tax rate, and the proposed tax rate.

(10) The value and taxes of property subject to the uniform fee under Sections 59-2-405 through 59-2-405.3, as well as tax increment distributions and related taxable values of

redevelopment renewal agencies, are excluded when calculating the percentage of property taxes collected as provided in Section 59-2-913.

(11) The following formulas and definitions shall be used in determining new growth:

(a) Actual new growth shall be computed as follows:

(i) the taxable value of property assessed by the commission and locally assessed real property for the current year adjusted for redevelopment minus year-end taxable value of property assessed by the commission and locally assessed real property for the previous year adjusted for redevelopment; then

(ii) plus or minus the difference between the taxable value of locally assessed personal property for the prior year adjusted for redevelopment and the year-end taxable value of locally assessed personal property for the year that is two years prior to the current year adjusted for redevelopment; then

(iii) plus or minus changes in value as a result of factoring; then

(iv) plus or minus changes in value as a result of reappraisal; then

(v) plus or minus any change in value resulting from a legislative mandate or court order.

(b) Net annexation value is the taxable value for the current year adjusted for redevelopment of all properties annexed into an entity during the previous calendar year minus the taxable value for the previous year adjusted for redevelopment for all properties annexed out of the entity during the previous calendar year.

(c) New growth is equal to zero for an entity with:

(i) an actual new growth value less than zero; and

(ii) a net annexation value greater than or equal to zero.

(d) New growth is equal to actual new growth for:

(i) an entity with an actual new growth value greater than or equal to zero; or

(ii) an entity with:

(A) an actual new growth value less than zero; and

(B) the actual new growth value is greater than or equal to the net annexation value.

(e) New growth is equal to the net annexation value for an entity with:

(i) a net annexation value less than zero; and

(ii) the actual new growth value is less than the net annexation value.

(f) Adjusted new growth equals new growth multiplied by the mean collection rate for the previous five years.

(12)(a) For purposes of determining the certified tax rate, ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted by a taxing entity for the prior year are calculated by:

(i) increasing or decreasing the adjustable taxable value from the prior year Report 697 by the average of the percentage net change in the value of taxable property for the equalization period for the three calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar year; and

(ii) multiplying the result obtained in Subsection (12)(a)(i) by:

(A) the percentage of property taxes collected for the five calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar year; and

(B) the prior year approved tax rate.

(b) If a taxing entity levied the prior year approved tax rate, the budgeted revenues determined under Subsection (12)(a) are reflected in the budgeted revenue column of the prior year Report 693.

(13) Entities required to set levies for more than one fund must compute an aggregate certified rate. The aggregate certified rate is the sum of the certified rates for individual funds for which separate levies are required by law. The aggregate certified rate computation applies where:

(a) the valuation bases for the funds are contained within

identical geographic boundaries; and

(b) the funds are under the levy and budget setting authority of the same governmental entity.

(14) For purposes of determining the certified tax rate of a municipality incorporated on or after July 1, 1996, the levy imposed for municipal-type services or general county purposes shall be the certified tax rate for municipal-type services or general county purposes, as applicable.

(15) No new entity, including a new city, may have a certified tax rate or levy a tax for any particular year unless that entity existed on the first day of that calendar year.

R884-24P-27. Standards for Assessment Level and Uniformity of Performance Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-704 and 59-2-704.5.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Coefficient of dispersion (COD)" means the average deviation of a group of assessment ratios taken around the median and expressed as a percent of that measure.

(b) "Coefficient of variation (COV)" means the standard deviation expressed as a percentage of the mean.

(c) "Division" means the Property Tax Division of the commission.

(d) "Nonparametric" means data samples that are not normally distributed.

(e) "Parametric" means data samples that are normally distributed.

(f) "Urban counties" means counties classified as first or second class counties pursuant to Section 17-50-501.

(2) The commission adopts the following standards of assessment performance.

(a) For assessment level in each property class, subclass, and geographical area in each county, the measure of central tendency shall meet one of the following measures.

(i) The measure of central tendency shall be within 10 percent of the legal level of assessment.

(ii) The 95 percent confidence interval of the measure of central tendency shall contain the legal level of assessment.

(b) For uniformity of the property assessments in each class of property for which a detailed review is conducted during the current year, the measure of dispersion shall be within the following limits.

(i) In urban counties:

(A) a COD of 15 percent or less for primary residential property, and 20 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 19 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(ii) In rural counties:

(A) a COD of 20 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 25 percent or less for primary residential property, and 31 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(iii) For a rural or small jurisdiction with limited development, or for a jurisdiction with a depressed market, the county assessor may petition the division for a five percentage point increase in the COD or COV for one year only. After sufficient examination, the division may determine that a one-year expansion of the COD or COV is appropriate.

(c) Statistical measures.

(i) The measure of central tendency shall be the mean for parametric samples and the median for nonparametric samples.

(ii) The measure of dispersion shall be the COV for parametric samples and the COD for nonparametric samples.

(iii) To achieve statistical accuracy in determining assessment level under Subsection (2)(a) and uniformity under

Subsection (2)(b) for any property class, subclass, or geographical area, the minimum sample size shall consist of 10 or more ratios.

(3) Each year the division shall conduct and publish an assessment-to-sale ratio study to determine if each county complies with the standards in Subsection (2).

(a) To meet the minimum sample size, the study period may be extended.

(b) A smaller sample size may be used if:

(i) that sample size is at least 10 percent of the class or subclass population; or

(ii) both the division and the county agree that the sample may produce statistics that imply corrective action appropriate to the class or subclass of property.

(c) If the division, after consultation with the counties, determines that the sample size does not produce reliable statistical data, an alternate performance evaluation may be conducted, which may result in corrective action. The alternate performance evaluation shall include review and analysis of the following:

(i) the county's procedures for collection and use of market data, including sales, income, rental, expense, vacancy rates, and capitalization rates;

(ii) the county-wide land, residential, and commercial valuation guidelines and their associated procedures for maintaining current market values;

(iii) the accuracy and uniformity of the county's individual property data through a field audit of randomly selected properties; and

(iv) the county's level of personnel training, ratio of appraisers to parcels, level of funding, and other workload and resource considerations.

(d) All input to the sample used to measure performance shall be completed by March 31 of each study year.

(e) The division shall conduct a preliminary annual assessment-to-sale ratio study by April 30 of the study year, allowing counties to apply adjustments to their tax roll prior to the May 22 deadline.

(f) The division shall complete the final study immediately following the closing of the tax roll on May 22.

(4) The division shall order corrective action if the results of the final study do not meet the standards set forth in Subsection (2).

(a) Assessment level adjustments, or factor orders, shall be calculated by dividing the legal level of assessment by one of the following:

(i) the measure of central tendency, if the uniformity of the ratios meets the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b); or

(ii) the 95 percent confidence interval limit nearest the legal level of assessment, if the uniformity of the ratios does not meet the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b).

(b) Uniformity adjustments or other corrective action shall be ordered if the property fails to meet the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b). (c) A corrective action order may contain language requiring a county to create, modify, or follow its five-year plan for a detailed review of property characteristics.

(d) All corrective action orders shall be issued by June 10 of the study year, or within five working days after the completion of the final study, whichever is later.

(5) The commission adopts the following procedures to insure compliance and facilitate implementation of ordered corrective action.

(a) Prior to the filing of an appeal, the division shall retain authority to correct errors and, with agreement of the affected county, issue amended orders or stipulate with the affected county to any appropriate alternative action without commission approval. Any stipulation by the division subsequent to an appeal is subject to commission approval.

(b) A county receiving a corrective action order resulting

from this rule may file and appeal with the commission pursuant to rule R861-1A-11.

(c) A corrective action order will become the final commission order if the county does not appeal in a timely manner, or does not prevail in the appeals process.

(d) The division may assist local jurisdictions to ensure implementation of any corrective action orders by the following deadlines.

(i) Factor orders shall be implemented in the current study year prior to the mailing of valuation notices.

(ii) Other corrective action shall be implemented prior to May 22 of the year following the study year.

(e) The division shall complete audits to determine compliance with corrective action orders as soon after the deadlines set forth in Subsection (5)(d) as practical. The division shall review the results of the compliance audit with the county and make any necessary adjustments to the compliance audit within 15 days of initiating the audit. These adjustments shall be limited to the analysis performed during the compliance audit and may not include review of the data used to arrive at the underlying factor order. After any adjustments, the compliance audit will then be given to the commission for any necessary action.

(f) The county shall be informed of any adjustment required as a result of the compliance audit.

R884-24P-28. Reporting Requirements For Leased or Rented Personal Property, Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-306.

A. The procedure set forth herein is required in reporting heavy equipment leased or rented during the tax year.

1. On forms or diskette provided by the Tax Commission, the owner of leased or rented heavy equipment shall file semi-annual reports with the Tax Commission for the periods January 1 through June 30, and July 1 through December 31 of each year. The reports shall contain the following information:

- a) a description of the leased or rented equipment;
- b) the year of manufacture and acquisition cost;
- c) a listing, by month, of the counties where the equipment has situs; and
- d) any other information required.

2. For purposes of this rule, situs is established when leased or rented equipment is kept in an area for thirty days. Once situs is established, any portion of thirty days during which that equipment stays in that area shall be counted as a full month of situs. In no case may situs exceed twelve months for any year.

3. The completed report shall be submitted to the Property Tax Division of the Tax Commission within thirty days after each reporting period.

- a) Noncompliance will require accelerated reporting.

R884-24P-29. Taxable Household Furnishings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1113.

A. Household furnishings, furniture, and equipment are subject to property taxation if:

1. the owner of the abode commonly receives legal consideration for its use, whether in the form of rent, exchange, or lease payments; or

2. the abode is held out as available for the rent, lease, or use by others.

R884-24P-32. Leasehold Improvements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-303.

A. The value of leasehold improvements shall be included in the value of the underlying real property and assessed to the owner of the underlying real property.

B. The combined valuation of leasehold improvements and underlying real property required in A. shall satisfy the

requirements of Section 59-2-103(1).

C. The provisions of this rule shall not apply if the underlying real property is owned by an entity exempt from tax under Section 59-2-1101.

D. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2000.

R884-24P-33. 2011 Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-301.

(1) Definitions.

(a)(i) "Acquisition cost" does not include indirect costs such as debugging, licensing fees and permits, insurance, or security.

(ii) Acquisition cost may correspond to the cost new for new property, or cost used for used property.

(b)(i) "Actual cost" includes the value of components necessary to complete the vehicle, such as tanks, mixers, special containers, passenger compartments, special axles, installation, engineering, erection, or assembly costs.

(ii) Actual cost does not include sales or excise taxes, maintenance contracts, registration and license fees, dealer charges, tire tax, freight, or shipping costs.

(c) "Cost new" means the actual cost of the property when purchased new.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the Tax Commission and assessors shall rely on the following sources to determine cost new:

(A) documented actual cost of the new or used vehicle; or

(B) recognized publications that provide a method for approximating cost new for new or used vehicles.

(ii) For the following property purchased used, the taxing authority may determine cost new by dividing the property's actual cost by the percent good factor for that class:

(A) class 6 heavy and medium duty trucks;

(B) class 13 heavy equipment;

(C) class 14 motor homes;

(D) class 17 vessels equal to or greater than 31 feet in length; and

(E) class 21 commercial trailers.

(d) For purposes of Sections 59-2-108 and 59-2-1115, "item of taxable tangible personal property" means a piece of equipment, machinery, furniture, or other piece of tangible personal property that is functioning at its highest and best use for the purpose it was designed and constructed and is generally capable of performing that function without being combined with other items of personal property. An item of taxable tangible personal property is not an individual component part of a piece of machinery or equipment, but the piece of machinery or equipment. For example, a fully functioning computer is an item of taxable tangible personal property, but the motherboard, hard drive, tower, or sound card are not.

(e) "Percent good" means an estimate of value, expressed as a percentage, based on a property's acquisition cost or cost new, adjusted for depreciation and appreciation of all kinds.

(i) The percent good factor is applied against the acquisition cost or the cost new to derive taxable value for the property.

(ii) Percent good schedules are derived from an analysis of the Internal Revenue Service Class Life, the Marshall and Swift Cost index, other data sources or research, and vehicle valuation guides such as Penton Price Digests.

(2) Each year the Property Tax Division shall update and publish percent good schedules for use in computing personal property valuation.

(a) Proposed schedules shall be transmitted to county assessors and interested parties for comment before adoption.

(b) A public comment period will be scheduled each year and a public hearing will be scheduled if requested by ten or more interested parties or at the discretion of the Commission.

(c) County assessors may deviate from the schedules when warranted by specific conditions affecting an item of personal property. When a deviation will affect an entire class or type of personal property, a written report, substantiating the changes with verifiable data, must be presented to the Commission. Alternative schedules may not be used without prior written approval of the Commission.

(d) A party may request a deviation from the value established by the schedule for a specific item of property if the use of the schedule does not result in the fair market value for the property at the retail level of trade on the lien date, including any relevant installation and assemblage value.

(3) The provisions of this rule do not apply to:

(a) a vehicle subject to the age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.1;

(b) the following personal property subject to the age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.2:

- (i) an all-terrain vehicle;
- (ii) a camper;
- (iii) an other motorcycle;
- (iv) an other trailer;
- (v) a personal watercraft;
- (vi) a small motor vehicle;
- (vii) a snowmobile;
- (viii) a street motorcycle;
- (ix) a tent trailer;
- (x) a travel trailer; and
- (xi) a vessel, including an outboard motor of the vessel, that is less than 31 feet in length and

(c) an aircraft subject to the uniform statewide fee under Section 59-2-404.

(4) Other taxable personal property that is not included in the listed classes includes:

(a) Supplies on hand as of January 1 at 12:00 noon, including office supplies, shipping supplies, maintenance supplies, replacement parts, lubricating oils, fuel and consumable items not held for sale in the ordinary course of business. Supplies are assessed at total cost, including freight-in.

(b) Equipment leased or rented from inventory is subject to ad valorem tax. Refer to the appropriate property class schedule to determine taxable value.

(c) Property held for rent or lease is taxable, and is not exempt as inventory. For entities primarily engaged in rent-to-own, inventory on hand at January 1 is exempt and property out on rent-to-own contracts is taxable.

(5) Personal property valuation schedules may not be appealed to, or amended by, county boards of equalization.

(6) All taxable personal property, other than personal property subject to an age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.1 or 59-2-405.2, or a uniform statewide fee under Section 59-2-404, is classified by expected economic life as follows:

(a) Class 1 - Short Life Property. Property in this class has a typical life of more than one year and less than four years. It is fungible in that it is difficult to determine the age of an item retired from service.

(i) Examples of property in the class include:

- (A) barricades/warning signs;
- (B) library materials;
- (C) patterns, jigs and dies;
- (D) pots, pans, and utensils;
- (E) canned computer software;
- (F) hotel linen;
- (G) wood and pallets;
- (H) video tapes, compact discs, and DVDs; and
- (I) uniforms.

(ii) With the exception of video tapes, compact discs, and DVDs, taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) A licensee of canned computer software shall use one of the following substitutes for acquisition cost of canned computer software if no acquisition cost for the canned computer software is stated:

(A) retail price of the canned computer software;

(B) if a retail price is unavailable, and the license is a nonrenewable single year license agreement, the total sum of expected payments during that 12-month period; or

(C) if the licensing agreement is a renewable agreement or is a multiple year agreement, the present value of all expected licensing fees paid pursuant to the agreement.

(iv) Video tapes, compact discs, and DVDs are valued at \$15.00 per tape or disc for the first year and \$3.00 per tape or disc thereafter.

TABLE 1

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	68%
09	38%
08 and prior	10%

(b) Class 2 - Computer Integrated Machinery.

(i) Machinery shall be classified as computer integrated machinery if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The equipment is sold as a single unit. If the invoice breaks out the computer separately from the machine, the computer must be valued as Class 12 property and the machine as Class 8 property.

(B) The machine cannot operate without the computer and the computer cannot perform functions outside the machine.

(C) The machine can perform multiple functions and is controlled by a programmable central processing unit.

(D) The total cost of the machine and computer combined is depreciated as a unit for income tax purposes.

(E) The capabilities of the machine cannot be expanded by substituting a more complex computer for the original.

(ii) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) CNC mills;
- (B) CNC lathes;
- (C) high-tech medical and dental equipment such as MRI equipment, CAT scanners, and mammography units.

(iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 2

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	86%
09	74%
08	67%
07	58%
06	49%
05	38%
04	28%
03 and prior	14%

(c) Class 3 - Short Life Trade Fixtures. Property in this class generally consists of electronic types of equipment and includes property subject to rapid functional and economic obsolescence or severe wear and tear.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) office machines;
- (B) alarm systems;
- (C) shopping carts;
- (D) ATM machines;
- (E) small equipment rentals;
- (F) rent-to-own merchandise;
- (G) telephone equipment and systems;
- (H) music systems;

- (I) vending machines;
- (J) video game machines; and
- (K) cash registers and point of sale equipment.
- (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 3

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	81%
09	63%
08	50%
07	35%
06 and prior	18%

- (d) Class 4 Short Life Expensed Property.
 - (i) Property shall be classified as short life expensed property if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (A) the property is an item of taxable tangible personal property with an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less;
 - (B) the property is the same type as the following personal property:
 - (I) short life property;
 - (II) short life trade fixtures; or
 - (III) computer hardware; and
 - (C) the owner of the property elects to have the property assessed as short life expensed property.
 - (ii) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) short life property defined in Class 1;
 - (B) short life trade fixtures defined in Class 3 ; and
 - (C) computer hardware defined in Class 12.
 - (iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 4

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	66%
09	50%
08	30%
07	15%
06	10%

- (e) Class 5 - Long Life Trade Fixtures. Class 5 property is subject to functional obsolescence in the form of style changes.
 - (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) furniture;
 - (B) bars and sinks;
 - (C) booths, tables and chairs;
 - (D) beauty and barber shop fixtures;
 - (E) cabinets and shelves;
 - (F) displays, cases and racks;
 - (G) office furniture;
 - (H) theater seats;
 - (I) water slides; and
 - (J) signs, mechanical and electrical.
 - (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 5

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	87%
09	76%
08	70%
07	62%
06	55%
05	46%
04	37%
03	25%

02 and prior 13%

- (f) Class 6 - Heavy and Medium Duty Trucks.
 - (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) heavy duty trucks;
 - (B) medium duty trucks;
 - (C) crane trucks;
 - (D) concrete pump trucks; and
 - (E) trucks with well-boring rigs.
 - (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new.
 - (iii) Cost new of vehicles in this class is defined as follows:
 - (A) the documented actual cost of the vehicle for new vehicles; or
 - (B) 75 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price.
 - (iv) For state assessed vehicles, cost new shall include the value of attached equipment.
 - (v) The 2011 percent good applies to 2011 models purchased in 2010.
 - (vi) Trucks weighing two tons or more have a residual taxable value of \$1,750.

TABLE 6

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
11	90%
10	75%
09	69%
08	63%
07	57%
06	52%
05	46%
04	40%
03	34%
02	28%
01	23%
00	17%
99	11%
98 and prior	5%

- (g) Class 7 - Medical and Dental Equipment. Class 7 property is subject to a high degree of technological development by the health industry.
 - (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) medical and dental equipment and instruments;
 - (B) exam tables and chairs;
 - (C) microscopes; and
 - (D) optical equipment.
 - (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 7

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	89%
09	79%
08	75%
07	69%
06	64%
05	58%
04	52%
03	42%
02	32%
01	21%
00 and prior	11%

- (h) Class 8 - Machinery and Equipment. Property in this class is subject to considerable functional and economic obsolescence created by competition as technologically advanced and more efficient equipment becomes available.
 - (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) manufacturing machinery;
 - (B) amusement rides;

- (C) bakery equipment;
- (D) distillery equipment;
- (E) refrigeration equipment;
- (F) laundry and dry cleaning equipment;
- (G) machine shop equipment;
- (H) processing equipment;
- (I) auto service and repair equipment;
- (J) mining equipment;
- (K) ski lift machinery;
- (L) printing equipment;
- (M) bottling or cannery equipment;
- (N) packaging equipment; and
- (O) pollution control equipment.

10	91%
09	82%
08	80%
07	76%
06	74%
05	69%
04	66%
03	59%
02	51%
01	43%
00	35%
99	26%
98	18%
97 and prior	9%

(ii) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(g)(iii), taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(g)(ii), the taxable value of the following oil refinery pollution control equipment required by the federal Clean Air Act shall be calculated pursuant to Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(B):

- (I) VGO (Vacuum Gas Oil) reactor;
- (II) HDS (Diesel Hydrotreater) reactor;
- (III) VGO compressor;
- (IV) VGO furnace;
- (V) VGO and HDS high pressure exchangers;
- (VI) VGO, SRU (Sulfur Recovery Unit), SWS (Sour Water Stripper), and TGU; (Tail Gas Unit) low pressure exchangers;
- (VII) VGO, amine, SWS, and HDS separators and drums;
- (VIII) VGO and tank pumps;
- (IX) TGU modules; and
- (X) VGO tank and air coolers.

(B) The taxable value of the oil refinery pollution control equipment described in Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(A) shall be calculated by:

- (I) applying the percent good factor in Table 8 against the acquisition cost of the property; and
- (II) multiplying the product described in Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(B)(I) by 50%.

TABLE 8

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	89%
09	79%
08	75%
07	69%
06	64%
05	58%
04	52%
03	42%
02	32%
01	21%
00 and prior	11%

(i) Class 9 - Off-Highway Vehicles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects off-highway vehicles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(j) Class 10 - Railroad Cars. The Class 10 schedule was developed to value the property of railroad car companies. Functional and economic obsolescence is recognized in the developing technology of the shipping industry. Heavy wear and tear is also a factor in valuing this class of property.

(i) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 10

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
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(k) Class 11 - Street Motorcycles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects street motorcycles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(l) Class 12 - Computer Hardware.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) data processing equipment;
- (B) personal computers;
- (C) main frame computers;
- (D) computer equipment peripherals;
- (E) cad/cam systems; and
- (F) copiers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 12

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	62%
09	46%
08	21%
07	9%
06 and prior	7%

(m) Class 13 - Heavy Equipment.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) construction equipment;
- (B) excavation equipment;
- (C) loaders;
- (D) batch plants;
- (E) snow cats; and
- (F) pavement sweepers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) 2011 model equipment purchased in 2010 is valued at 100 percent of acquisition cost.

TABLE 13

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	53%
09	50%
08	47%
07	43%
06	40%
05	37%
04	34%
03	31%
02	28%
01	25%
00	22%
99	18%
98	15%
97 and prior	12%

(n) Class 14 - Motor Homes.

(i) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good against the cost new.

(ii) The 2011 percent good applies to 2011 models purchased in 2010.

(iii) Motor homes have a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 14

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
11	90%
10	66%
09	62%
08	59%
07	55%
06	52%
05	48%
04	45%
03	41%
02	38%
01	34%
00	31%
99	27%
98	24%
97	20%
96	17%
95 and prior	13%

(o) Class 15 - Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment. Class 15 applies only to equipment used in the production of semiconductor products. Equipment used in the semiconductor manufacturing industry is subject to significant economic and functional obsolescence due to rapidly changing technology and economic conditions.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) crystal growing equipment;
- (B) die assembly equipment;
- (C) wire bonding equipment;
- (D) encapsulation equipment;
- (E) semiconductor test equipment;
- (F) clean room equipment;
- (G) chemical and gas systems related to semiconductor manufacturing;
- (H) deionized water systems;
- (I) electrical systems; and
- (J) photo mask and wafer manufacturing dedicated to semiconductor production.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 15

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	47%
09	34%
08	24%
07	15%
06 and prior	6%

(p) Class 16 - Long-Life Property. Class 16 property has a long physical life with little obsolescence.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) billboards;
- (B) sign towers;
- (C) radio towers;
- (D) ski lift and tram towers;
- (E) non-farm grain elevators; and
- (F) bulk storage tanks.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 16

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	92%
09	86%
08	85%
07	84%

06	83%
05	82%
04	81%
03	76%
02	71%
01	64%
00	59%
99	53%
98	46%
97	40%
96	34%
95	28%
94	22%
93	15%
92 and prior	8%

(q) Class 17 - Vessels Equal to or Greater Than 31 Feet in Length.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) houseboats equal to or greater than 31 feet in length;
- (B) sailboats equal to or greater than 31 feet in length; and
- (C) yachts equal to or greater than 31 feet in length.

(ii) A vessel, including an outboard motor of the vessel, under 31 feet in length:

- (A) is not included in Class 17;
- (B) may not be valued using Table 17; and
- (C) is subject to an age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.2.

(iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new of the property.

(iv) The Tax Commission and assessors shall rely on the following sources to determine cost new for property in this class:

- (A) the following publications or valuation methods:
 - (I) the manufacturer's suggested retail price listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book;
 - (II) for property not listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book but listed in the NADA Marine Appraisal Guide, the NADA average value for the property divided by the percent good factor; or
 - (III) for property not listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book or the NADA Appraisal Guide:

(aa) the manufacturer's suggested retail price for comparable property; or

(bb) the cost new established for that property by a documented valuation source; or

(B) the documented actual cost of new or used property in this class.

(v) The 2011 percent good applies to 2011 models purchased in 2010.

(vi) Property in this class has a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 17

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
11	90%
10	61%
09	58%
08	56%
07	53%
06	51%
05	48%
04	46%
03	43%
02	41%
01	38%
00	36%
99	33%
98	31%
97	28%
96	26%
95	23%
94	21%
93	18%
92	16%
91	13%

90 and prior 11%

(r) Class 17a - Vessels Less Than 31 Feet in Length

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects vessels less than 31 feet in length to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(s) Class 18 - Travel Trailers and Class 18a - Tent Trailers/Truck Campers.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects travel trailers and tent trailers/truck campers to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(t) Class 20 - Petroleum and Natural Gas Exploration and Production Equipment. Class 20 property is subject to significant functional and economic obsolescence due to the volatile nature of the petroleum industry.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) oil and gas exploration equipment;
- (B) distillation equipment;
- (C) wellhead assemblies;
- (D) holding and storage facilities;
- (E) drill rigs;
- (F) reinjection equipment;
- (G) metering devices;
- (H) cracking equipment;
- (I) well-site generators, transformers, and power lines;
- (J) equipment sheds;
- (K) pumps;
- (L) radio telemetry units; and
- (M) support and control equipment.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 20

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	90%
09	81%
08	80%
07	75%
06	73%
05	69%
04	65%
03	57%
02	48%
01	39%
00	30%
99	20%
98 and prior	11%

(u) Class 21 - Commercial Trailers.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) dry freight van trailers;
- (B) refrigerated van trailers;
- (C) flat bed trailers;
- (D) dump trailers;
- (E) livestock trailers; and
- (F) tank trailers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new of the property. For state assessed vehicles, cost new shall include the value of attached equipment.

(iii) The 2011 percent good applies to 2011 models purchased in 2010.

(iv) Commercial trailers have a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 21

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
11	95%
10	83%
09	79%

08	74%
07	70%
06	65%
05	60%
04	56%
03	51%
02	46%
01	42%
00	37%
99	33%
98	28%
97	23%
96	19%
95 and prior	14%

(v) Class 21a - Other Trailers (Non-Commercial).

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects this class of trailers to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(w) Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans.

(i) Class 22 vehicles fall within four subcategories: domestic passenger cars, foreign passenger cars, light trucks, including utility vehicles, and vans.

(ii) Because Section 59-2-405.1 subjects Class 22 property to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(x) Class 22a - Small Motor Vehicles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects small motor vehicles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(y) Class 23 - Aircraft Required to be Registered With the State.

(i) Because Section 59-2-404 subjects aircraft required to be registered with the state to a statewide uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(z) Class 24 - Leasehold Improvements on Exempt Real Property.

(i) The Class 24 schedule is to be used only for those leasehold improvements where the underlying real property is owned by an entity exempt from property tax under Section 59-2-1101. See Tax Commission rule R884-24P-32. Leasehold improvements include:

- (A) walls and partitions;
- (B) plumbing and roughed-in fixtures;
- (C) floor coverings other than carpet;
- (D) store fronts;
- (E) decoration;
- (F) wiring;
- (G) suspended or acoustical ceilings;
- (H) heating and cooling systems; and
- (I) iron or millwork trim.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost of acquisition, including installation.

(iii) The Class 3 schedule is used to value short life leasehold improvements.

TABLE 24

Year of Installation	Percent of Installation Cost
10	94%
09	88%
08	82%
07	77%
06	71%
05	65%
04	59%
03	54%
02	48%
01	42%
00	36%
99 and prior	30%

(aa) Class 25 - Aircraft Parts Manufacturing Tools and

Dies. Property in this class is generally subject to rapid physical, functional, and economic obsolescence due to rapid technological and economic shifts in the airline parts manufacturing industry. Heavy wear and tear is also a factor in valuing this class of property.

- (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) aircraft parts manufacturing jigs and dies;
 - (B) aircraft parts manufacturing molds;
 - (C) aircraft parts manufacturing patterns;
 - (D) aircraft parts manufacturing taps and gauges;
 - (E) aircraft parts manufacturing test equipment; and
 - (F) aircraft parts manufacturing fixtures.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 25

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	81%
09	63%
08	51%
07	36%
06	20%
05 and prior	4%

(bb) Class 26 - Personal Watercraft.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects personal watercraft to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(cc) Class 27 - Electrical Power Generating Equipment and Fixtures

- (i) Examples of property in this class include:
 - (A) electrical power generators; and
 - (B) control equipment.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 27

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
10	97%
09	95%
08	92%
07	90%
06	87%
05	84%
04	82%
03	79%
02	77%
01	74%
00	71%
99	69%
98	66%
97	64%
96	61%
95	58%
94	56%
93	53%
92	51%
91	48%
90	45%
89	43%
88	40%
87	38%
86	35%
85	32%
84	30%
83	27%
82	25%
81	22%
80	19%
79	17%
78	14%
77	12%
76 and prior	9%

The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and

become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2011.

R884-24P-34. Use of Sales or Appraisal Information Gathered in Conjunction With Assessment/Sales Ratio Studies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-704.

A. Market data gathered for purposes of an assessment/sales ratio study may be used for valuation purposes only as part of a systematic reappraisal program whereby all similar properties are given equitable and uniform treatment.

B. Sales or appraisal data gathered in conjunction with a ratio study shall not be used for an isolated reappraisal of the sold or appraised properties.

C. Information derived from ratio studies regarding the values assigned to real property and personal property shall not be used to establish the apportionment between real and personal property in future assessments.

R884-24P-35. Annual Statement for Certain Exempt Uses of Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1102.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to provide guidance to property owners required to file an annual statement under Section 59-2-1102 in order to claim a property tax exemption under Subsection 59-2-1101(3)(a)(iv) or (v).

(2) The annual statement filed pursuant to Section 59-2-1102 shall contain the following information for the specific property for which an exemption is sought:

- (a) the owner of record of the property;
- (b) the property parcel, account, or serial number;
- (c) the location of the property;
- (d) the tax year in which the exemption was originally granted;
- (e) a description of any change in the use of the real or personal property since January 1 of the prior year;
- (f) the name and address of any person or organization conducting a business for profit on the property;
- (g) the name and address of any organization that uses the real or personal property and pays a fee for that use that is greater than the cost of maintenance and utilities associated with the property;
- (h) a description of any personal property leased by the owner of record for which an exemption is claimed;
- (i) the name and address of the lessor of property described in Subsection (2)(h);
- (j) the signature of the owner of record or the owner's authorized representative; and
- (k) any other information the county may require.

(3) The annual statement shall be filed:

- (a) with the county legislative body in the county in which the property is located;
- (b) on or before March 1; and
- (c) using:
 - (i) Tax Commission form PT-21, Annual Statement for Continued Property Tax Exemption; or
 - (ii) a form that contains the information required under Subsection (2).

R884-24P-36. Contents of Real Property Tax Notice Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1317.

A. In addition to the information required by Section 59-2-1317, the tax notice for real property shall specify the following:

- 1. the property identification number;
- 2. the appraised value of the property and, if applicable, any adjustment for residential exemptions expressed in terms of taxable value;
- 3. if applicable, tax relief for taxpayers eligible for blind, veteran, or poor abatement or the circuit breaker, which shall be shown as credits to total taxes levied; and
- 4. itemized tax rate information for each taxing entity and total tax rate.

R884-24P-37. Separate Values of Land and Improvements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-301 and 59-2-305.

A. The county assessor shall maintain an appraisal record of all real property subject to assessment by the county. The record shall include the following information:

1. owner of the property;
2. property identification number;
3. description and location of the property; and
4. full market value of the property.

B. Real property appraisal records shall show separately the value of the land and the value of any improvements.

R884-24P-38. Nonoperating Railroad Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

(1)(a) "Railroad right of way" (RR-ROW) means a strip of land upon which a railroad company constructs the road bed.

(b) RR-ROW within incorporated towns and cities shall consist of 50 feet on each side of the main line main track, branch line main track or main spur track. Variations to the 50-foot standard shall be approved on an individual basis.

(c) RR-ROW outside incorporated towns and cities shall consist of the actual right-of-way owned if not in excess of 100 feet on each side of the center line of the main line main track, branch line main track, or main spur track. In cases where unusual conditions exist, such as mountain cuts, fills, etc., and more than 100 feet on either side of the main track is required for ROW and where small parcels of land are otherwise required for ROW purposes, the necessary additional area shall be reported as RR-ROW.

(2) Assessment of nonoperating railroad properties. Railroad property formerly assessed by the unitary method that has been determined to be nonoperating, and that is not necessary to the conduct of the business, shall be assessed separately by the local county assessor.

(3) Assessment procedures.

(a) Properties charged to nonoperating accounts are reviewed by the Property Tax Division, and if taxable, are assessed and placed on the local county assessment rolls separately from the operating properties.

(b) RR-ROW is considered operating and necessary to the conduct and contributing to the income of the business. Any revenue derived from leasing of property within the RR-ROW is considered railroad operating revenues.

(c) Real property outside of the RR-ROW that is necessary to the conduct of the railroad operation is considered part of the unitary value. Some examples are:

(i) company homes occupied by superintendents and other employees on 24-hour call;

(ii) storage facilities for railroad operations;

(iii) communication facilities; and

(iv) spur tracks outside of RR-ROW.

(d) Abandoned RR-ROW is considered nonoperating and shall be reported as such by the railroad companies.

(e) Real property outside of the RR-ROW that is not necessary to the conduct of the railroad operations is classified as nonoperating and therefore assessed by the local county assessor. Some examples are:

(i) land leased to service station operations;

(ii) grocery stores;

(iii) apartments;

(iv) residences; and

(v) agricultural uses.

(f) RR-ROW obtained by government grant or act of Congress is deemed operating property.

(4) Notice of Determination. It is the responsibility of the Property Tax Division to provide a notice of determination to the owner of the railroad property and the assessor of the county where the railroad property is located immediately after such determination of operating or nonoperating status has been

made. If there is no appeal to the notice of determination, the Property Tax Division shall notify the assessor of the county where the property is located so that the property may be placed on the roll for local assessment.

(5) Appeals. Any interested party who wishes to contest the determination of operating or nonoperating property may do so by filing a request for agency action within ten days of the notice of determination of operating or nonoperating properties. Request for agency action may be made pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 4.

R884-24P-40. Exemption of Parsonages, Rectories, Monasteries, Homes and Residences Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 59-2-1101(d) and Article XIII, Section 2 of the Utah Constitution.

A. Parsonages, rectories, monasteries, homes and residences if used exclusively for religious purposes, are exempt from property taxes if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. The land and building are owned by a religious organization which has qualified with the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) organization and which organization continues to meet the requirements of that section.

2. The building is occupied only by persons whose full time efforts are devoted to the religious organization and the immediate families of such persons.

3. The religious organization, and not the individuals who occupy the premises, pay all payments, utilities, insurance, repairs, and all other costs and expenses related to the care and maintenance of the premises and facilities.

B. The exemption for one person and the family of such person is limited to the real estate that is reasonable for the residence of the family and which remains actively devoted exclusively to the religious purposes. The exemption for more than one person, such as a monastery, is limited to that amount of real estate actually devoted exclusively to religious purposes.

C. Vacant land which is not actively used by the religious organization, is not deemed to be devoted exclusively to religious purposes, and is therefore not exempt from property taxes.

1. Vacant land which is held for future development or utilization by the religious organization is not deemed to be devoted exclusively to religious purposes and therefore not tax exempt.

2. Vacant land is tax exempt after construction commences or a building permit is issued for construction of a structure or other improvements used exclusively for religious purposes.

R884-24P-41. Adjustment or Deferral of Property Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347.

A. Requested adjustments to taxes for past years may not be made under Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 if the requested adjustment is based only on property valuation.

B. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 applies only to taxes levied but unpaid and may not serve as the basis for refunding taxes already paid.

C. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 may only be applied to taxes levied for the five most recent tax years except where taxes levied remain unpaid as a result of administrative action or litigation.

R884-24P-42. Farmland Assessment Audits and Personal Property Audits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 59-2-508(2), and Section 59-2-705.

A. The Tax Commission is responsible for auditing the administration of the Farmland Assessment Act to verify proper listing and classification of all properties assessed under the act. The Tax Commission also conducts routine audits of personal property accounts.

1. If an audit reveals an incorrect assignment of property, or an increase or decrease in value, the county assessor shall correct the assessment on the assessment roll and the tax roll.

2. A revised assessment notice or tax notice or both shall be mailed to the taxpayer for the current year and any previous years affected.

3. The appropriate tax rate for each year shall be applied when computing taxes due for previous years.

B. Assessors shall not alter results of an audit without first submitting the changes to the Tax commission for review and approval.

C. The Tax Commission shall review assessor compliance with this rule. Noncompliance may result in an order for corrective action.

R884-24P-44. Farm Machinery and Equipment Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102 and 59-2-1101.

A. The use of the machinery and equipment, whether by the claimant or a lessee, shall determine the exemption.

1. For purposes of this rule, the term owner includes a purchaser under an installment purchase contract or capitalized lease where ownership passes to the purchaser at the end of the contract without the exercise of an option on behalf of the purchaser or seller.

B. Farm machinery and equipment is used primarily for agricultural purposes if it is used primarily for the production or harvesting of agricultural products.

C. The following machinery and equipment is used primarily for the production or harvesting of agricultural products:

1. Machinery and equipment used on the farm for storage, cooling, or freezing of fruits or vegetables;

2. Except as provided in C.3., machinery and equipment used in fruit or vegetable growing operations if the machinery and equipment does not physically alter the fruit or vegetables; and

3. Machinery and equipment that physically alters the form of fruits or vegetables if the operations performed by the machinery or equipment are reasonable and necessary in the preparation of the fruit or vegetables for wholesale marketing.

D. Machinery and equipment used for processing of agricultural products are not exempt.

R884-24P-49. Calculating the Utah Apportioned Value of a Rail Car Fleet Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

A. Definitions.

1. "Average market value per rail car" means the fleet rail car market value divided by the number of rail cars in the fleet.

2. "Fleet rail car market value" means the sum of:

a)(1) the yearly acquisition costs of the fleet's rail cars;

(2) multiplied by the appropriate percent good factors contained in Class 10 of R884-24P- 33, Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules; and

b) the sum of betterments by year.

(1) Except as provided in A.2.b)(2), the sum of betterments by year shall be depreciated on a 14-year straight line method.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of A.2.b)(1), betterments shall have a residual value of two percent.

3. "In-service rail cars" means the number of rail cars in the fleet, adjusted for out-of- service rail cars.

4. a) "Out-of-service rail cars" means rail cars:

(1) out-of-service for a period of more than ten consecutive hours; or

(2) in storage.

b) Rail cars cease to be out-of-service once repaired or removed from storage.

c) Out-of-service rail cars do not include rail cars idled for

less than ten consecutive hours due to light repairs or routine maintenance.

5. "System car miles" means both loaded and empty miles accumulated in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico during the prior calendar year by all rail cars in the fleet.

6. "Utah car miles" mean both loaded and empty miles accumulated within Utah during the prior calendar year by all rail cars in the fleet.

7. "Utah percent of system factor" means the Utah car miles divided by the system car miles.

B. The provisions of this rule apply only to private rail car companies.

C. To receive an adjustment for out-of-service rail cars, the rail car company must report the number of out-of-service days to the commission for each of the company's rail car fleets.

D. The out-of-service adjustment is calculated as follows.

1. Divide the out-of-service days by 365 to obtain the out-of-service rail car equivalent.

2. Subtract the out-of-service rail car equivalent calculated in D.1. from the number of rail cars in the fleet.

E. The taxable value for each rail car fleet apportioned to Utah, for which the Utah percent of system factor is more than 50 percent, shall be determined by multiplying the Utah percent of system factor by the fleet rail car market value.

F. The taxable value for each rail car company apportioned to Utah, for which the Utah percent of system factor is less than or equal to 50 percent, shall be determined in the following manner.

1. Calculate the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the Utah percent of system factor. The steps for this calculation are as follows.

a) Multiply the Utah percent of system factor by the in-service rail cars in the fleet.

b) Multiply the product obtained in F.1.a) by 50 percent.

2. Calculate the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the time speed factor. The steps for this calculation are as follows.

a) Divide the fleet's Utah car miles by the average rail car miles traveled in Utah per year. The Commission has determined that the average rail car miles traveled in Utah per year shall equal 200,000 miles.

b) Multiply the quotient obtained in F.2.a) by the percent of in-service rail cars in the fleet.

c) Multiply the product obtained in F.2.b) by 50 percent.

3. Add the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the Utah percent of system factor, calculated in F.1.b), and the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the time speed factor, calculated in F.2.c), and multiply that sum by the average market value per rail car.

R884-24P-50. Apportioning the Utah Proportion of Commercial Aircraft Valuations Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

A. Definitions.

1. "Commercial air carrier" means any air charter service, air contract service or airline as defined by Section 59-2-102.

2. "Ground time" means the time period beginning at the time an aircraft lands and ending at the time an aircraft takes off.

B. The commission shall apportion to a tax area the assessment of the mobile flight equipment owned by a commercial air carrier in the proportion that the ground time in the tax area bears to the total ground time in the state.

C. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning with the 1999 calendar year.

R884-24P-52. Criteria for Determining Primary Residence Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102, 59-2-103, and 59-2-103.5.

- (1) "Household" is as defined in Section 59-2-102.
- (2) "Primary residence" means the location where domicile has been established.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsections (4) and (6)(c) and (f), the residential exemption provided under Section 59-2-103 is limited to one primary residence per household.
- (4) An owner of multiple properties may receive the residential exemption on all properties for which the property is the primary residence of the tenant.
- (5) Factors or objective evidence determinative of domicile include:
 - (a) whether or not the individual voted in the place he claims to be domiciled;
 - (b) the length of any continuous residency in the location claimed as domicile;
 - (c) the nature and quality of the living accommodations that an individual has in the location claimed as domicile as opposed to any other location;
 - (d) the presence of family members in a given location;
 - (e) the place of residency of the individual's spouse or the state of any divorce of the individual and his spouse;
 - (f) the physical location of the individual's place of business or sources of income;
 - (g) the use of local bank facilities or foreign bank institutions;
 - (h) the location of registration of vehicles, boats, and RVs;
 - (i) membership in clubs, churches, and other social organizations;
 - (j) the addresses used by the individual on such things as:
 - (i) telephone listings;
 - (ii) mail;
 - (iii) state and federal tax returns;
 - (iv) listings in official government publications or other correspondence;
 - (v) driver's license;
 - (vi) voter registration; and
 - (vii) tax rolls;
 - (k) location of public schools attended by the individual or the individual's dependents;
 - (l) the nature and payment of taxes in other states;
 - (m) declarations of the individual:
 - (i) communicated to third parties;
 - (ii) contained in deeds;
 - (iii) contained in insurance policies;
 - (iv) contained in wills;
 - (v) contained in letters;
 - (vi) contained in registers;
 - (vii) contained in mortgages; and
 - (viii) contained in leases.
 - (n) the exercise of civil or political rights in a given location;
 - (o) any failure to obtain permits and licenses normally required of a resident;
 - (p) the purchase of a burial plot in a particular location;
 - (q) the acquisition of a new residence in a different location.
- (6) Administration of the Residential Exemption.
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsections (6)(b), (d), and (e), the first one acre of land per residential unit shall receive the residential exemption.
 - (b) If a parcel has high density multiple residential units, such as an apartment complex or a mobile home park, the amount of land, up to the first one acre per residential unit, eligible to receive the residential exemption shall be determined by the use of the land. Land actively used for residential purposes qualifies for the exemption.
 - (c) If the county assessor determines that a property under construction will qualify as a primary residence upon completion, the property shall qualify for the residential

exemption while under construction.

(d) A property assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act shall receive the residential exemption only for the homesite.

(e) A property with multiple uses, such as residential and commercial, shall receive the residential exemption only for the percentage of the property that is used as a primary residence.

(f) If the county assessor determines that an unoccupied property will qualify as a primary residence when it is occupied, the property shall qualify for the residential exemption while unoccupied.

(g)(i) An application for the residential exemption required by an ordinance enacted under Section 59-2-103.5 shall contain the following information for the specific property for which the exemption is requested:

- (A) the owner of record of the property;
- (B) the property parcel number;
- (C) the location of the property;
- (D) the basis of the owner's knowledge of the use of the property;
- (E) a description of the use of the property;
- (F) evidence of the domicile of the inhabitants of the property; and
- (G) the signature of all owners of the property certifying that the property is residential property.
- (ii) The application under Subsection (6)(g)(i) shall be:
 - (A) on a form provided by the county; or
 - (B) in a writing that contains all of the information listed in Subsection (6)(g)(i).

R884-24P-53. 2011 Valuation Guides for Valuation of Land Subject to the Farmland Assessment Act Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-515.

(1) Each year the Property Tax Division shall update and publish schedules to determine the taxable value for land subject to the Farmland Assessment Act on a per acre basis.

(a) The schedules shall be based on the productivity of the various types of agricultural land as determined through crop budgets and net rents.

(b) Proposed schedules shall be transmitted by the Property Tax Division to county assessors for comment before adoption.

(c) County assessors may not deviate from the schedules.

(d) Not all types of agricultural land exist in every county. If no taxable value is shown for a particular county in one of the tables, that classification of agricultural land does not exist in that county.

(2) All property qualifying for agricultural use assessment pursuant to Section 59-2-503 shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:

(a) Irrigated farmland shall be assessed under the following classifications.

(i) Irrigated I. The following counties shall assess Irrigated I property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 1
Irrigated I

1)	Box Elder	840
2)	Cache	730
3)	Carbon	545
4)	Davis	880
5)	Emery	525
6)	Iron	840
7)	Kane	440
8)	Millard	830
9)	Salt Lake	730
10)	Utah	770
11)	Washington	690
12)	Weber	835

(ii) Irrigated II. The following counties shall assess Irrigated II property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 2
Irrigated II

1) Box Elder	738
2) Cache	623
3) Carbon	433
4) Davis	773
5) Duchesne	508
6) Emery	423
7) Grand	407
8) Iron	738
9) Juab	458
10) Kane	338
11) Millard	728
12) Salt Lake	628
13) Sanpete	563
14) Sevier	588
15) Summit	488
16) Tooele	472
17) Utah	668
18) Wasatch	513
19) Washington	588
20) Weber	733

(iii) Irrigated III. The following counties shall assess Irrigated III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 3
Irrigated III

1) Beaver	596
2) Box Elder	581
3) Cache	471
4) Carbon	287
5) Davis	622
6) Duchesne	357
7) Emery	267
8) Garfield	222
9) Grand	256
10) Iron	587
11) Juab	307
12) Kane	187
13) Millard	577
14) Morgan	406
15) Piute	351
16) Rich	187
17) Salt Lake	477
18) San Juan	182
19) Sanpete	412
20) Sevier	437
21) Summit	332
22) Tooele	316
23) Uintah	386
24) Utah	511
25) Wasatch	356
26) Washington	432
27) Wayne	347
28) Weber	582

(iv) Irrigated IV. The following counties shall assess Irrigated IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 4
Irrigated IV

1) Beaver	490
2) Box Elder	480
3) Cache	365
4) Carbon	185
5) Daggett	205
6) Davis	520
7) Duchesne	250
8) Emery	165
9) Garfield	120
10) Grand	155
11) Iron	480
12) Juab	205
13) Kane	85
14) Millard	470
15) Morgan	300
16) Piute	245
17) Rich	87
18) Salt Lake	370
19) San Juan	82
20) Sanpete	310

21) Sevier	335
22) Summit	230
23) Tooele	215
24) Uintah	285
25) Utah	410
26) Wasatch	255
27) Washington	325
28) Wayne	245
29) Weber	475

(b) Fruit orchards shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 5
Fruit Orchards

1) Beaver	620
2) Box Elder	675
3) Cache	620
4) Carbon	620
5) Davis	678
6) Duchesne	620
7) Emery	620
8) Garfield	620
9) Grand	620
10) Iron	620
11) Juab	620
12) Kane	620
13) Millard	620
14) Morgan	620
15) Piute	620
16) Salt Lake	623
17) San Juan	620
18) Sanpete	620
19) Sevier	620
20) Summit	620
21) Tooele	620
22) Uintah	620
23) Utah	685
24) Wasatch	620
25) Washington	743
26) Wayne	620
27) Weber	673

(c) Meadow IV property shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 6
Meadow IV

1) Beaver	245
2) Box Elder	260
3) Cache	270
4) Carbon	130
5) Daggett	160
6) Davis	270
7) Duchesne	165
8) Emery	140
9) Garfield	105
10) Grand	135
11) Iron	262
12) Juab	150
13) Kane	110
14) Millard	195
15) Morgan	197
16) Piute	192
17) Rich	107
18) Salt Lake	225
19) Sanpete	195
20) Sevier	200
21) Summit	205
22) Tooele	187
23) Uintah	207
24) Utah	250
25) Wasatch	210
26) Washington	230
27) Wayne	175
28) Weber	305

(d) Dry land shall be classified as one of the following two categories and shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:

(i) Dry III. The following counties shall assess Dry III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 7
Dry III

1) Beaver	55
2) Box Elder	97
3) Cache	125
4) Carbon	52
5) Davis	53
6) Duchesne	57
7) Garfield	52
8) Grand	52
9) Iron	52
10) Juab	52
11) Kane	52
12) Millard	50
13) Morgan	68
14) Rich	52
15) Salt Lake	55
16) San Juan	55
17) Sanpete	57
18) Summit	52
19) Tooele	55
20) Uintah	57
21) Utah	52
22) Wasatch	52
23) Washington	52
24) Weber	82

23) Tooele	72
24) Uintah	82
25) Utah	65
26) Wasatch	54
27) Washington	67
28) Wayne	90
29) Weber	70

(ii) Graze II. The following counties shall assess Graze II property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 10
GR II

1) Beaver	23
2) Box Elder	23
3) Cache	23
4) Carbon	16
5) Daggett	15
6) Davis	19
7) Duchesne	23
8) Emery	22
9) Garfield	24
10) Grand	23
11) Iron	23
12) Juab	19
13) Kane	25
14) Millard	25
15) Morgan	22
16) Piute	28
17) Rich	21
18) Salt Lake	21
19) San Juan	24
20) Sanpete	20
21) Sevier	20
22) Summit	22
23) Tooele	22
24) Uintah	29
25) Utah	23
26) Wasatch	18
27) Washington	22
28) Wayne	29
29) Weber	21

(ii) Dry IV. The following counties shall assess Dry IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 8
Dry IV

1) Beaver	17
2) Box Elder	61
3) Cache	87
4) Carbon	16
5) Davis	16
6) Duchesne	21
7) Garfield	16
8) Grand	16
9) Iron	16
10) Juab	16
11) Kane	16
12) Millard	15
13) Morgan	31
14) Rich	16
15) Salt Lake	16
16) San Juan	18
17) Sanpete	21
18) Summit	16
19) Tooele	16
20) Uintah	21
21) Utah	16
22) Wasatch	16
23) Washington	15
24) Weber	47

(iii) Graze III. The following counties shall assess Graze III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 11
GR III

1) Beaver	17
2) Box Elder	17
3) Cache	16
4) Carbon	13
5) Daggett	12
6) Davis	13
7) Duchesne	14
8) Emery	15
9) Garfield	17
10) Grand	16
11) Iron	16
12) Juab	14
13) Kane	16
14) Millard	17
15) Morgan	14
16) Piute	19
17) Rich	14
18) Salt Lake	14
19) San Juan	16
20) Sanpete	14
21) Sevier	14
22) Summit	15
23) Tooele	14
24) Uintah	20
25) Utah	13
26) Wasatch	13
27) Washington	14
28) Wayne	19
29) Weber	15

(e) Grazing land shall be classified as one of the following four categories and shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:

(i) Graze 1. The following counties shall assess Graze I property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 9
GR I

1) Beaver	73
2) Box Elder	74
3) Cache	72
4) Carbon	52
5) Daggett	55
6) Davis	61
7) Duchesne	70
8) Emery	73
9) Garfield	78
10) Grand	79
11) Iron	75
12) Juab	65
13) Kane	76
14) Millard	78
15) Morgan	68
16) Piute	92
17) Rich	66
18) Salt Lake	67
19) San Juan	73
20) Sanpete	64
21) Sevier	65
22) Summit	73

(iv) Graze IV. The following counties shall assess Graze IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 12
GR IV

1) Beaver	6
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2)	Box Elder	5
3)	Cache	5
4)	Carbon	5
5)	Daggett	5
6)	Davis	5
7)	Duchesne	75
8)	Emery	6
9)	Garfield	5
10)	Grand	6
11)	Iron	6
12)	Juab	5
13)	Kane	5
14)	Millard	5
15)	Morgan	6
16)	Piute	6
17)	Rich	5
18)	Salt Lake	5
19)	San Juan	5
20)	Sanpete	5
21)	Sevier	5
22)	Summit	5
23)	Tooele	5
24)	Uintah	6
25)	Utah	5
26)	Wasatch	5
27)	Washington	5
28)	Wayne	5
29)	Weber	6

(f) Land classified as nonproductive shall be assessed as follows on a per acre basis:

TABLE 13
Nonproductive Land

Nonproductive Land	
1) All Counties	5

R884-24P-55. Counties to Establish Ordinance for Tax Sale Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1351.1.

A. "Collusive bidding" means any agreement or understanding reached by two or more parties that in any way alters the bids the parties would otherwise offer absent the agreement or understanding.

B. Each county shall establish a written ordinance for real property tax sale procedures.

C. The written ordinance required under B. shall be displayed in a public place and shall be available to all interested parties.

D. The tax sale ordinance shall address, as a minimum, the following issues:

1. bidder registration procedures;
2. redemption rights and procedures;
3. prohibition of collusive bidding;
4. conflict of interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements;
5. criteria for accepting or rejecting bids;
6. sale ratification procedures;
7. criteria for granting bidder preference;
8. procedures for recording tax deeds;
9. payments methods and procedures;
10. procedures for contesting bids and sales;
11. criteria for striking properties to the county;
12. procedures for disclosing properties withdrawn from the sale for reasons other than redemption; and
13. disclaimers by the county with respect to sale procedures and actions.

R884-24P-56. Assessment, Collection, and Apportionment of Property Tax on Commercial Transportation Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-301 and 59-2-801.

A. For purposes of Section 59-2-801, the previous year's statewide rate shall be calculated as follows:

1. Each county's overall tax rate is multiplied by the county's percent of total lane miles of principal routes.
2. The values obtained in A.1. for each county are summed

to arrive at the statewide rate.

B. The assessment of vehicles apportioned under Section 41-1a-301 shall be apportioned at the same percentage ratio that has been filed with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Tax Commission for determining the proration of registration fees.

C. For purposes of Section 59-2-801(2), principal route means lane miles of interstate highways and clover leaves, U.S. highways, and state highways extending through each county as determined by the Commission from current state Geographic Information System databases.

R884-24P-57. Judgment Levies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-918.5, 59-2-924, 59-2-1328, and 59-2-1330.

A. Definitions.

1. "Issued" means the date on which the judgment is signed.

2. "One percent of the total ad valorem property taxes collected by the taxing entity in the previous fiscal year" includes any revenues collected by a judgment levy imposed in the prior year.

B. A taxing entity's share of a judgment or order shall include the taxing entity's share of any interest that must be paid with the judgment or order.

C. The judgment levy public hearing required by Section 59-2-918.5 shall be held as follows:

1. For taxing entities operating under a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, the public hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes is mailed.

2. For taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year:

a) for judgments issued from the prior June 1 through December 15, the public hearing shall be held at the same time as the hearing at which the annual budget is adopted;

b) for judgments issued from the prior December 16 through May 31, the public hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes is mailed.

3. If the taxing entity is required to hold a hearing under Section 59-2-919, the judgment levy hearing required by C.1. and C.2.b) shall be held at the same time as the hearing required under Section 59-2-919.

D. If the Section 59-2-918.5 advertisement is combined with the Section 59-2-918 or 59-2-919 advertisement, the combined advertisement shall aggregate the general tax increase and judgment levy information.

E. In the case of taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year, the advertisement for judgments issued from the previous December 16 through May 31 shall include any judgments issued from the previous June 1 through December 15 that the taxing entity advertised and budgeted for at its December budget hearing.

F. All taxing entities imposing a judgment levy shall file with the Tax Commission a signed statement certifying that all judgments for which the judgment levy is imposed have met the statutory requirements for imposition of a judgment levy.

1. The signed statement shall contain the following information for each judgment included in the judgment levy:

- a) the name of the taxpayer awarded the judgment;
- b) the appeal number of the judgment; and
- c) the taxing entity's pro rata share of the judgment.

2. Along with the signed statement, the taxing entity must provide the Tax Commission the following:

- a) a copy of all judgment levy newspaper advertisements required;
- b) the dates all required judgment levy advertisements were published in the newspaper;
- c) a copy of the final resolution imposing the judgment levy;

d) a copy of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, if required; and

e) any other information required by the Tax Commission.

G. The provisions of House Bill 268, Truth in Taxation - Judgment Levy (1999 General Session), do not apply to judgments issued prior to January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-58. One-Time Decrease in Certified Rate Based on Estimated County Option Sales Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-924.

A. The estimated sales tax revenue to be distributed to a county under Section 59-12-1102 shall be determined based on the following formula:

1. share-down of the commission's sales tax econometric model based on historic patterns, weighted 40 percent;
2. time series models, weighted 40 percent; and
3. growth rate of actual taxable sales occurring from January 1 through March 31 of the year a tax is initially imposed under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 11, County Option Sales and Use Tax, weighted 20 percent.

R884-24P-59. One-Time Decrease in Certified Rate Based on Estimated Additional Resort Communities Sales Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-924.

A. The estimated additional resort communities sales tax revenue to be distributed to a municipality under Section 59-12-402 shall be determined based on the following formula:

1. time series model, econometric model, or simple average, based upon the availability of and variation in the data, weighted 75 percent; and
2. growth rate of actual taxable sales occurring from January 1 through March 31 of the year a tax is initially imposed under Section 59-12-402, weighted 25 percent.

R884-24P-60. Age-Based Uniform Fee on Tangible Personal Property Required to be Registered with the State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-405.1.

A. For purposes of Section 59-2-405.1, "motor vehicle" is as defined in Section 41-1a-102, except that motor vehicle does not include motorcycles as defined in Section 41-1a-102.

B. The uniform fee established in Section 59-2-405.1 is levied against motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans, in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33.

C. Personal property subject to the uniform fee imposed in Section 59-2-405 is not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

D. The following classes of personal property are not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee, but remain subject to the ad valorem property tax:

1. vintage vehicles;
2. state-assessed commercial vehicles not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans;
3. any personal property that is neither required to be registered nor exempt from the ad valorem property tax;
4. mobile and manufactured homes;
5. machinery or equipment that can function only when attached to or used in conjunction with motor vehicles or state-assessed commercial vehicles.

E. The age of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle, for purposes of Section 59-2-405.1, shall be determined by subtracting the vehicle model year from the current calendar year.

F. The only Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee due upon registration or renewal of registration is the uniform fee calculated based on the age of the vehicle under E. on the first day of the registration period for which the registrant:

1. in the case of an original registration, registers the vehicle; or

2. in the case of a renewal of registration, renews the registration of the vehicle in accordance with Section 41-1a-216.

G. Centrally assessed taxpayers shall use the following formula to determine the value of locally assessed motor vehicles that may be deducted from the allocated unit valuation:

1. Divide the system value by the book value to determine the market to book ratio.

2. Multiply the market to book ratio by the book value of motor vehicles registered in Utah and subject to Section 59-2-405.1 to determine the value of motor vehicles that may be subtracted from the allocated unit value.

H. The motor vehicle of a nonresident member of the armed forces stationed in Utah may be registered in Utah without payment of the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

I. A motor vehicle belonging to a Utah resident member of the armed forces stationed in another state is not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration as long as the motor vehicle is kept in the other state.

J. The situs of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee is determined in accordance with Section 59-2-104. Situs of purchased motor vehicles or state-assessed commercial vehicles shall be the tax area of the purchaser's domicile, unless the motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle will be kept in a tax area other than the tax area of the purchaser's domicile for more than six months of the year.

1. If an assessor discovers a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle that is kept in the assessor's county but registered in another, the assessor may submit an affidavit along with evidence that the vehicle is kept in that county to the assessor of the county in which the vehicle is registered. Upon agreement, the assessor of the county of registration shall forward the fee collected to the county of situs within 30 working days.

2. If the owner of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle registered in Utah is domiciled outside of Utah, the taxable situs of the vehicle is presumed to be the county in which the uniform fee was paid, unless an assessor's affidavit establishes otherwise.

3. The Tax Commission shall, on an annual basis, provide each county assessor information indicating all motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles subject to state registration and their corresponding taxable situs.

4. Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fees received by a county that require distribution to a purchaser's domicile outside of that county shall be deposited into an account established by the Commission, pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Commission.

5. Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fees received by the Commission pursuant to J.4. shall be distributed to the appropriate county at least monthly.

K. The blind exemption provided in Section 59-2-1106 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

L. The veteran's exemption provided in Section 59-2-1104 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

M. The value of motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles to be considered part of the tax base for purposes of determining debt limitations pursuant to Article XIII, Section 14 of the Utah Constitution, shall be determined by dividing the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee collected by .015.

N. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-61. 1.5 Percent Uniform Fee on Tangible

Personal Property Required to be Registered with the State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-405.

A. Definitions.

1. For purposes of Section 59-2-405, "motor vehicle" is as defined in Section 41-1a-102, except that motor vehicle does not include motorcycles as defined in Section 41-1a-102.

2. "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular unit other than a mobile home, primarily designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use, which is either self-propelled or pulled by another vehicle.

a) Recreational vehicle includes a travel trailer, a camping trailer, a motor home, and a fifth wheel trailer.

b) Recreational vehicle does not include a van unless specifically designed or modified for use as a temporary dwelling.

B. The uniform fee established in Section 59-2-405 is levied against the following types of personal property, unless specifically excluded by Section 59-2-405:

1. motor vehicles that are not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans, in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33;

2. watercraft required to be registered with the state;

3. recreational vehicles required to be registered with the state; and

4. all other tangible personal property required to be registered with the state before it is used on a public highway, on a public waterway, on public land, or in the air.

C. The following classes of personal property are not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee, but remain subject to the ad valorem property tax:

1. vintage vehicles;

2. state-assessed commercial vehicles not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans;

3. any personal property that is neither required to be registered nor exempt from the ad valorem property tax;

4. machinery or equipment that can function only when attached to or used in conjunction with motor vehicles.

D. The fair market value of tangible personal property subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is based on depreciated cost new as established in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33, "Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules," published annually by the Tax Commission.

E. Centrally assessed taxpayers shall use the following formula to determine the value of locally assessed personal property that may be deducted from the allocated unit valuation:

1. Divide the system value by the book value to determine the market to book ratio.

2. Multiply the market to book ratio by the book value of personal property registered in Utah and subject to Section 59-2-405 to determine the value of personal property that may be subtracted from the allocated unit value.

F. If a property's valuation is appealed to the county board of equalization under Section 59-2-1005, the property shall become subject to a total revaluation. All adjustments are made on the basis of their effect on the property's average retail value as of the January 1 lien date and according to Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33.

G. The county assessor may change the fair market value of any individual item of personal property in his jurisdiction for any of the following reasons:

1. The manufacturer's suggested retail price ("MSRP") or the cost new was not included on the state printout, computer tape, or registration card;

2. The MSRP or cost new listed on the state records was inaccurate; or

3. In the assessor's judgment, an MSRP or cost new adjustment made as a result of a property owner's informal request will continue year to year on a percentage basis.

H. If the personal property is of a type subject to annual registration, the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is due at the time the registration is due. If the personal property is not registered during the year, the owner remains liable for payment of the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee to the county assessor.

1. No additional uniform fee may be levied upon personal property transferred during a calendar year if the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee has been paid for that calendar year.

2. If the personal property is of a type registered for periods in excess of one year, the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee shall be due annually.

3. The personal property of a nonresident member of the armed forces stationed in Utah may be registered in Utah without payment of the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

4. Personal property belonging to a Utah resident member of the armed forces stationed in another state is not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee as long as the personal property is kept in another state.

5. Noncommercial trailers weighing 750 pounds or less are not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee or ad valorem property tax but may be registered at the request of the owner.

I. If the personal property is of a type subject to annual registration, registration of that personal property may not be completed unless the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee has been paid, even if the taxpayer is appealing the uniform fee valuation. Delinquent fees may be assessed in accordance with Sections 59-2-217 and 59-2-309 as a condition precedent to registration.

J. The situs of personal property subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is determined in accordance with Section 59-2-104. Situs of purchased personal property shall be the tax area of the purchaser's domicile, unless the personal property will be kept in a tax area other than the tax area of the purchaser's domicile for more than six months of the year.

1. If an assessor discovers personal property that is kept in the assessor's county but registered in another, the assessor may submit an affidavit along with evidence that the property is kept in that county to the assessor of the county in which the personal property is registered. Upon agreement, the assessor of the county of registration shall forward the fee collected to the county of situs within 30 working days.

2. If the owner of personal property registered in Utah is domiciled outside of Utah, the taxable situs of the property is presumed to be the county in which the uniform fee was paid, unless an assessor's affidavit establishes otherwise.

3. The Tax Commission shall, on an annual basis, provide each county assessor information indicating all personal property subject to state registration and its corresponding taxable situs.

4. Section 59-2-405 uniform fees received by a county that require distribution to a purchaser's domicile outside of that county shall be deposited into an account established by the Commission, pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Commission.

5. Section 59-2-405 uniform fees received by the Commission pursuant to J.4. shall be distributed to the appropriate county at least monthly.

K. The blind exemption provided in Section 59-2-1106 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

L. The veteran's exemption provided in Section 59-2-1104 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

M. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-62. Valuation of State Assessed Unitary Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) specify consistent mass appraisal methodologies to be used by the Property Tax Division (Division) in the valuation of tangible property assessable by the Commission; and

(b) identify preferred valuation methodologies to be considered by any party making an appraisal of an individual unitary property.

(2) Definitions:

(a) "Cost regulated utility" means any public utility assessable by the Commission whose allowed revenues are determined by a rate of return applied to a rate base set by a state or federal regulatory commission.

(b) "Fair market value" means the amount at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. Fair market value reflects the value of property at its highest and best use, subject to regulatory constraints.

(c) "Rate base" means the aggregate account balances reported as such by the cost regulated utility to the applicable state or federal regulatory commission.

(d) "Unitary property" means operating property that is assessed by the Commission pursuant to Section 59-2-201(1)(a) through (c).

(i) Unitary properties include:

(A) all property that operates as a unit across county lines, if the values must be apportioned among more than one county or state; and

(B) all property of public utilities as defined in Section 59-2-102.

(ii) These properties, some of which may be cost regulated utilities, are defined under one of the following categories.

(A) "Telecommunication properties" include the operating property of local exchange carriers, local access providers, long distance carriers, cellular telephone or personal communication service (PCS) providers and pagers, and other similar properties.

(B) "Energy properties" include the operating property of natural gas pipelines, natural gas distribution companies, liquid petroleum products pipelines, and electric corporations, including electric generation, transmission, and distribution companies, and other similar entities.

(C) "Transportation properties" include the operating property of all airlines, air charter services, air contract services, including major and small passenger carriers and major and small air freighters, long haul and short line railroads, and other similar properties.

(3) All tangible operating property owned, leased, or used by unitary companies is subject to assessment and taxation according to its fair market value as of January 1, and as provided in Utah Constitution Article XIII, Section 2. Intangible property as defined under Section 59-2-102 is not subject to assessment and taxation.

(4) General Valuation Principles. Unitary properties shall be assessed at fair market value based on generally accepted appraisal theory as provided under this rule.

(a) The assemblage or enhanced value attributable to the tangible property should be included in the assessed value. See *Beaver County v. WilTel, Inc.*, 995 P.2d 602 (Utah 2000). The value attributable to intangible property must, when possible, be identified and removed from value when using any valuation method and before that value is used in the reconciliation process.

(b) The preferred methods to determine fair market value are the cost approach and a yield capitalization income indicator as set forth in Subsection (5).

(i) Other generally accepted appraisal methods may also be used when it can be demonstrated that such methods are necessary to more accurately estimate fair market value.

(ii) Direct capitalization and the stock and debt method typically capture the value of intangible property at higher levels than other methods. To the extent intangible property cannot be identified and removed, relatively less weight shall be given to such methods in the reconciliation process, as set forth in

Subsection (5)(d).

(iii) Preferred valuation methods as set forth in this rule are, unless otherwise stated, rebuttable presumptions, established for purposes of consistency in mass appraisal. Any party challenging a preferred valuation method must demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence, that the proposed alternative establishes a more accurate estimate of fair market value.

(c) Non-operating Property. Property that is not necessary to the operation of unitary properties and is assessed by a local county assessor, and property separately assessed by the Division, such as registered motor vehicles, shall be removed from the correlated unit value or from the state allocated value.

(5) Appraisal Methodologies.

(a) Cost Approach. Cost is relevant to value under the principle of substitution, which states that no prudent investor would pay more for a property than the cost to construct a substitute property of equal desirability and utility without undue delay. A cost indicator may be developed under one or more of the following methods: replacement cost new less depreciation (RCNLD), reproduction cost less depreciation (reproduction cost), and historic cost less depreciation (HCLD).

(i) "Depreciation" is the loss in value from any cause. Different professions recognize two distinct definitions or types of depreciation.

(A) Accounting. Depreciation, often called "book" or "accumulated" depreciation, is calculated according to generally accepted accounting principles or regulatory guidelines. It is the amount of capital investment written off on a firm's accounting records in order to allocate the original or historic cost of an asset over its life. Book depreciation is typically applied to historic cost to derive HCLD.

(B) Appraisal. Depreciation, sometimes referred to as "accrued" depreciation, is the difference between the market value of an improvement and its cost new. Depreciation is typically applied to replacement or reproduction cost, but should be applied to historic cost if market conditions so indicate. There are three types of depreciation:

(I) Physical deterioration results from regular use and normal aging, which includes wear and tear, decay, and the impact of the elements.

(II) Functional obsolescence is caused by internal property characteristics or flaws in the structure, design, or materials that diminish the utility of an improvement.

(III) External, or economic, obsolescence is an impairment of an improvement due to negative influences from outside the boundaries of the property, and is generally incurable. These influences usually cannot be controlled by the property owner or user.

(ii) Replacement cost is the estimated cost to construct, at current prices, a property with utility equivalent to that being appraised, using modern materials, current technology and current standards, design, and layout. The use of replacement cost instead of reproduction cost eliminates the need to estimate some forms of functional obsolescence.

(iii) Reproduction cost is the estimated cost to construct, at current prices, an exact duplicate or replica of the property being assessed, using the same materials, construction standards, design, layout and quality of workmanship, and embodying any functional obsolescence.

(iv) Historic cost is the original construction or acquisition cost as recorded on a firm's accounting records. Depending upon the industry, it may be appropriate to trend HCLD to current costs. Only trending indexes commonly recognized by the specific industry may be used to adjust HCLD.

(v) RCNLD may be impractical to implement; therefore the preferred cost indicator of value in a mass appraisal environment for unitary property is HCLD. A party may challenge the use of HCLD by proposing a different cost

indicator that establishes a more accurate cost estimate of value.

(b) Income Capitalization Approach. Under the principle of anticipation, benefits from income in the future may be capitalized into an estimate of present value.

(i) Yield Capitalization. The yield capitalization formula is $CF/(k-g)$, where "CF" is a single year's normalized cash flow, "k" is the nominal, risk adjusted discount or yield rate, and "g" is the expected growth rate of the cash flow.

(A) Cash flow is restricted to the operating property in existence on the lien date, together with any replacements intended to maintain, but not expand or modify, existing capacity or function. Cash flow is calculated as net operating income (NOI) plus non-cash charges (e.g., depreciation and deferred income taxes), less capital expenditures and additions to working capital necessary to achieve the expected growth "g". Information necessary for the Division to calculate the cash flow shall be summarized and submitted to the Division by March 1 on a form provided by the Division.

(I) NOI is defined as net income plus interest.

(II) Capital expenditures should include only those necessary to replace or maintain existing plant and should not include any expenditure intended primarily for expansion or productivity and capacity enhancements.

(III) Cash flow is to be projected for the year immediately following the lien date, and may be estimated by reviewing historic cash flows, forecasting future cash flows, or a combination of both.

(Aa) If cash flows for a subsidiary company are not available or are not allocated on the parent company's cash flow statements, a method of allocating total cash flows must be developed based on sales, fixed assets, or other reasonable criteria. The subsidiary's total is divided by the parent's total to derive the allocation percentage to estimate the subsidiary's cash flow.

(Bb) If the subject company does not provide the Commission with its most recent cash flow statements by March 1 of the assessment year, the Division may estimate cash flow using the best information available.

(B) The discount rate (k) shall be based upon a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) considering current market debt rates and equity yields. WACC should reflect a typical capital structure for comparable companies within the industry.

(I) The cost of debt should reflect the current market rate (yield to maturity) of debt with the same credit rating as the subject company.

(II) The cost of equity is estimated using standard methods such as the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), the Risk Premium and Dividend Growth models, or other recognized models.

(Aa) The CAPM is the preferred method to estimate the cost of equity. More than one method may be used to correlate a cost of equity, but only if the CAPM method is weighted at least 50% in the correlation.

(Bb) The CAPM formula is $k(e) = R(f) + (\text{Beta} \times \text{Risk Premium})$, where $k(e)$ is the cost of equity and $R(f)$ is the risk free rate.

(Cc) The risk free rate shall be the current market rate on 20-year Treasury bonds.

(Dd) The beta should reflect an average or value-weighted average of comparable companies and should be drawn consistently from Value Line or an equivalent source. The beta of the specific assessed property should also be considered.

(Ee) The risk premium shall be the arithmetic average of the spread between the return on stocks and the income return on long term bonds for the entire historical period contained in the Ibbotson Yearbook published immediately following the lien date.

(C) The growth rate "g" is the expected future growth of the cash flow attributable to assets in place on the lien date, and

any future replacement assets.

(I) If insufficient information is available to the Division, either from public sources or from the taxpayer, to determine a rate, "g" will be the expected inflationary rate in the Gross Domestic Product Price Deflator obtained in Value Line. The growth rate and the methodology used to produce it shall be disclosed in a capitalization rate study published by the Commission by February 15 of the assessment year.

(ii) A discounted cash flow (DCF) method may be impractical to implement in a mass appraisal environment, but may be used when reliable cash flow estimates can be established.

(A) A DCF model should incorporate for the terminal year, and to the extent possible for the holding period, growth and discount rate assumptions that would be used in the yield capitalization method defined under Subsection (5)(b)(i).

(B) Forecasted growth may be used where unusual income patterns are attributed to

(I) unused capacity;

(II) economic conditions; or

(III) similar circumstances.

(C) Growth may not be attributed to assets not in place as of the lien date.

(iii) Direct Capitalization is an income technique that converts an estimate of a single year's income expectancy into an indication of value in one direct step, either by dividing the normalized income estimate by a capitalization rate or by multiplying the normalized income estimate by an income factor.

(c) Market or Sales Comparison Approach. The market value of property is directly related to the prices of comparable, competitive properties. The market approach is estimated by comparing the subject property to similar properties that have recently sold.

(I) Sales of comparable property must, to the extent possible, be adjusted for elements of comparison, including market conditions, financing, location, physical characteristics, and economic characteristics. When considering the sales of stock, business enterprises, or other properties that include intangible assets, adjustments must be made for those intangibles.

(II) Because sales of unitary properties are infrequent, a stock and debt indicator may be viewed as a surrogate for the market approach. The stock and debt method is based on the accounting principle which holds that the market value of assets equal the market value of liabilities plus shareholder's equity.

(d) Reconciliation. When reconciling value indicators into a final estimate of value, the appraiser shall take into consideration the availability, quantity, and quality of data, as well as the strength and weaknesses of each value indicator. Weighting percentages used to correlate the value approaches will generally vary by industry, and may vary by company if evidence exists to support a different weighting. The Division must disclose in writing the weighting percentages used in the reconciliation for the final assessment. Any departure from the prior year's weighting must be explained in writing.

(6) Property Specific Considerations. Because of unique characteristics of properties and industries, modifications or alternatives to the general value indicators may be required for specific industries.

(a) Cost Regulated Utilities.

(i) HCLD is the preferred cost indicator of value for cost regulated utilities because it represents an approximation of the basis upon which the investor can earn a return. HCLD is calculated by taking the historic cost less depreciation as reflected in the utility's net plant accounts, and then:

(A) subtracting intangible property;

(B) subtracting any items not included in the utility's rate base (e.g., deferred income taxes and, if appropriate, acquisition

adjustments); and

(C) adding any taxable items not included in the utility's net plant account or rate base.

(ii) Deferred Income Taxes, also referred to as DFIT, is an accounting entry that reflects the difference between the use of accelerated depreciation for income tax purposes and the use of straight-line depreciation for financial statements. For traditional rate base regulated companies, regulators generally exclude deferred income taxes from rate base, recognizing it as ratepayer contributed capital. Where rate base is reduced by deferred income taxes for rate base regulated companies, they shall be removed from HCLD.

(iii) Items excluded from rate base under Subsections (6)(a)(i)(A) or (B) should not be subtracted from HCLD to the extent it can be shown that regulators would likely permit the rate base of a potential purchaser to include a premium over existing rate base.

(b)(i) Railroads.

(ii) The cost indicator should generally be given little or no weight because there is no observable relationship between cost and fair market value.

(c) Airlines, air charter services, and air contract services.

(i) For purposes of this Subsection (6)(c):

(A) "aircraft valuation manual" means a nationally recognized airline price guide containing value estimates for individual commercial aircraft in average condition and identified by year, make and model;

(B) "airline" means an:

(I) airline under Section 59-2-102;

(II) air charter service under Section 59-2-102; and

(III) air contract service under Section 59-2-102; and

(C) "airline market indicator" means an estimate of value based on an aircraft valuation manual.

(ii) In situations where the use of preferred methods for determining fair market value under Subsection (5) does not produce a reasonable estimate of the fair market value of the property of an airline operating as a unit, an airline market indicator published in an aircraft valuation manual, and adjusted as provided in Subsections (6)(c)(ii)(A) and (6)(c)(ii)(B), may be used to estimate the fair market value of the airline property.

(A)(I) In order to reflect the value of a fleet of aircraft as part of an operating unit, an aircraft market indicator shall include a fleet adjustment or equivalent valuation for a fleet.

(II) If a fleet adjustment is provided in an aircraft valuation manual, the adjustment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(A)(I) shall follow the directions in that manual. If no fleet adjustment is provided in an aircraft valuation manual, the standard adjustment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(A)(I) shall be 20 percent from a wholesale value or equivalent level of value as published in the manual.

(B) Non-mobile flight equipment shall be valued using the cost approach under Subsection (5)(a) or the market or sales comparison approach under Subsection (5)(c), and added to the value of the fleet.

(iii) An income capitalization approach under Subsection (5)(b) shall incorporate the information available to make an estimate of future cash flows.

(iv)(A) When an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii) is used to estimate the fair market value of an airline, the Division shall:

(I) calculate the fair market value of the airline using the preferred methods under Subsection (5);

(II) retain the calculations under Subsection (6)(c)(iv)(A)(I) in the work files maintained by the Division; and

(III) include the amounts calculated under Subsection (6)(c)(iv)(A)(I) in any appraisal report that is produced in association with an assessment issued by the Division.

(B) When an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii) is used, the Division shall justify in any appraisal

report issued with an assessment why the preferred methods under Subsection (5) were not used.

(v)(A) When the preferred methods under Subsection (5) are used to estimate the fair market value of an airline, the Division shall:

(I) calculate an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii);

(II) retain the calculations under Subsection (6)(c)(v)(A)(I) in the work files maintained by the Division; and

(III) include the amounts calculated under Subsection (6)(c)(v)(A)(I) in any appraisal report that is produced in association with an assessment issued by the Division.

(B) Value estimates from an aircraft valuation manual under Subsection (6)(c)(i)(A) along with the valuation of non-mobile flight equipment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(B) may also be included in an assessment or appraisal report for purposes of comparison.

R884-24P-63. Performance Standards and Training Requirements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-406.

A. The party contracting to perform services shall develop a written customer service performance plan within 60 days after the contract for performance of services is signed.

1. The customer service performance plan shall address:

a) procedures the contracting party will follow to minimize the time a customer waits in line; and

b) the manner in which the contracting party will promote alternative methods of registration.

2. The party contracting to perform services shall provide a copy of its customer service performance plan to the party for whom it provides services.

3. The party for whom the services are provided may, no more often than semiannually, audit the contracting party's performance based on its customer service performance plan, and may report the results of the audit to the county commission or the state tax commissioners, as applicable.

B. Each county office contracting to perform services shall conduct initial training of its new employees.

C. The Tax Commission shall provide regularly scheduled training for all county offices contracting to perform motor vehicle functions.

R884-24P-64. Determination and Application of Taxable Value for Purposes of the Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans With a Disability and the Blind Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1104 and 59-2-1106.

For purposes of Sections 59-2-1104 and 59-2-1106, the taxable value of tangible personal property subject to a uniform fee under Sections 59-2-405.1 or 59-2-405.2 shall be calculated by dividing the uniform fee the tangible personal property is subject to by .015.

R884-24P-65. Assessment of Transitory Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-402.

A. "Transitory personal property" means tangible personal property that is used or operated primarily at a location other than a fixed place of business of the property owner or lessee.

B. Transitory personal property in the state on January 1 shall be assessed at 100 percent of fair market value.

C. Transitory personal property that is not in the state on January 1 is subject to a proportional assessment when it has been in the state for 90 consecutive days in a calendar year.

1. The determination of whether transitory personal property has been in the state for 90 consecutive days shall include the days the property is outside the state if, within 10 days of its removal from the state, the property is:

a) brought back into the state; or

b) substituted with transitory personal property that performs the same function.

D. Once transitory personal property satisfies the conditions under C., tax shall be proportionally assessed for the period:

1. beginning on the first day of the month in which the property was brought into Utah; and
2. for the number of months remaining in the calendar year.

E. An owner of taxable transitory personal property who removes the property from the state prior to December and who qualifies for a refund of taxes assessed and paid, shall receive a refund based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year at the time the property is removed from the state and for which the tax has been paid.

1. The refund provisions of this subsection apply to transitory personal property taxes assessed under B. and C.

2. For purposes of determining the refund under this subsection, any portion of a month remaining shall be counted as a full month.

F. If tax has been paid for transitory personal property and that property is subsequently moved to another county in Utah:

1. No additional assessment may be imposed by any county to which the property is subsequently moved; and
2. No portion of the assessed tax may be transferred to the subsequent county.

R884-24P-66. Appeal to County Board of Equalization Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1004.

(1)(a) "Factual error" means an error that is:

(i) objectively verifiable without the exercise of discretion, opinion, or judgment, and

(ii) demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence.

(b) Factual error includes:

(i) a mistake in the description of the size, use, or ownership of a property;

(ii) a clerical or typographical error in reporting or entering the data used to establish valuation or equalization;

(iii) an error in the classification of a property that is eligible for a property tax exemption under:

(A) Section 59-2-103; or

(B) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11;

(iv) valuation of a property that is not in existence on the lien date; and

(v) a valuation of a property assessed more than once, or by the wrong assessing authority.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a county board of equalization shall accept an application to appeal the valuation or equalization of a property owner's real property that is filed after the time period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a) if any of the following conditions apply:

(a) During the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), the property owner was incapable of filing an appeal as a result of a medical emergency to the property owner or an immediate family member of the property owner, and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(b) During the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), the property owner or an immediate family member of the property owner died, and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(c) The county did not comply with the notification requirements of Section 59-2-919.1.

(d) A factual error is discovered in the county records pertaining to the subject property.

(e) The property owner was unable to file an appeal within the time period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a) because of extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances that occurred during the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(3) Appeals accepted under Subsection (2)(d) shall be limited to correction of the factual error and any resulting

changes to the property's valuation.

(4) The provisions of Subsection (2) apply only to appeals filed for a tax year for which the treasurer has not made a final annual settlement under Section 59-2-1365.

(5) The provisions of this rule apply only to appeals to the county board of equalization. For information regarding appeals of county board of equalization decisions to the Commission, please see Section 59-2-1006 and R861-1A-9.

R884-24P-67. Information Required for Valuation of Low-Income Housing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102 and 59-2-301.3.

A. The purpose of this rule is to provide an annual reporting mechanism to assist county assessors in gathering data necessary for accurate valuation of low-income housing projects.

B. The Utah Housing Corporation shall provide the following information that it has obtained from the owner of a low-income housing project to the commission:

1. for each low-income housing project in the state that is eligible for a low-income housing tax credit:

a) the Utah Housing Corporation project identification number;

b) the project name;

c) the project address;

d) the city in which the project is located;

e) the county in which the project is located;

f) the building identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service for each building included in the project;

g) the building address for each building included in the project;

h) the total apartment units included in the project;

i) the total apartment units in the project that are eligible for low-income housing tax credits;

j) the period of time for which the project is subject to rent restrictions under an agreement described in B.2.;

k) whether the project is:

(1) the rehabilitation of an existing building; or

(2) new construction;

l) the date on which the project was placed in service;

m) the total square feet of the buildings included in the project;

n) the maximum annual federal low-income housing tax credits for which the project is eligible;

o) the maximum annual state low-income housing tax credits for which the project is eligible; and

p) for each apartment unit included in the project:

(1) the number of bedrooms in the apartment unit;

(2) the size of the apartment unit in square feet; and

(3) any rent limitation to which the apartment unit is subject; and

2. a recorded copy of the agreement entered into by the Utah Housing Corporation and the property owner for the low-income housing project; and

3. construction cost certifications for the project received from the low-income housing project owner.

C. The Utah Housing Corporation shall provide the commission the information under B. by January 31 of the year following the year in which a project is placed into service.

D. 1. Except as provided in D.2., by April 30 of each year, the owner of a low-income housing project shall provide the county assessor of the county in which the project is located the following project information for the prior year:

a) operating statement;

b) rent rolls; and

c) federal and commercial financing terms and agreements.

2. Notwithstanding D.1., the information a low-income project housing owner shall provide by April 30, 2004 to a

county assessor shall include a 3-year history of the information required under D.1.

E. A county assessor shall assess and list the property described in this rule using the best information obtainable if the property owner fails to provide the information required under D.

R884-24P-68. Property Tax Exemption for Taxable Tangible Personal Property With a Total Aggregate Fair Market Value of \$3,500 or Less Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1115.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to provide for the administration of the property tax exemption for a taxpayer whose taxable tangible personal property has a total aggregate fair market value of \$3,500 or less.

(a) Total aggregate fair market value is determined by aggregating the fair market value of all taxable tangible personal property owned by a taxpayer within a county.

(b) If taxable tangible personal property is required to be apportioned among counties, the determination of whether taxable tangible personal property has a total aggregate fair market value of \$3,500 or less shall be made after apportionment.

(2) A taxpayer shall apply for the exemption provided under Section 59-2-1115:

(a) if the county assessor has requested a signed statement from the taxpayer under Section 59-2-306, within the time frame set forth under Section 59-2-306 for filing the signed statement; or

(b) if the county assessor has not requested a signed statement from the taxpayer under Section 59-2-306, within 30 days from the day the taxpayer is requested to indicate whether the taxpayer has \$3,500 or less of taxable tangible personal property in the county.

R884-24P-70. Real Property Appraisal Requirements for County Assessors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-303.1 and 59-2-919.1.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Accepted valuation methodologies" means those methodologies approved or endorsed in the Standard on Mass Appraisal of Real Property and the Standard on Automated Valuation Models published by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO).

(b) "Database," as referenced in Section 59-2-303.1(6), means an electronic storage of data using computer hardware and software that is relational, secure and archival, and adheres to generally accepted information technology standards of practice.

(2) County mass appraisal systems, as defined in Section 59-2-303.1, shall use accepted valuation methodologies to perform the annual update of all residential parcels.

(3)(a) A detailed review of property characteristics shall include a sufficient inspection to determine any changes to real property due to:

(i) new construction, additions, remodels, demolitions, land segregations, changes in use, or other changes of a similar nature; and

(ii) a change in condition or effective age.

(b)(i) A detailed review of property characteristics shall be made in accordance with the IAAO Standard on Mass Appraisal of Real Property.

(ii) When using aerial photography, including oblique aerial photography, the date of the photographic flight is the property review date for purposes of Section 59-2-303.1.

(4) The last property review date to be included in the county's computer system shall include the actual day, month, and year that the last detailed review of a property's characteristics was conducted.

(5) The last property review date to be included on the notice shall include at least the actual year or tax year that the last detailed review of a property's characteristics was conducted. The month and day of the review may also be included on the notice at the discretion of the county assessor and auditor.

(6)(a) The five-year plan shall detail the current year plus four subsequent years into the future. The plan shall define the properties being reviewed for each of the five years by one or more of the following:

- (i) class;
- (ii) property type;
- (iii) geographic location; and
- (iv) age.

(b) The five-year plan shall also include parcel counts for each defined property group.

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R895. Technology Services, Administration.**R895-2. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Complaint Procedure.****R895-2-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 63G-3-201 of the State Administrative Rulemaking Act. The Department of Technology Services hereby adopts and defines a complaint procedure to provide for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed in accordance with Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107, 1992 edition.

(2) No qualified individual with a disability, by reason of such disability, shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of this department, or be subjected to discrimination by this department.

R895-2-2. Definitions.

(1) "Department" mean the Utah Department of Technology Services.

(2) "Department ADA Coordinator" means an individual, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Technology Services, who has responsibility for investigating and providing prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed by qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, or provisions of this rule.

(3) "Disability" means, with respect to an individual with a disability, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(4) "Major life activities" include caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, and working. A major life activity also includes the operation of a major bodily function, such as functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

(5) "Individual with a disability" (hereinafter "individual") means a person who has a disability which limits one of his major life activities and who meets the essential eligibility requirement for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by the Department of Technology Services, or who would otherwise be an eligible applicant for vacant state positions, as well as those who are employees of the state.

R895-2-3. Filing of Complaints.

(1) The complaint shall be filed in a timely manner to assure prompt, effective assessment and consideration of the facts, but no later than 60 days from the date of the alleged act of discrimination. However, any complaint alleging an act of discrimination occurring between March 8, 2006 and the effective date of this rule may be filed within 60 days of the effective date of this rule.

(2) The complaint shall be filed with the department's ADA Coordinator in writing or in another accessible format suitable to the individual.

(3) Each complaint shall:

(a) include the individual's name and address;

(b) include the nature and extent of the individual's disability;

(c) describe the department's alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the department of the nature and date of the alleged violation;

(d) describe the action and accommodation desired; and

(e) be signed by the individual or by his or her legal

representative.

(4) Complaints filed on behalf of classes or third parties shall describe or identify by name, if possible, the alleged victims of discrimination.

R895-2-4. Investigation of Complaint.

(1) The ADA Coordinator shall conduct an investigation of each complaint received. The investigation shall be conducted to the extent necessary to assure all relevant facts are determined and documented. This may include gathering all information listed in Subsection 3(3) of this rule if it is not made available by the individual.

(2) When conducting the investigation, the coordinator may seek assistance from the department's legal, human resource and administrative services staff in determining what action, if any, shall be taken on the complaint. Before making any decision that would involve:

(a) an expenditure of funds which is not absorbable within the agency's budget and would require appropriation authority;

(b) facility modifications; or

(c) reclassification or reallocation in grade.

R895-2-5. Issuance of Decision.

(1) Within 15 working days after receiving the complaint, the ADA Coordinator shall issue a decision outlining in writing or another acceptable suitable format stating what action, if any, shall be taken on the complaint.

(2) If the coordinator is unable to reach a decision within the 15 working day period, the coordinator shall notify the individual with a disability in writing or by another acceptable suitable format why the decision is being delayed and what additional time is needed to reach a decision.

R895-2-6. Appeals.

(1) The individual may appeal the decision of the ADA Coordinator by filing an appeal within five working days from the receipt of the decision.

(2) The appeal shall be filed in writing with the department's executive director or a designee other than the department's ADA Coordinator.

(3) The filing of an appeal shall be considered as authorization by the individual to allow review of all information classified as private or controlled, by the department's executive director or designee.

(4) The appeal shall describe in sufficient detail why the coordinator's decision is in error, is incomplete or ambiguous, is not supported by the evidence, or is otherwise improper.

(5) The executive director or designee shall review the factual findings of the investigation and the individual's statement regarding the inappropriateness of the coordinator's decision and arrive at an independent conclusion and recommendation. Additional investigations may be conducted if necessary to clarify questions of fact before arriving at an independent conclusion. Before making a decision that would involve the executive director or designee to:

(a) an expenditure of funds which is not absorbable and would require appropriation authority;

(b) facility modifications; or

(c) reclassification or reallocation in grade.

(6) The decision shall be issued within ten working days after receiving the appeal and shall be in writing or in another accessible suitable format to the individual.

(7) If the executive director or designee is unable to reach a decision within the ten working day period, the executive director or designee shall notify the individual in writing or by another acceptable suitable format why the decision is being delayed and the additional time needed to reach a decision.

R895-2-7. Relationship to Other Laws.

This rule does not prohibit or limit the use of remedies available to individuals under the State Anti-Discrimination Complaint Procedures Section (67-19-32); the Federal ADA Complaint Procedures (28 CFR Part 35.170, 1992 edition); or any other Utah State or federal law that provides equal or greater protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

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**R918. Transportation, Operations, Maintenance.
R918-5. Construction or Improvement of Highway.
R918-5-1. Authority.**

This rule is required by Section 72-6-107 and is enacted under the authority of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act and Section 72-1-201.

R918-5-2. Purpose and Background.

Section 72-6-107 requires that any construction or improvement project whose estimated cost for labor and materials exceeds the Bid Limit defined in Section 72-6-109 shall be performed under contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Construction or improvement projects with estimated costs for labor and materials lower than that Bid Limit may be performed by force account. That same section also directs the Department to establish a procedure whereby evidence that a region violated that law may be heard, and also directs the Department to establish sanctions for a region found to be in violation. This rule establishes those procedures and sanctions.

R918-5-3. Definitions.

- (1) "Bid Limit" is the dollar amount set forth in Section 72-6-109.
- (2) "Department" means the Utah Department of Transportation.
- (3) "Region" means one of the four regions of the Utah Department of Transportation.
- (4) "Project" means the performance of a clearly identifiable group of associated road construction activities or the same type of maintenance process, where the construction or maintenance is performed on any one road, within a half-mile proximity and occurs within the same calendar year.

R918-5-4. Process to Hear Evidence of Violations.

- (1) There is established within the Department a "Bid Limit Hearing Board" (the Board), consisting of persons in the following positions:
 - (a) Director of Operations (Chair);
 - (b) Engineer for Construction;
 - (c) Engineer for Maintenance;
 - (d) Director of Project Development;
 - (e) UDOT Internal Auditor;
 - (f) One UDOT Region Director (appointed by the Deputy Director on a case-by-case basis); and
 - (g) Deputy Engineer for Maintenance (Secretary/Recorder, non-voting).
- (2) Any person, corporation, government agency, or UDOT group, having reasonable evidence that a region violated any provision of Section 72-6-107, may request that the Board be convened to hear that evidence, by making a written request/complaint to the Department's Deputy Director.
- (3) Upon receiving a complaint of an alleged violation, the Deputy Director shall direct the Board to convene, by notifying the Chair that a complaint has been received.
- (4) The Board shall convene no later than 30 days after the Deputy Director receives the complaint.
- (5) During the hearing, the complainant shall present objective evidence that the estimated cost of the project for labor and materials exceeded the Bid Limit. The evidence shall include credible cost data to support the allegation. The accused region shall be afforded the opportunity to defend itself against any and all allegations, by presenting credible evidence of its own.
- (6) Having heard evidence from both parties, the Board shall privately deliberate on the evidence heard, and return a verdict either supporting the complainant's claim of a violation, or finding the claim unsubstantiated. The verdict shall be based on a simple majority vote. The Board shall then notify the

Deputy Director of its verdict and recommendation for sanction.

(7) The Deputy Director, upon receiving the Board's verdict of a violation and recommendation for sanction, shall administer a sanction against the region in violation. The Deputy Director has discretion to administer either the standard sanction outlined in Section R918-5-5, or whatever other corrective action he or she deems appropriate.

R918-5-5. Standard Sanction for Violation.

The standard sanction for a region found in violation of the provisions of Section 72-6-107 by exceeding the Bid Limit for labor and materials, is a penalty to be taken from that region's Operations budget (commonly known as the "Code 1" budget), and distributed equally among the other three regions. The standard amount of the penalty is the larger of:

- (1) the total cost of the project for labor and materials, less the Bid Limit in effect at the time the project began, or
- (2) \$100,000.

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R926. Transportation, Program Development.**R926-11. Clean Fuel Vehicle Decal Program.****R926-11-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) As authorized in Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-6a-702 and 72-6-121 this rule establishes procedures for regulating access to high occupancy vehicle lanes by vehicles with a clean fuel vehicle decal regardless of the number of occupants.

(2) Federal law authorizes states to allow the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes by inherently low emission vehicles (ILEV) and low emission and energy-efficient vehicles with only a single occupant through September 30, 2009, unless federal authorization is extended. Federal law further requires a state to limit or discontinue the use of these single-occupant vehicles if the presence of the vehicles has degraded the operation of the HOV facility.

R926-11-2. Definitions.

(1) "Hybrid" means a Low Emission and Energy Efficient vehicle as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as authorized in 23 United States Code 166.

(2) "ILEV" means an Inherently Low Emission Vehicle as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as authorized in 23 United States Code 166.

(3) "C decal" means a clean vehicle decal issued by the department.

(4) "C plate" means a clean fuel special group license plate issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles as had been previously authorized in Utah Code.

(5) "C permit" means a permit issued by the department to the owner of an eligible ILEV or Hybrid vehicle.

(6) "Department" means the Utah Department of Transportation.

(7) "HOV" means a highway lane that has been designated for the use of high occupancy vehicles pursuant to Section 41-6a-702.

R926-11-3. Identification of Eligible C Decal Vehicles Prior to July 1, 2011.

(1) Upon receipt of a list from the Division of Motor Vehicles showing registered vehicles for which a C plate has been issued prior to July 1, 2011, the department will determine which vehicles meet the definition of an ILEV or Hybrid vehicle as provided in this rule.

(2) Vehicle owners with vehicles registered with a C plate issued prior to July 1, 2011, and for which the vehicle meets the definition for an ILEV or Hybrid as defined in this rule, will receive a C decal and C permit issued by the department at no cost.

(3) Vehicle owners with vehicles registered with a C plate issued prior to July 1, 2011, that do not meet the definition of an eligible ILEV or Hybrid vehicle are not eligible to receive a C decal or C permit. The department will notify these vehicle owners of ineligibility.

(4) Vehicle owners for whom notification has been provided under subsection (3) may receive a C decal and C permit at no cost if the vehicle owner:

(a) submits an application as provided under R926-11-5(3), and;

(b) provides sufficient proof to the department that the vehicle meets eligibility requirements for an ILEV or Hybrid vehicle as provided under this rule.

R926-11-4. Permitting of Eligible Vehicles after June 30, 2011.

(1) Owners of an eligible ILEV and Hybrid vehicle shall qualify for a C decal and C permit upon application to the department under permitting processes and payment of a fee defined under this rule.

(2) The owner of a vehicle issued a C decal and a C permit

is prohibited from placing the C decal on any vehicle other than the vehicle for which the department has issued a C decal and C permit. Posting a C decal on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the department has issued a C decal and C permit will render the vehicle owner ineligible to participate in the Clean Fuel Vehicle Program.

(3) The owner of a vehicle issued a C decal must have in the person's immediate possession the C permit issued by the department for that vehicle.

(4) The C decal must be placed in the windshield of the vehicle, centered near the rearview mirror and 4 inches from the top of the windshield. If the vehicle has an AS-1 line, the decal must be mounted below the line. The decal must be mounted directly onto the windshield and cannot be mounted with tape or any other device.

(5) The department shall maintain and publish a listing online of all ILEV and Hybrid vehicle makes and models eligible for a C decal and C permit.

(6) The department will charge a fee for the issuance of a C decal. The amount of the fee will be posted on the application in the amount established by the department in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.

R926-11-5. Issuance of C Decals and C Permits.

(1) The department may restrict use of the HOV facility by single-occupant vehicle with a C decal if the operation of the facility is degraded. For the purposes of this rule, an HOV facility may be considered degraded if vehicles operating on the facility are failing to maintain a minimum average operating speed of 45 miles per hour 90 percent of the time over a consecutive 180-day period during morning or evening weekday peak hour periods (or both).

(2) Not more frequently than once a year, the department may evaluate the operation of the HOV facility and determine whether the facility will continue to operate at an acceptable level of service. Based on that evaluation and if the department determines that additional single-occupant vehicles with a C decal may operate in the HOV lane without compromising operation of the facility, the department shall issue the appropriate number of C decals to eligible applicants as set forth under subsection (4).

(3) Vehicle owners with an eligible ILEV or Hybrid vehicle as defined by this rule must submit an application to the department for a C decal and C permit. The application, approved and issued by the department, shall contain the vehicle owner's name, the license plate number, the vehicle identification number, and the ILEV or Hybrid vehicle make and year model as a condition for obtaining a C decal and C permit.

(4) If more applications for a C decal are received than the total number of decals the department determines will be issued at any one time, C decals and C permits will be issued to randomly chosen applicants up to the number of permits that will be allowed based on the evaluation conducted under subsection (2).

(e) Vehicle owners with a C plate issued after January 1, 2009, may transfer the plate to a newly purchased eligible ILEV or Hybrid vehicle under the processes established under this rule.

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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.**R986-100. Employment Support Programs.****R986-100-101. Authority.**

(1) The legal authority for these rules and for the Department of Workforce Services to carry out its responsibilities is found in Sections 35A-1-104 and 35A-3-103.

(2) If any applicable federal law or regulation conflicts with these rules, the federal law or regulation is controlling.

R986-100-102. Scope.

(1) These rules establish standards for the administration of the following programs, for the collection of overpayments as defined in 35A-3-602(7) and/or disqualifications from any public assistance program provided under a state or federally funded benefit program;

- (a) Food Stamps
- (b) Family Employment Program (FEP)
- (c) Family Employment Program Two Parent (FEPTP)
- (d) Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)
- (e) Working Toward Employment (WTE)
- (f) General Assistance (GA)
- (g) Child Care Assistance (CC)
- (h) Emergency Assistance Program (EA)
- (i) Adoption Assistance Program (AA)
- (j) Activities funded with TANF monies

(2) The rules in the 100 section (R986-100 et seq.) apply to all programs listed above. Additional rules which apply to each specific program can be found in the section number assigned for that program. Nothing in R986 et seq. is intended to apply to Unemployment Insurance.

R986-100-103. Acronyms.

The following acronyms are used throughout these rules:

- (1) "AA" Adoption Assistance Program
- (2) "ALJ" Administrative Law Judge
- (3) "CC" Child Care Assistance
- (4) "CFR" Code of Federal Regulations
- (5) "DCFS" Division of Children and Family Services
- (6) "DWS" Department of Workforce Services
- (7) "EA" Emergency Assistance Program
- (8) "FEP" Family Employment Program
- (9) "FEPTP" Family Employment Program Two Parent
- (10) "GA" General Assistance
- (11) "INA" Immigration and Nationality Act
- (12) "IPV" intentional program violation
- (13) "ORS" Office of Recovery Service, Utah State Department of Human Services
- (14) "PRWORA" the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
- (15) "RRP" Refugee Resettlement Program
- (16) "SNB" Standard Needs Budget
- (17) "SSA" Social Security Administration
- (18) "SSDI" Social Security Disability Insurance
- (19) "SSI" Supplemental Security Insurance
- (20) "SSN" Social Security Number
- (21) "TANF" Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- (22) "UCA" Utah Code Annotated
- (23) "UI" Unemployment Compensation Insurance
- (24) "USCIS" United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (25) "VA" US Department of Veteran Affairs
- (26) "WTE" Working Toward Employment Program
- (27) "WIA" Workforce Investment Act
- (28) "WSL" Work Site Learning

R986-100-104. Definitions of Terms Used in These Rules.

In addition to the definitions of terms found in 35A Chapter 3, the following definitions apply to programs listed in R986-100-102:

(1) "Applicant" means any person requesting assistance under any program in Section 102 above.

(2) "Assistance" means "public assistance."

(3) "Certification period" is the period of time for which public assistance is presumptively approved. At the end of the certification period, the client must cooperate with the Department in providing any additional information needed to continue assistance for another certification period. The length of the certification period may vary between clients and programs depending on circumstances.

(4) "Client" means an applicant for, or recipient of, public assistance services or payments, administered by the Department.

(5) "Confidential information" means information that has limited access as provided under the provisions of UCA 63G-2-201 or 7 CFR 272.1. The name of a person who has disclosed information about the household without the household's knowledge is confidential and cannot be released. If the person disclosing the information states in writing that his or her name and the information may be disclosed, it is no longer considered confidential.

(6) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

(7) "Education or training" means:

- (a) basic remedial education;
- (b) adult education;
- (c) high school education;
- (d) education to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma;

(e) education to learn English as a second language;

(f) applied technology training;

(g) employment skills training;

(h) WSL; or

(i) post high school education.

(8) "Employment plan" consists of two parts, a participation agreement and an employment plan. Together they constitute a written agreement between the Department and a client that describes the requirements for continued eligibility and the result if an obligation is not fulfilled.

(9) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Department of Workforce Services.

(10) "Financial assistance" means payments, other than for food stamps, child care or medical care, to an eligible individual or household under FEP, FEPTP, RRP, GA, or WTE and which is intended to provide for the individual's or household's basic needs.

(11) "Full-time education or training" means education or training attended on a full-time basis as defined by the institution attended.

(12) "Group Home." The Department uses the definition of group home as defined by the state Department of Human Services.

(13) "Household assistance unit" means a group of individuals who are living together or who are considered to be living together, and for whom assistance is requested or issued. For all programs except food stamps and CC, the individuals included in the household assistance unit must be related to each other as described in R986-200-205.

(14) "Income match" means accessing information about an applicant's or client's income from a source authorized by law. This includes state and federal sources.

(15) "Local office" means the Employment Center which serves the geographical area in which the client resides.

(16) "Material change" means anything that might affect household eligibility, participation levels or the level of any assistance payment including a change in household composition, eligibility, assets and/or income.

(17) "Minor child" is a child under the age of 18, or under 19 years of age and in school full time and expected to complete

his or her educational program prior to turning 19, and who has not been emancipated either by a lawful marriage or court order.

(18) "Parent" means all natural, adoptive, and stepparents.

(19) "Public assistance" means:

(a) services or benefits provided under UCA 35A Chapter 3, Employment Support Act;

(b) medical assistance provided under Title 26, Chapter 18, Medical Assistance Act;

(c) foster care maintenance payments provided with the General Fund or under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act;

(d) food stamps; and

(e) any other public funds expended for the benefit of a person in need of financial, medical, food, housing, or related assistance.

(20) "Recipient" means any individual receiving assistance under any of the programs listed in Section 102.

(21) Review or recertification. Client's who are found eligible for assistance or certain exceptions under R986-200-218 are given a date for review or recertification at which point continuing eligibility is determined.

(22) "Standard needs budget" is determined by the Department based on a survey of basic living expenses.

(23) "Work Site Learning" or "WSL" means work experience or training program.

R986-100-105. Availability of Program Manuals.

(1) Program manuals for all programs are available for examination on the Department's Internet site. If an interested party cannot obtain a copy from the Internet site, a copy will be provided by the Department upon request. Reasonable costs of copying may be assessed if more than ten pages are requested.

(2) For the Food Stamp Program, copies of additional information available to the public, including records, regulations, plans, policy memos, and procedures, are available for examination upon request by members of the public, during office hours, at the Department's administrative offices, as provided in 7 CFR 272.1(d)(1) (1999).

R986-100-106. Residency Requirements.

(1) To be eligible for assistance for any program listed in R986-100-102, a client must be living in Utah voluntarily and not for a temporary purpose. There is no requirement that the client have a fixed place of residence. An individual is not eligible for public assistance in Utah if they are receiving public assistance in another state.

(2) The Department may require that a household live in the area served by the local office in which they apply.

(3) Individuals are not eligible if they are:

(a) in the custody of the criminal justice system;

(b) residents of a facility administered by the criminal justice system;

(c) residents of a nursing home;

(d) hospitalized; or

(e) residents in an institution.

(4) Individuals who reside in a temporary shelter, including shelters for battered women and children, for a limited period of time are eligible for public assistance if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

(5) Residents of a substance abuse or mental health facility may be eligible if they meet all other eligibility requirements. To be eligible for food stamps, the substance abuse or mental health facility must be an approved facility. Approval is given by the Department. Approved facilities must notify the Department and give a "change report form" to a client when the client leaves the facility and tell the client to return it to the local office. The change report form serves to notify the Department that the client no longer lives in the approved facility.

(6) Residents of a group home may be eligible for food stamps provided the group home is an approved facility. The

state Department of Human Services provides approval for group homes.

R986-100-107. Client Rights.

(1) A client may apply or reapply at any time for any program listed in R986-100-102 by completing and signing an application and turning it in, in person or by mail, at the local office.

(2) If a client needs help to apply, help will be given by the local office staff.

(3) No individual will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability.

(4) A client's home will not be entered without permission.

(5) Advance notice will be given if the client must be visited at home outside Department working hours.

(6) A client may request an agency conference to reconcile any dispute which may exist with the Department.

(7) Information about a client obtained by the Department will be safeguarded.

(8) If the client is physically or mentally incapable or has demonstrated an inability to manage funds, the Department may make payment to a protective payee.

R986-100-108. Safeguarding and Release of Information.

(1) All information obtained on specific clients, whether kept in the case file, in the computer system, maintained by the Department, the state, or somewhere else, is safeguarded in accordance with the provisions of Sections 63G-2-101 through 63G-2-901 and 7 CFR 272.1(c) and 7 CFR 272.8 and PRWORA (1996) Title VIII, Section 837.

(2) General statistical information may be released if it does not identify a specific client. This includes information obtained by the Department from another source. Information obtained from the federal government for purposes of income match can never be released.

R986-100-109. Release of Information to the Client or the Client's Representative.

(1) Information obtained by the Department from any source, which would identify the individual, will not be released without the individual's consent or, if the individual is a minor, the consent of his or her parent or guardian.

(2) A client may request, review and/or be provided with copies of anything in the case record unless it is confidential. This includes any records kept on the computer, in the file, or somewhere else.

(3) Information that may be released to the client may be released to persons other than the client with written permission from the client. All such requests must include:

(a) the date the request is made;

(b) the name of the person who will receive the information;

(c) a description of the specific information requested including the time period covered by the request; and

(d) the signature of the client.

(4) The client is entitled to a copy of his or her file at no cost. Duplicate requests may result in an appropriate fee for the copies in accordance with Department policy which will not be more than the cost to the Department for making copies.

(5) The original case file will only be removed from the office as provided in R986-100-110(6) and cannot be given to the client.

(6) Information that is not released to the client because it is confidential, cannot be used at a hearing or to close, deny or reduce assistance.

(7) Requests for information intended to be used for a commercial or political reason will be denied.

R986-100-110. Release of Information Other Than at the

Request of the Client.

(1) Information obtained from or about a client will not be published or open to public inspection in any manner which would reveal the client's identity except:

(a) unless there has been a criminal conviction against the client for fraud in obtaining public assistance. In that instance, the Department will only provide information available in the public record on the criminal charge; or

(b) if an abstract has been docketed in the district court on an overpayment, the Department can provide information that is a matter of public record in the abstract.

(2) Any information obtained by the Department pursuant to an application for or payment of public assistance may not be used in any court or admitted into evidence in an action or proceeding, except:

(a) in an action or proceeding arising out of the client's receipt of public assistance, including fraudulently obtaining or retaining public assistance, or any attempt to fraudulently obtain public assistance; or

(b) where obtained pursuant to a court order.

(3) If the case file, or any information about a client in the possession of the Department, is subpoenaed by an outside source, legal counsel for the Department will ask the court to quash the subpoena or take such action as legal counsel deems appropriate.

(4) Information obtained by the Department from the client or any other source, except information obtained from an income match, may be disclosed to:

(a) an employee of the Department in the performance of the employee's duties unless prohibited by law;

(b) an employee of a governmental agency that is specifically identified and authorized by federal or state law to receive the information;

(c) an employee of a governmental agency to the extent the information will aid in the detection or avoidance of duplicate, inconsistent, or fraudulent claims against public assistance programs, or the recovery of overpayments of public assistance funds;

(d) an employee of a law enforcement agency to the extent the disclosure is necessary to avoid a significant risk to public safety or to aid a felony criminal investigation except no information regarding a client receiving food stamps can be provided under this paragraph;

(e) to a law enforcement officer when the client is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement for a felony or is in violation of a condition of parole or probation or when the client has information which will assist a law enforcement officer in locating or apprehending an individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement for a felony or is in violation of a condition of parole or probation and the officer is acting in his official capacity. The only information under this paragraph which can be released on a client receiving food stamps is the client's address, SSN and photographic identification;

(f) to a law enforcement official, upon written request, for the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of the Food Stamp Act 7 USCA 2011 or any regulation promulgated pursuant to the act. The written request shall include the identity of the individual requesting the information and his/her authority to do so, the violation being investigated, and the identity of the person being investigated. Under this paragraph, the Department can release to the law enforcement official, more than just the client's address, SSN and photo identification;

(g) an educational institution, or other governmental entity engaged in programs providing financial assistance or federal needs-based assistance, job training, child welfare or protective services, foster care or adoption assistance programs, and to individuals or other agencies or organizations who, at the request of the Department, are coordinating services and

evaluating the effectiveness of those services;

(h) to certify receipt of assistance for an employer to get a tax credit; or

(i) information necessary to complete any audit or review of expenditures in connection with a Department public assistance program. Any information provided under this part will be safeguarded by the individual or agency receiving the information and will only be used for the purpose expressed in its release.

(5) Any information released under paragraph (4) above can only be released if the Department receives assurances that:

(a) the information being released will only be used for the purposes stated when authorizing the release; and

(b) the agency making the request has rules for safeguarding the information which are at least as restrictive as the rules followed by the Department and that those rules will be adhered to.

(6) Case records or files will not be removed from the local office except by court order, at the request of authorized Department employees, the Department's Information Disclosure Officer, the Department's Quality Control office or ORS.

(7) In an emergency, as determined to exist by the Department's Information Disclosure Officer, information may be released to persons other than the client before permission is obtained.

(8) For clients receiving CC, the Department may provide limited additional information to the child care provider identified by the client as the provider as provided in R986-700-703.

(9) Taxpayer requests to view public assistance payrolls will be denied.

R986-100-111. How to Apply For Assistance.

(1) To be eligible for assistance, a client must complete and sign an application for assistance.

(2) The application is not complete until the applicant has provided complete and correct information and verification as requested by the Department so eligibility can be determined or re-established at the time of review at the end of the certification period. The client must agree to provide correct and complete information to the Department at all times to remain eligible. This includes:

(a) property or other assets owned by all individuals included in the household unit;

(b) insurance owned by any member of the immediate family;

(c) income available to all individuals included in the household unit;

(d) a verified SSN for each household member receiving assistance. If any household member does not have a SSN, the client must provide proof that the number has been applied for. If a client fails to provide a SSN without good cause, or if the application for a SSN is denied for a reason that would be disqualifying, assistance will not be provided for that household member. Good cause in this paragraph means the client has made every effort to comply. Good cause does not mean illness, lack of transportation or temporary absence because the SSA makes provisions for mail-in applications in lieu of applying in person. Good cause must be established each month for continued benefits;

(e) the identity of all individuals who are living in the household regardless of whether they are considered to be in the household assistance unit or not;

(f) proof of relationship for all dependent children in the household. Proof of relationship is not needed for food stamps or child care; and

(g) a release of information, if requested, which would allow the Department to obtain information from otherwise

protected sources when the information requested is necessary to establish eligibility or compliance with program requirements.

(3) All clients, including those not required to participate in an employment plan, will be provided with information about applicable program opportunities and supportive services.

R986-100-112. Assistance Cannot Be Paid for Periods Prior to Date of Application.

(1) Assistance payments for any program listed in Section 102 above cannot be made for any time period prior to the day on which the application for assistance was received by the Department.

(2) If an application for assistance is received after the first day of the month, and the client is eligible to receive assistance, payment for the first month is prorated from the date of the application.

(3) If additional verifying information is needed to complete an application, it must be provided within 30 days of the date the application was received. If the client is at fault in not providing the information within 30 days, the first day the client can be eligible is the day on which the verification was received by the Department.

(4) If the verification is not received within 60 days of the date the application was received by the Department, a new application is required and assistance payments cannot be made for periods prior to the date the new application is received.

(5) If an application for assistance was denied and no appeal taken within 90 days, or a decision unfavorable to the client was issued on appeal, assistance cannot be claimed, requested, or paid for that time period.

R986-100-113. A Client Must Inform the Department of All Material Changes.

(1) A material change is any change which might affect eligibility.

(2) Households receiving assistance must report all material changes to the Department as follows:

(a) households receiving food stamps must report a change in the household's gross income if the income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level. The change must be reported within ten days of the change occurring; and

(b) households receiving GA, WTE, FEP, FEPTP, AA and RRP that do not meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) must report the following changes within ten days of the change occurring:

(i) if the household's gross income exceeds 185% of the adjusted standard needs budget;

(ii) a change of address; and

(iii) if the only eligible child leaves the household and the household receives FEP, FEPTP or AA.

(3) Households that do not meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) of this section will be assigned a review month. In addition to the ten-day reporting requirements listed in paragraphs (2)(b) and (c) of this section, the household must report, by the last day of the review month, all material changes that have occurred since the last review, or the date of application if it is the first review. The household is also required to accurately complete all review forms and reports as requested by the Department.

(4) Most changes which result in an increase of assistance will become effective the month following the month in which the report of the change was made. If verification is necessary, verification and changes will be made in the month following the month in which verification was received. If the change is to add a person to the household, the person will be added effective on the date reported, provided necessary verification is received within 30 days of the change. If verification is received after 30 days, the increase will be made effective the date verification was received.

R986-100-114. A Client's Continuing Obligation to Provide Verification and Information.

(1) A client who is eligible for assistance must provide additional verification and information, which may affect household eligibility or ongoing eligibility, after the application is approved if requested by the Department.

(2) The client must provide information to determine if eligibility was appropriately established and if payments made under these rules were appropriate. This information may be requested by an employee of the Department or a person authorized to obtain the information under contract with the Department such as an employee of ORS.

R986-100-114a. Determining When a Document is Considered Received by the Department.

(1) The date of receipt of a document filed with the Department is the date the document is actually received by the Department and not the post mark date. Any document received after 5 p.m., including documents received by Fax or email, will be considered received the next day Department offices are open.

(2) If a document has a due date and that due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time permitted for filing the document will be extended to 5 p.m. on the next day Department offices are open.

(3) "Document" as used in this section means application for assistance, verification, report, form and written notification of any kind.

(4) A verbal report or notification will be considered received on the date the client talks to a Department representative. A voice message received after 5 p.m. will be considered received the next day Department offices are open.

R986-100-115. Underpayment Due to an Error on the Part of the Department.

(1) If it is determined that a client was entitled to assistance but, due to an error on the part of the Department, assistance was not paid, the Department will correct its error and make retroactive payment.

(2) If a client receives assistance payments and it is later discovered that due to Department error the assistance payment should have been made at a higher level than the client actually received, retroactive payment will be made to correct the Department's error.

(3) If the client's public assistance was terminated due to the error, the client will be notified and assistance, plus any retroactive payments, will commence immediately.

(4) An underpayment found to have been made within the last 12 calendar months will be corrected and issued to the client. Errors which resulted in an underpayment which were made more than 12 months prior to the date of the discovery of the error are not subject to a retroactive payment.

(5) Retroactive payment under this section cannot be made for any month prior to the date on which the application for assistance was completed.

(6) The client must not have been at fault in the creation of the error.

R986-100-116. Overpayments.

(1) A client is responsible for repaying any overpayment for any program listed in R986-100-102 regardless of who was at fault in creating the overpayment.

(2) Underpayments may be used to offset an overpayment for the same program.

(3) If a change is not reported as required by R986-100-113 it may result in an overpayment.

(4) The Department will collect overpayments for all programs listed in R986-100-102 as provided by federal regulation for food stamps unless otherwise noted in this rule or

inconsistent with federal regulations specific to those other programs.

(5) This rule will apply to overpayments determined under contract with the Department of Health.

(6) If an obligor has more than one overpayment account and does not tell the Department which account to credit, the Department will make that determination.

R986-100-117. Disqualification For Fraud (Intentional Program Violations or IPV's).

(1) Any person who is at fault in obtaining or attempting to obtain, an overpayment of assistance, as defined in Section 35A-3-602 from any of the programs listed in R986-100-102 or otherwise intentionally breaches any program rule either personally or through a representative is guilty of an intentional program violation (IPV). Acts which constitute an IPV include but are not limited to:

- (a) knowingly making false or misleading statements;
- (b) misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts or information;
- (c) posing as someone else;
- (d) not reporting the receipt of a public assistance payment the individual knew or should have known they were not eligible to receive;
- (e) not reporting a material change as required by and in accordance with these rules; and
- (f) committing an act intended to mislead, misrepresent, conceal or withhold facts or propound a falsity.

(2) An IPV occurs when a person commits any of the above acts in an attempt to obtain, maintain, increase or prevent the decrease or termination of any public assistance payment(s).

(3) When the Department determines or receives notice from a court that fraud or an IPV has occurred, the client is disqualified from receiving assistance of the same type for the time period as set forth in rule, statute or federal regulation.

(4) Disqualifications run concurrently.

(5) All income and assets of a person who has been disqualified from assistance for an IPV continue to be counted and affect the eligibility and assistance amount of the household assistance unit in which the person resides.

(6) If an individual has been disqualified in another state, the disqualification period for the IPV in that state will apply in Utah provided the act which resulted in the disqualification would have resulted in a disqualification had it occurred in Utah. If the individual has been disqualified in another state for an act which would have led to disqualification had it occurred in Utah and is found to have committed an IPV in Utah, the prior periods of disqualification in any other state count toward determining the length of disqualification in Utah.

(7) The client will be notified that a disqualification period has been determined. The disqualification period shall begin no later than the second month which follows the date the client receives written notice of the disqualification and continues in consecutive months until the disqualification period has expired.

(8) Nothing in these rules is intended to limit or prevent a criminal prosecution for fraud based on the same facts used to determine the IPV.

R986-100-118. Additional Penalty for a Client Who Intentionally Misrepresents Residence.

A person who has been convicted in federal or state court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the place of residence in order to receive assistance simultaneously from two or more states is disqualified from receiving assistance for any and all programs listed in R986-100-102 above, for a period of 10 years. This applies even if Utah was not one of the states involved in the original fraudulent misrepresentation.

R986-100-119. Reporting Possible Child Abuse or Neglect.

When a Department employee has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, it shall be reported under the provisions of Section 62A-4a-401 et seq.

R986-100-120. Discrimination Complaints.

(1) Complaints of discrimination can be made in person, by phone, or in writing to the local office, the Office of the Executive Director or the Director's designee, the Department's Equal Opportunity Officer, or the appropriate Federal agency.

(2) Complaints shall be resolved and responded to as quickly as possible.

(3) A record of complaints will be maintained by the local office including the response to the complaint.

(4) If a complaint is made to the local office, a copy of the complaint together with a copy of the written response will be sent to the Office of the Executive Director or the Director's designee.

(5) Discrimination complaints pertaining to the Food Stamp Program will also be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of Food and Nutrition Service, Washington, D.C., 20250 in accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR 272.6 (1999).

R986-100-121. Agency Conferences.

(1) Agency conferences are used to resolve disputes between the client and Department staff.

(2) Clients or Department staff may request an agency conference at any time to resolve a dispute regarding a denial or reduction of assistance.

(3) Clients may have an authorized representative attend the agency conference.

(4) An agency conference will be attended by the client's employment counselor and the counselor's supervisor unless the client or the supervisor request that the employment counselor not attend the conference.

(5) If an agency conference has previously been held on the same dispute, the Department may decline to hold the requested conference if, in the judgment of the employment counselor's supervisor, it will not result in the resolution of the dispute.

(6) If the Department requests the agency conference and the client fails to respond, attend or otherwise cooperate in this process, documentation in the case file of attempts by the staff to follow these steps will be considered as compliance with the requirement to attempt to resolve the dispute.

(7) An agency conference may be held after a client has made a request for hearing in an effort to resolve the dispute. If so, the client must be notified that failure to participate or failure to resolve the dispute at the agency conference will not affect the client's right to proceed with the hearing.

R986-100-122. Advance Notice of Department Action.

(1) Except as provided in (2) below, clients will be notified in writing when a decision concerning eligibility, amount of assistance payment or action on the part of the Department which affects the client's eligibility or amount of assistance has been made. Notice will be sent prior to the effective date of any action to reduce or terminate assistance payments. The Department will send advance notice of its intent to collect overpayments or to disqualify a household member.

(2) Except for overpayments, advance notice is not required when:

- (a) the client requests in writing that the case be closed;
- (b) the client has been admitted to an institution under governmental administrative supervision;
- (c) the client has been placed in skilled nursing care, intermediate care, or long-term hospitalization;

(d) the client's whereabouts are unknown and mail sent to the client has been returned by the post office with no forwarding address;

(e) it has been determined the client is receiving public assistance in another state;

(f) a child in the household has been removed from the home by court order or by voluntary relinquishment;

(g) a special allowance provided for a specific period is ended and the client was informed in writing at the time the allowance began that it would terminate at the end of the specified period;

(h) a household member has been disqualified for an IPV in accordance with 7 CFR 273.16, or the benefits of the remaining household members are reduced or terminated to reflect the disqualification of that household member;

(i) the Department has received factual information confirming the death of a client or payee if there is no other relative able to serve as a new payee;

(j) the client's certification period has expired;

(k) the action to terminate assistance is based on the expiration of the time limits imposed by the program;

(l) the client has provided information to the Department, or the Department has information obtained from another reliable source, that the client is not eligible or that payment should be reduced or terminated;

(m) the Department determines that the client willfully withheld information or;

(n) when payment of financial assistance is made after performance under R986-200-215 and R986-400-454 no advance notice is needed when performance requirements are not met.

(3) For food stamp recipients and recipients of assistance under R986-300, no action will be taken until ten days after notice was sent unless one of the exceptions in (2)(a) through (k) above apply.

(4) Notice is complete if sent to the client's last known address. If notice is sent to the client's last known address and the notice is returned by the post office or electronically with no forwarding address, the notice will be considered to have been properly served. If a client elects to receive correspondence electronically, notice is complete when sent to the client's last known email address and/or posted to the client's Department sponsored web page.

R986-100-123. The Right To a Hearing and How to Request a Hearing.

(1) A client has the right to a review of an adverse Department action by requesting a hearing.

(2) In cases where the Department sends notice of its intent to take action to collect an alleged overpayment but there is no alleged overpayment of food stamps, the client must request a hearing in writing or orally within 30 days of the date of notice of agency action. In all other cases, the client must request a hearing in writing or orally within 90 days of the date of the notice of agency action with which the client disagrees.

(3) Only a clear expression by the client to the effect that the client wants an opportunity to present his or her case is required.

(4) The request for a hearing can be made at the local office or the Division of Adjudication.

(5) If the client disagrees with the level of food stamp benefits paid or payable, the client can request a hearing within the certification period, even if that is longer than 90 days.

(6) If a request for restoration of lost food stamp benefits is made within one year of the loss of benefits a client may request a hearing within 90 days of the date of the denial of restoration.

(7) In the case of an overpayment and/or IPV the obligor may contact the presiding officer and attempt to resolve the

dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the obligor may still request a hearing provided it is filed within the time limit provided in the notice of agency action.

R986-100-124. How Hearings Are Conducted.

(1) Hearings are held at the state level and not at the local level.

(2) Where not inconsistent with federal law or regulation governing hearing procedure, the Department will follow the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

(3) Hearings for all programs listed in R986-100-102 and overpayments and IPV's in Section 35A-3-601 et seq. are declared to be informal.

(4) Hearings are conducted by an ALJ or a Hearing Officer in the Division of Adjudication. A Hearing Officer has all of the same rights, duties, powers and responsibilities as an ALJ under these rules and the terms are interchangeable.

(5) Hearings are usually scheduled as telephone hearings.

(6) If the client prefers an in-person hearing the client must contact the ALJ assigned to hear the case in advance of the hearing and request that the hearing be converted to an in-person hearing. An in-person hearing is conducted in one of the following ways, at the option of the client:

(a) the client can request that the hearing be conducted in the office of the ALJ and appear personally before the ALJ, but the Department representative and Department witnesses will be allowed to participate by telephone; or

(b) the client can participate from the local Employment Center with the witnesses and Department employees who work in that particular Employment Center. The ALJ and any Department employees or witnesses who are in another location will participate from that location or locations by telephone.

(7) the Department is not responsible for any travel costs incurred by the client in attending an in-person hearing.

(8) the Division of Adjudication will permit collect calls from parties and their witnesses participating in telephone hearings.

R986-100-125. When a Client Needs an Interpreter at the Hearing.

(1) If a client notifies the Department that an interpreter is needed at the time the request for hearing is made, the Department will arrange for an interpreter at no cost to the client.

(2) If an interpreter is needed at the hearing by a client or the client's witness(es), the client may arrange for an interpreter to be present at the hearing who is an adult with fluent ability to understand and speak English and the language of the person testifying, or notify the Division of Adjudication at the time the appeal is filed that assistance is required in arranging for an interpreter.

R986-100-126. Procedure For Use of an Interpreter.

(1) The ALJ will be assured that the interpreter:

(a) understands the English language; and

(b) understands the language of the client or witness for whom the interpreter will interpret.

(2) The ALJ will instruct the interpreter to interpret, word for word, and not summarize, add, change, or delete any of the testimony or questions.

(3) The interpreter will be sworn to truthfully and accurately translate all statements made, all questions asked, and all answers given.

(4) The interpreter will be instructed to translate to the client the explanation of the hearing procedures as provided by the ALJ.

R986-100-127. Notice of Hearing.

(1) All interested parties will be notified by mail at least

10 days prior to the hearing.

(2) Advance written notice of the hearing can be waived if the client and Department agree.

(3) The notice shall contain:

(a) the time, date, and place, or conditions of the hearing.

If the hearing is to be by telephone, the notice will provide the number for the client to call and a notice that the client can call the number collect;

(b) the legal issues or reason for the hearing;

(c) the consequences of not appearing;

(d) the procedures and limitations for requesting rescheduling; and

(e) notification that the client can examine the case file prior to the hearing.

(4) If a client has designated a person or professional organization as the client's agent, notice of the hearing will be sent to that agent. It will be considered that the client has been given notice when notice is sent to the agent.

(5) When a new issue arises during the hearing or under other unusual circumstances, advance written notice may be waived, if the Department and the client agree, after a full verbal explanation of the issues and potential results.

(6) The client must notify any representatives, including counsel and witnesses, of the time and place of the hearing and make necessary arrangements for their participation.

(7) The notice of hearing will be translated, either in writing or verbally, for certain clients participating in the RRP program in accordance with RRP regulations.

R986-100-128. Hearing Procedure.

(1) Hearings are not open to the public.

(2) A client may be represented at the hearing. The client may also invite friends or relatives to attend as space permits.

(3) Representatives from the Department or other state agencies may be present.

(4) All hearings will be conducted informally and in such manner as to protect the rights of the parties. The hearing may be recorded.

(5) All issues relevant to the appeal will be considered and decided upon.

(6) The decision of the ALJ will be based solely on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

(7) All parties may testify, present evidence or comment on the issues.

(8) All testimony of the parties and witnesses will be given under oath or affirmation.

(9) Any party to an appeal will be given an adequate opportunity to be heard and present any pertinent evidence of probative value and to know and rebut by cross-examination or otherwise any other evidence submitted.

(10) The ALJ will direct the order of testimony and rule on the admissibility of evidence.

(11) Oral or written evidence of any nature, whether or not conforming to the legal rules of evidence including hearsay, may be accepted and will be given its proper weight.

(12) Official records of the Department, including reports submitted in connection with any program administered by the Department or other State agency may be included in the record.

(13) The ALJ may request the presentation of and may take such additional evidence as the ALJ deems necessary.

(14) The parties, with consent of the ALJ, may stipulate to the facts involved. The ALJ may decide the issues on the basis of such facts or may set the matter for hearing and take such further evidence as deemed necessary to determine the issues.

(15) The ALJ may require portions of the evidence be transcribed as necessary for rendering a decision.

(16) Unless the client requests a continuance, the decision of the ALJ will be issued within 60 days of the date on which the client requests a hearing.

(17) A decision of the ALJ which results in a reversal of the Department decision shall be complied with within 10 days of the issuance of the decision.

R986-100-129. Rescheduling or Continuance of Hearing.

(1) The ALJ may adjourn, reschedule, continue or reopen a hearing on the ALJ's own motion or on the motion of the client or the Department.

(2) If a party knows in advance of the hearing that they will be unable to proceed with or participate in the hearing on the date or time scheduled, the party must request that the hearing be rescheduled or continued to another day or time.

(a) The request must be received prior to the hearing.

(b) The request must be made orally or in writing to the ALJ who is scheduled to hear the case. If the request is not received prior to the hearing, the party must show cause for failing to make a timely request.

(c) The party making the request must show cause for the request.

(d) Normally, a party will not be granted more than one request for a continuance.

(3) The rescheduled hearing must be held within 30 days of the original hearing date.

R986-100-130. Default Order for Failure to Participate.

(1) The Department will issue a default order if an obligor in an overpayment and/or IPV case fails to participate in the administrative process. Participation for an obligor means:

(a) signing and returning to the Department an approved stipulation for repayment and making all of the payments as agreed,

(b) requesting and participating in a hearing, or

(c) paying the overpayment in full.

(2) If a hearing has been scheduled at the request of a client or an obligor and the client or obligor fails to appear at or participate in the hearing, either in person or through a representative, the ALJ will, unless a continuance or rescheduling has been requested, issue a default order.

(3) A default order will be based on the record and best evidence available at the time of the order.

R986-100-131. Setting Aside A Default and/or Reopening the Hearing After the Hearing Has Been Concluded.

(1) Any party who fails to participate personally or by authorized representative as defined in R986-100-130 may request that the default order be set aside and a hearing or a new hearing be scheduled. If a party failed to participate in a hearing but no decision has yet been issued, the party may request that the hearing be reopened.

(2) The request must be in writing, must set forth the reason for the request and must be mailed, faxed or delivered to the ALJ or presiding officer who issued the default order within ten days of the issuance of the default. If the request is made after the expiration of the ten-day time limit, the party requesting reopening must show good cause for not making the request within ten days.

(3) The ALJ has the discretion to schedule a hearing to determine if a party requesting that a default order be set aside or a reopening satisfied the requirements of this rule or may grant or deny the request on the basis of the record in the case.

(4) If a presiding officer issued the default, the officer shall forward the request to the Division of Adjudication. The request will be assigned to an ALJ who will then determine if the party requesting that the default be set aside or that the hearing be reopened has satisfied the requirements of this rule.

(5) The ALJ may, on his or her own motion, reschedule, continue or reopen a case if it appears necessary to take continuing jurisdiction based on a mistake as to facts or if the denial of a hearing would be an affront to fairness. A presiding

officer may, on his or her own motion, set aside a default on the same grounds.

(6) If a request to set aside the default or a request for reopening is not granted, the ALJ will issue a decision denying the request to reopen. A copy of the decision will be given or mailed to each party, with a clear statement of the right of appeal or judicial review. A defaulted party may appeal a denial of a request to set aside a default by following the procedure in R986-100-135. The appeal can only contest the denial of the request to set aside the default and not the underlying merits of the case. If the default is set aside on appeal, the Executive Director or designee may rule on the merits or remand the case to an ALJ for a ruling on the merits on an additional hearing if necessary.

R986-100-132. What Constitutes Grounds to Set Aside a Default.

(1) A request to reopen or set aside for failure to participate:

(a) will be granted if the party was prevented from participating and/or appearing at the hearing due to circumstances beyond the party's control;

(b) may be granted upon such terms as are just for any of the following reasons: mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect or any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the decision. The determination of what sorts of neglect will be considered excusable is an equitable one, taking into account all of the relevant circumstances including:

(i) the danger that the party not requesting reopening will be harmed by reopening,

(ii) the length of the delay caused by the party's failure to participate including the length of time to request reopening,

(iii) the reason for the request including whether it was within the reasonable control of the party requesting reopening,

(iv) whether the party requesting reopening acted in good faith, and

(v) whether the party was represented by another at the time of the hearing. Because they are required to know and understand Department rules, attorneys and professional representatives are held to a higher standard, and

(vi) whether based on the evidence of record and the parties arguments or statements, setting aside the default and taking additional evidence might effect the outcome of the case.

(2) Requests to reopen or set aside are remedial in nature and thus must be liberally construed in favor of providing parties with an opportunity to be heard and present their case. Any doubt must be resolved in favor of granting reopening.

R986-100-133. Canceling an Appeal and Hearing.

When a client notifies the Division of Adjudication or the ALJ that the client wants to cancel the hearing and not proceed with the appeal, a decision dismissing the appeal will be issued. This decision will have the effect of upholding the Department decision. The client will have 30 days in which to reinstate the appeal by filing a written request for reinstatement with the Division of Adjudication.

R986-100-134. Payments of Assistance Pending the Hearing.

(1) A client is entitled to receive continued assistance pending a hearing contesting a Department decision to reduce or terminate food stamps, RRP, FEPTP, or FEP financial assistance if the client's request for a hearing is received no later than 10 days after the date of the notice of the reduction, or termination. The assistance will continue unless the certification period expires until a decision is issued by the ALJ. If the certification period expires while the hearing or decision is pending, assistance will be terminated. If a client becomes ineligible or the assistance amount is reduced for another reason pending a hearing, assistance will be terminated or reduced for

the new reason unless a hearing is requested on the new action.

(2) If the client can show good cause for not requesting the hearing within 10 days of the notice, assistance may be continued if the client can show good cause for failing to file in a timely fashion. Good cause in this paragraph means that the delay in filing was due to circumstances beyond the client's control or for circumstances which were compelling and reasonable. Because the Department allows a client to request a hearing by telephone or mail, good cause does not mean illness, lack of transportation or temporary absence.

(3) A client can request that payment of assistance not be continued pending a hearing but the request must be in writing.

(4) If payments are continued pending a hearing, the client is responsible for any overpayment in the event of an adverse decision.

(5) If the decision of the ALJ is adverse to the client, the client is not eligible for continued assistance pending any appeal of that decision.

(6) If a decision favorable to the client is rendered after a hearing, and payments were not made pending the decision, retroactive payment will be paid back to the date of the adverse action if the client is otherwise eligible.

(7) Financial assistance payments under GA or WTE, and CC subsidies will not continue during the hearing process regardless of when the appeal is filed.

(8) Financial assistance under the RRP will not extend for longer than the eight-month time limit for that program under any circumstances.

(9) Clients receiving financial assistance under the FEPTP program must continue to participate to receive financial assistance during the hearing process.

(10) Financial assistance under the FEPTP program will not extend for longer than the seven-month time limit for that program under any circumstance.

(11) Assistance is not allowed pending a hearing from a denial of an application for assistance.

R986-100-135. Further Appeal From the Decision of the ALJ or Presiding Officer.

Either party has the option of appealing the decision of the ALJ or presiding officer to either the Executive Director or person designated by the Executive Director or to the District Court. The appeal must be filed, in writing, within 30 days of the issuance of the decision of the ALJ or presiding officer.

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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.**R986-200. Family Employment Program.****R986-200-201. Authority for Family Employment Program (FEP) and Family Employment Program Two Parent (FEPTP) and Other Applicable Rules.**

(1) The Department provides services to eligible families under FEP and FEPTP under the authority granted in the Employment Support Act, UCA 35A-3-301 et seq. Funding is provided by the federal government through Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) as authorized by PRWORA.

(2) Rule R986-100 applies to FEP and FEPTP unless expressly noted otherwise.

R986-200-202. Family Employment Program (FEP).

(1) The goal of FEP is to increase family income through employment, and where appropriate, child support and/or disability payments.

(2) FEP is for families with no more than one able bodied parent in the household. If the family has two able bodied parents in the household, the family is not eligible for FEP but may be eligible for FEPTP. Able bodied means capable of earning at least \$500 per month in the Utah labor market.

(3) If a household has at least one incapacitated parent, the parent claiming incapacity must verify that incapacity in one of the following ways:

- (a) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;
- (b) 100% disabled by VA; or
- (c) by submitting a written statement from:
 - (i) a licensed medical doctor;
 - (ii) a doctor of osteopathy;
 - (iii) a licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA 58-60-102;

(iv) a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; or
 (v) a licensed Physician's Assistant.
 (d) the written statement in paragraph (c) of this subsection must be based on a current physical examination of the parent, not just a review of parent's medical records.

(4) Incapacity means not capable of earning \$500 per month. The incapacity must be expected to last 30 days or longer.

(5) An applicant or parent must cooperate in the obtaining of a second opinion regarding incapacity if requested by the Department. Only the costs associated with a second opinion requested by the Department will be paid for by the Department. The Department will not pay the costs associated with obtaining a second opinion if the parent requests the second opinion.

(6) An incapacitated parent is included in the FEP household assistance unit and the parent's income and assets are counted toward establishing eligibility unless the parent is a SSI recipient. If the parent is a SSI recipient, that parent is not included in the household and none of the income or assets of the SSI recipient is counted.

(7) An incapacitated parent who is included in the household must still negotiate, sign and agree to participate in an employment plan. If the incapacity is such that employment is not feasible now or in the future, participation may be limited to cooperating with ORS and filing for any assistance or benefits to which the parent may be entitled. If it is believed the incapacity might not be permanent, the parent will also be required to seek assistance in overcoming the incapacity.

R986-200-203. Citizenship and Alienage Requirements.

(1) All persons in the household assistance unit who are included in the financial assistance payment, including children, must be a citizen of the United States or meet alienage criteria.

(2) An alien is not eligible for financial assistance unless the alien meets the definition of qualified alien. A qualified alien is an alien:

- (a) who is paroled into the United States under section

212(d)(5) of the INA for at least one year;

(b) who is admitted as a refugee under section 207 of the INA;

(c) who is granted asylum under section 208 of the INA;

(d) who is a Cuban or Haitian entrant in accordance with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 401;

(e) who is an Amerasian from Vietnam and was admitted to the United States as an immigrant pursuant to Public Law 100-202 and Public Law 100-461;

(f) whose deportation is being withheld under sections 243(h) or 241(b)(3) of the INA;

(g) who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the INA,

(h) who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the INA;

(i) who meets the definition of certain battered aliens under Section 8 U.S.C. 1641(c); or

(j) who is a certified victim of trafficking.

(3) All aliens granted lawful temporary or permanent resident status under Sections 210, 302, or 303 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, are disqualified from receiving financial assistance for a period of five years from the date lawful temporary resident status is granted.

(4) Aliens are required to provide proof, in the form of documentation issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), of immigration status. Victims of trafficking can provide proof from the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

R986-200-204. Eligibility Requirements.

(1) To be eligible for financial assistance under the FEP or FEPTP a household assistance unit must include:

(a) a pregnant woman when it has been medically verified that she is in the third calendar month prior to the expected month of delivery, or later, and who, if the child were born and living with her in the month of payment, would be eligible. The unborn child is not included in the financial assistance payment; or

(b) at least one minor dependent child who is a citizen or meets the alienage criteria. All minor children age 6 to 16 must attend school, or be exempt under 53A-11-102, to be included in the household assistance unit for a financial assistance payment for that child.

(i) A minor child is defined as being under the age of 18 years and not emancipated by marriage or by court order; or

(ii) an unemancipated child, at least 18 years old but under 19 years old, with no high school diploma or its equivalent, who is a full-time student in a secondary school, or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training, and the school has verified a reasonable expectation the 18 year old will complete the program before reaching age 19.

(2) Households must meet other eligibility requirements of income, assets, and participation in addition to the eligibility requirements found in R986-100.

(3) Persons who are fleeing to avoid prosecution of a felony are ineligible for financial assistance.

(4) All clients who are required to complete a negotiated employment plan as provided in R986-200-206 must attend a FEP orientation meeting, sign a FEP Agreement, and negotiate and sign an employment plan within 30 days of submitting his or her application for assistance. Attendance at the orientation meeting can only be excused for reasonable cause as defined in R986-200-212(8). The application for assistance will not be complete until the client has attended the meeting.

R986-200-205. How to Determine Who Is Included in the Household Assistance Unit.

The amount of financial assistance for an eligible household is based on the size of the household assistance unit

and the income and assets of all people in the household assistance unit.

(1) The income and assets of the following individuals living in the same household must be counted in determining eligibility of the household assistance unit:

(a) all natural parents, adoptive parents, parents listed on the birth certificate and stepparents, unless expressly excluded in this section, who are related to and residing in the same household as an eligible dependent child. Natural parentage is determined as follows:

(i) A woman is the natural parent if her name appears on the birth record of the child.

(ii) For a man to be determined to be the natural parent, that relationship must be established or acknowledged or his name must appear on the birth record. If the parents have a solemnized marriage at the time of birth, relationship is established and can only be rebutted by a DNA test;

(b) household members who would otherwise be included but who are absent solely by reason of employment, school or training, or who will return home to live within 30 days;

(c) all minor siblings, half-siblings, and adopted siblings living in the same household as an eligible dependent child; and

(d) all spouses living in the household.

(2) The following individuals in the household are not counted in determining the household size for determining payment amount nor are the assets or income of the individuals counted in determining household eligibility:

(a) a recipient of SSI benefits. If the SSI recipient is the parent and is receiving FEP assistance for the child(ren) residing in the household, the SSI parent must cooperate with establishing paternity and child support enforcement for the household to be eligible. If the only dependent child is a SSI recipient, the parent or specified relative may receive a FEP assistance payment which does not include that child, provided the parent or specified relative is not on SSI and can meet all other requirements;

(b) a child during any month in which a foster care maintenance payment is being provided to meet the child's needs. If the only dependent child in the household is receiving a foster care maintenance payment, the parent or specified relative may still receive a FEP assistance payment which does not include the child, provided all other eligibility, income and asset requirements are met;

(c) an absent household member who is expected to be gone from the household for 180 days or more unless the absence is due to employment, school or training. If the absence is due to employment, school or training the household member must be included.

(3) The household assistance unit can choose whether to include or exclude the following individuals living in the household. If included, all income and assets of that person are counted:

(a) all absent household members who are expected to be temporarily absent from the home for more than 30 but not more than 180 consecutive days unless the absence is due to employment, school or training. If the absence is due to employment, school or training the household member must be included;

(b) Native American children, or deaf or blind children, who are temporarily absent while in boarding school, even if the temporary absence is expected to last more than 180 days;

(c) an adopted child who receives a federal, state or local government special needs adoption payment. If the adopted child receiving this type of payment is the only dependent child in the household and excluded, the parent(s) or specified relative may still receive a FEP or FEPTP assistance payment which does not include the child, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. If the household chooses to include the adopted child in the household assistance unit under this

paragraph, the special needs adoption payment is counted as income;

(d) former stepchildren who have no blood relationship to a dependent child in the household;

(e) a specified relative. If a household requests that a specified relative be included in the household assistance unit, only one specified relative can be included in the financial assistance payment regardless of how many specified relatives are living in the household. The income and assets of all household members are counted according to the provisions of R986-200-241.

(4) In situations where there are children in the home for which there is court order regarding custody of the children, the Department will determine if the children should be included in the household assistance unit based on the actual living arrangements of the children and not on the custody order. If the child lives in the home 50% or more of the time, the child must be included in the household assistance unit and duty of support completed. It is not an option to exclude the child. This is true even if the court awarded custody to the other parent or the court ordered joint custody. If the child lives in the household less than 50% of the time, the child cannot be included in the household. It is not an option to include the child. This is true even if the parent applying for financial assistance has been awarded custody by the court or the court ordered joint custody. If financial assistance is allowed, a joint custody order might be modified by the court under the provisions of 30-3-10.2(4) and 30-3-10.4.

(5) The income and assets of the following individuals are counted in determining eligibility even though the individual is not included in the assistance payment:

(a) a household member who has been disqualified from the receipt of assistance because of an IPV, (fraud determination);

(b) a household member who does not meet the citizenship and alienage requirements; or

(c) a minor child who is not in school full time or participating in self sufficiency activities.

R986-200-206. Participation Requirements.

(1) Payment of any and all financial assistance is contingent upon all parents in the household, including adoptive and stepparents, participating, to the maximum extent possible, in:

(a) assessment and evaluation;

(b) the completion of a negotiated employment plan; and

(c) assisting ORS in good faith to:

(i) establish the paternity of all minor children; and

(ii) establish and enforce child support obligations.

(d) obtaining any and all other sources of income. If any household member is or appears to be eligible for unemployment, SSA, Workers Compensation, VA, or any other benefits or forms of assistance, the Department will refer the individual to the appropriate agency and the individual must apply for and pursue obtaining those benefits. If an individual refuses to apply for and pursue these benefits or assistance, the individual is ineligible for financial assistance. Pursuing these benefits includes cooperating fully and providing all the necessary documentation to insure receipt of benefits. If the individual is already receiving assistance from the Department and it is found he or she is not cooperating fully to obtain benefits from another source, the individual will be considered to not be participating in his or her employment plan. If the individual is otherwise eligible for FEP or FEPTP, financial assistance will be provided until eligibility for other benefits or assistance has been determined. If an individual's application for SSA benefits is denied, the individual must fully cooperate in prosecuting an appeal of that SSA denial at least to the Social Security ALJ level.

(2) Parents who have been determined to be ineligible to be included in the financial assistance payment are still required to participate.

(3) Children at least 16 years old but under 18 years old, unless they are in school full-time or in school part-time and working less than 100 hours per month are required to participate.

R986-200-207. Participation in Child Support Enforcement.

(1) Receipt of child support is an important element in increasing a family's income.

(2) Every natural, legal or adoptive parent has a duty to support his or her children and stepchildren even if the children do not live in the parental home.

(3) A parent's duty to support continues until the child:

(a) reaches age 18;

(b) is 18 years old and enrolled in high school during the normal and expected year of graduation;

(c) is emancipated by marriage or court order;

(d) is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

or

(e) is self supporting.

(4) A client receiving financial assistance automatically assigns to the state any and all rights to child support for all children who are included in the household assistance unit while receiving financial assistance. The assignment of rights occurs even if the client claims or establishes "good cause or other exception" for refusal to cooperate. The assignment of rights to support, cooperation in establishing paternity, and establishing and enforcing child support is a condition of eligibility for the receipt of financial assistance.

(5) For each child included in the financial assistance payment, the client must also assign any and all rights to alimony or spousal support from the noncustodial parent while the client receives public assistance.

(6) The client must cooperate with the Department and ORS in establishing and enforcing the spousal and child support obligation from any and all natural, legal, or adoptive non-custodial parents.

(7) If a parent is absent from the home, the client must identify and help locate the non-custodial parent.

(8) If a child is conceived or born during a marriage, the husband is considered the legal father, even if the wife states he is not the natural father.

(9) If the child is born out of wedlock, the client must also cooperate in the establishment of paternity.

(10) ORS is solely responsible for determining if the client is cooperating in identifying the noncustodial parent and with child support establishment and enforcement efforts for the purposes of receipt of financial assistance. The Department cannot review, modify, or reject a decision made by ORS.

(11) Unless good cause is shown, financial assistance will terminate if a parent or specified relative does not cooperate with ORS in establishing paternity or enforcing child support obligations.

(12) Upon notification from ORS that the client is not cooperating, the Department will commence reconciliation procedures as outlined in R986-200-212. If the client continues to refuse to cooperate with ORS at the end of the reconciliation process, financial assistance will be terminated.

(13) Termination of financial assistance for non-cooperation is immediate, without a reduction period outlined in R986-200-212, if:

(a) the client is a specified relative who is not included in the household assistance unit;

(b) the client is a parent receiving SSI benefits; or

(c) the client is participating in FEPTP.

(14) Once the financial assistance has been terminated due to the client's failure to cooperate with child support

enforcement, the client must then reapply for financial assistance. This time, the client must cooperate with child support collection prior to receiving any financial assistance.

(15) A specified relative, illegal alien, SSI recipient, or disqualified parent in a household receiving FEP assistance must assign rights to support of any kind and cooperate with all establishment and enforcement efforts even if the parent or relative is not included in the financial assistance payment.

R986-200-208. Good Cause for Not Cooperating With ORS.

(1) The Department is responsible for determining if the client has good cause or other exception for not cooperating with ORS.

(2) To establish good cause for not cooperating, the client must file a written request for a good cause determination and provide proof of good cause within 20 days of the request.

(3) A client has the right to request a good cause determination at any time, even if ORS or court proceedings have begun.

(4) Good cause for not cooperating with ORS can be shown if one of following circumstances exists:

(a) The child, for whom support is sought, was conceived as a result of incest or rape. To prove good cause under this paragraph, the client must provide:

(i) birth certificates;

(ii) medical records;

(iii) Department records;

(iv) records from another state or federal agency;

(v) court records; or

(vi) law enforcement records.

(b) Legal proceedings for the adoption of the child are pending before a court. Proof is established if the client provides copies of documents filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) A public or licensed private social agency is helping the client resolve the issue of whether to keep or relinquish the child for adoption and the discussions between the agency and client have not gone on for more than three months. The client is required to provide written notice from the agency concerned.

(d) The client's cooperation in establishing paternity or securing support is reasonably expected to result in physical or emotional harm to the child or to the parent or specified relative. If harm to the parent or specified relative is claimed, it must be significant enough to reduce that individual's capacity to adequately care for the child.

(i) Physical or emotional harm is considered to exist when it results in, or is likely to result in, an impairment that has a substantial effect on the individual's ability to perform daily life activities.

(ii) The source of physical or emotional harm may be from individuals other than the noncustodial parent.

(iii) The client must provide proof that the individual is likely to inflict such harm or has done so in the past. Proof must be from an independent source such as:

(A) medical records or written statements from a mental health professional evidencing a history of abuse or current health concern. The record or statement must contain a diagnosis and prognosis where appropriate;

(B) court records;

(C) records from the Department or other state or federal agency; or

(D) law enforcement records.

(5) If a claim of good cause is denied because the client is unable to provide proof as required under Subsection (4) (a) or (d) the client can request a hearing and present other evidence of good cause at the hearing. If the ALJ finds that evidence credible and convincing, the ALJ can make a finding of good cause under Subsections (4) (a) or (d) based on the evidence presented by the client at the hearing. A finding of good cause

by the ALJ can be based solely on the sworn testimony of the client.

(6) When the claim of good cause for not cooperating is based in whole or in part on anticipated physical or emotional harm, the Department must consider:

- (a) the client's present emotional health and history;
- (b) the intensity and probable duration of the resulting impairment;
- (c) the degree of cooperation required; and
- (d) the extent of involvement of the child in the action to be taken by ORS.

(7) The Department recognizes no other exceptions, apart from those recognized by ORS, to the requirement that a client cooperate in good faith with ORS in the establishment of paternity and establishment and enforcement of child support.

(8) If the client has exercised his or her right to an agency review or adjudicative proceeding under Utah Administrative Procedures Act on the question of non-cooperation as determined by ORS, the Department will not review, modify, or reverse the decision of ORS on the question of non-cooperation. If the client did not have an opportunity for a review with ORS, the Department will refer the request for review to ORS for determination.

(9) Once a request for a good cause determination has been made, all collection efforts by ORS will be suspended until the Department has made a decision on good cause.

(10) A client has the right to appeal a Department decision on good cause to an ALJ by following the procedures for appeal found in R986-100.

(11) If a parent requests a hearing on the basis of good cause for not cooperating, the resulting decision cannot change or modify the determination made by ORS on the question of good faith.

(12) Even if the client establishes good cause not to cooperate with ORS, if the Department supervisor determines that support enforcement can safely proceed without the client's cooperation, ORS may elect to do so. Before proceeding without the client's cooperation, ORS will give the client advance notice that it intends to commence enforcement proceedings and give the client an opportunity to object. The client must file his or her objections with ORS within 10 days.

(13) A determination that a client has good cause for non-cooperation may be reviewed and reversed by the Department upon a finding of new, or newly discovered evidence, or a change in circumstances.

R986-200-209. Participation in Obtaining an Assessment.

(1) Within 20 business days of the date the application for financial assistance has been completed and approved, the client will be assigned to an employment counselor and must complete an assessment.

(2) The assessment evaluates a client's needs and is used to develop an employment plan.

(3) Completion of the assessment requires that the client provide information about:

- (a) family circumstances including health, needs of the children, support systems, and relationships;
- (b) personal needs or potential barriers to employment;
- (c) education;
- (d) work history;
- (e) skills;
- (f) financial resources and needs; and
- (g) any other information relevant to the client's ability to become self-sufficient.

(4) The client may be required to participate in testing or completion of other assessment tools and may be referred to another person within the Department, another agency, or to a company or individual under contract with the Department to complete testing, assessment, and evaluation.

R986-200-210. Requirements of an Employment Plan.

(1) Within 15 business days of completion of the assessment, the following individuals in the household assistance unit are required to sign and make a good faith effort to participate to the maximum extent possible in a negotiated employment plan:

(a) All parents, including parents whose income and assets are included in determining eligibility of the household but have been determined to be ineligible or disqualified from being included in the financial assistance payment.

(b) Dependent minor children who are at least 16 years old, who are not parents, unless they are full-time students or are employed an average of 30 hours a week or more.

(2) The goal of the employment plan is obtaining marketable employment and it must contain the soonest possible target date for entry into employment consistent with the employability of the individual.

(3) An employment plan consists of activities designed to help an individual become employed. For each activity there will be:

- (a) an expected outcome;
- (b) an anticipated completion date;
- (c) the number of participation hours agreed upon per week; and
- (d) a definition of what will constitute satisfactory progress for the activity.

(4) Each activity must be directed toward the goal of increasing the household's income.

(5) Activities may require that the client:

(a) obtain immediate employment. If so, the parent client shall:

- (i) promptly register for work and commence a search for employment for a specified number of hours each week; and
- (ii) regularly submit a report to the Department on:
 - (A) how much time was spent in job search activities;
 - (B) the number of job applications completed;
 - (C) the interviews attended;
 - (D) the offers of employment extended; and
 - (E) other related information required by the Department.

(b) participate in an educational program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent, if the parent client does not have a high school diploma;

(c) obtain education or training necessary to obtain employment;

(d) obtain medical, mental health, or substance abuse treatment;

(e) resolve transportation and child care needs;

(f) relocate from a rural area which would require a round trip commute in excess of two hours in order to find employment;

(g) resolve any other barriers identified as preventing or limiting the ability of the client to obtain employment, and/or

(h) participate in rehabilitative services as prescribed by the State Office of Rehabilitation.

(6) The client must meet the performance expectations of, and provide verification for, each eligible activity in the employment plan in order to stay eligible for financial assistance. A list of what will be considered acceptable documentation is available at each employment center.

(7) The client must cooperate with the Department's efforts to monitor and evaluate the client's activities and progress under the employment plan, which includes providing the Department with a release of information, if necessary to facilitate the Department's monitoring of compliance.

(8) Where available, supportive services will be provided as needed for each activity.

(9) The client agrees, as part of the employment plan, to cooperate with other agencies, or with individuals or companies under contract with the Department, as outlined in the

employment plan.

(10) An employment plan may, at the discretion of the Department, be amended to reflect new information or changed circumstances.

(11) The number of hours of participation in subsection (3)(c) of this section will not be lower than 30 hours per week. All 30 hours must be in eligible activities. 20 of those 30 hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center. If the client has a child in the household under the age of six, the number of hours of participation in subsection (3)(c) of this section is a minimum of 20 hours per week and all of those 20 hours must be in priority activities.

(12) In the event a client has barriers which prevent the client from 30 hours of participation per week, or 20 hours in priority activities, a lower number of hours of participation can be approved if:

(a) the Department identifies and documents the barriers which prevent the client from full participation; and

(b) the client agrees to participate to the maximum extent possible to resolve the barriers which prevent the client from participating.

R986-200-211. Education and Training As Part of an Employment Plan.

(1) A parent client's participation in education or training beyond that required to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent is limited to the lesser of:

(a) 24 months which need not be continuous; or

(b) the completion of the education and training requirements of the employment plan.

(2) Post high school education or training will only be approved if all of the following are met:

(a) The client can demonstrate that the education or training would substantially increase the income level that the client would be able to achieve without the education and training, and would offset the loss of income the household incurs while the education or training is being completed.

(b) The client does not already have a degree or skills training certificate in a currently marketable occupation.

(c) An assessment specific to the client's education and training aptitude has been completed showing the client has the ability to be successful in the education or training.

(d) The mental and physical health of the client indicates the education or training could be completed successfully and the client could perform the job once the schooling is completed.

(e) The specific employment goal that requires the education or training is marketable in the area where the client resides or the client has agreed to relocate for the purpose of employment once the education/training is completed.

(f) The client, when determined appropriate, is willing to complete the education/training as quickly as possible, such as attending school full time which may include attending school during the summer.

(g) The client can realistically complete the requirements of the education or training program within the required time frames or time limits of the financial assistance program, including the 36-month lifetime limit for FEP and FEPTP, for which the client is eligible.

(3) A parent client may participate in education or training for up to six months beyond the 24-month limit if:

(a) the parent client is employed for 80 or more hours per month during each month of the extension;

(b) circumstances beyond the control of the client prevented completion within 24 months; and

(c) the Department director or designee determines that extending the 24-month limit is prudent because other employment, education, or training options do not enable the

family to meet the objective of the program.

(4) A parent client with a high school diploma or equivalent who has received 24 months of education or training while receiving financial assistance must participate a minimum of 30 hours per week in eligible activities. Twenty of those 30 hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center. If the client has a child in the household under the age of six, the minimum number of hours of participation under this subsection is 20 hours per week and all of those 20 hours must be in priority activities.

(5) Graduate work can never be approved or supported as part of an employment plan.

R986-200-212. Reconciling Disputes and Termination of Financial Assistance for Failure to Comply.

If a client who is required to participate in an employment plan consistently fails, without reasonable cause, to show good faith in complying with the employment plan, the Department will terminate all or part of the financial assistance. This will apply if the Department is notified that the client has failed to cooperate with ORS as provided in R986-200-207. A termination for the reasons mentioned in this paragraph will occur only after the Department attempts reconciliation through the following process:

(1) When an employment counselor discovers that a client is not complying with his or her employment plan, the employment counselor will attempt to discuss compliance with the client and explore solutions. The employment counselor will also send written notice of the failure to comply to the client. The notice will specify a date certain by which the client must comply and the consequences of not complying by that date.

(2) If compliance is not resolved by the date specified in the notice sent under subsection (1) of this section, the employment counselor will send a second written notice and initiate termination of the household financial assistance. This second notice will advise the client that the financial assistance will terminate at the end of that month unless the client resolves the problem, as provided in paragraph (2)(a) of this section. This second notice will also provide a date certain by which the compliance problems must be resolved for benefits to continue.

(a) If the client establishes reasonable cause for not complying with the employment plan or provides required documentation by the date specified in the first or second notice, financial assistance will continue or be restored.

(b) If the compliance problem is not resolved as provided in subparagraph (a) of this subsection, the household will be ineligible for financial assistance for one full month. The client must then reapply for financial benefits and successfully complete a two week trial participation period before financial assistance will be approved.

(3) A client must demonstrate a genuine willingness to comply with the employment plan during the two week trial period.

(4) The two week trial period may be waived only if the client has cured all previous compliance issues prior to re-application.

(5) The provisions of this section apply to clients who are eligible for and receiving financial assistance during an extension period as provided in R986-200-218.

(6) A child age 16-18 who is not a parent and who is not participating will be removed from the financial assistance grant. The financial assistance will continue for other household members provided they are participating. If the child successfully completes a two week trial period, the child will be added back on to the financial assistance grant.

(7) Reasonable cause under this section means the client was prevented from participating through no fault of his or her

own or failed to participate for reasons that are reasonable and compelling.

(8) Reasonable cause can also be established, as provided in 45 CFR 261.56, by a client who is a single custodial parent caring for a child under age six who refuses to engage in required work because he or she is unable to obtain needed child care because appropriate and affordable child care arrangements are not available within a reasonable distance from the home or work site.

(9) If a client is also receiving food stamps and the client is disqualified for non-participation under this section, the client will also be subject to the food stamp sanctions found in 7CFR 273.7(f)(2) unless the client meets an exemption under food stamp regulations.

R986-200-213. Financial Assistance for a Minor Parent.

(1) Financial assistance may be provided to a single minor parent who resides in a place of residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative of the single minor parent, unless the minor parent is exempt.

(2) The single minor parent may be exempt when:

(a) The minor parent has no living parent or legal guardian whose whereabouts is known;

(b) No living parent or legal guardian of the minor parent allows the minor parent to live in his or her home;

(c) The minor parent lived apart from his or her own parent or legal guardian for a period of at least one year before either the birth of the dependent child or the parent's having made application for FEP and the minor parent was self supporting during this same period of time; or

(d) The physical or emotional health or safety of the minor parent or dependent child would be jeopardized if they resided in the same residence with the minor parent's parent or legal guardian. A referral will be made to DCFS if allegations are made under this paragraph.

(3) Prior to authorizing financial assistance, the Department must approve the living arrangement of all single minor parents exempt under section (2) above. Approval of the living arrangement is not a certification or guarantee of the safety, quality, or condition of the living arrangements of the single minor parent.

(4) All minor parents regardless of the living arrangement must participate in education for parenting and life skills in infant and child wellness programs operated by the Department of Health and, for not less than 20 hours per week:

(a) attend high school or an alternative to high school, if the minor parent does not have a high school diploma;

(b) participate in education and training; and/or

(c) participate in employment.

(5) If a single minor parent resides with a parent, the Department shall include the income of the parent of the single minor parent in determining the single minor parent's eligibility for financial assistance.

(6) If a single minor parent resides with a parent who is receiving financial assistance, the single minor parent is included in the parent's household assistance unit.

(7) If a single minor parent receives financial assistance but does not reside with a parent, the Department shall seek an order requiring that the parent of the single minor parent financially support the single minor parent.

R986-200-214. Assistance for Specified Relatives.

(1) Specified relatives include:

(a) grandparents;

(b) brothers and sisters;

(c) stepbrothers and sisters;

(d) aunts and uncles;

(e) first cousins;

(f) first cousins once removed;

(g) nephews and nieces;

(h) people of prior generations as designated by the prefix grand, great, great-great, or great- great-great;

(i) brothers and sisters by legal adoption;

(j) the spouse of any person listed above;

(k) the former spouse of any person listed above;

(l) individuals who can prove they met one of the above mentioned relationships via a blood relationship even though the legal relationship has been terminated; and

(m) former stepparents.

(2) The Department shall require compliance with Section 30-1-4.5

(3) A specified relative may apply for financial assistance for the child. If the child is otherwise eligible, the FEP rules apply with the following exceptions:

(a) The child must have a blood or a legal relationship to the specified relative even if the legal relationship has been terminated or have a blood relationship to a dependent child who in the home and who is included in the household for assistance purposes;

(b) Both parents must be absent from the home where the child lives. This is true even for a parent who has had his or her parental rights terminated;

(c) The child must be currently living with, and not just visiting, the specified relative;

(d) The parents' obligation to financially support their child will be enforced and the specified relative must cooperate with child support enforcement; and

(e) If the parent(s) state they are willing to support the child if the child would return to live with the parent(s), the child is ineligible unless there is a court order removing the child from the parent(s)' home.

(4) If the specified relative is currently receiving FEP or FEPTP, the child must be included in that household assistance unit.

(5) The income and resources of the specified relative are not counted unless the specified relative requests inclusion in the household assistance unit.

(6) If the specified relative is not currently receiving FEP or FEPTP, and the specified relative does not want to be included in the financial assistance payment, the specified relative shall be paid, on behalf of the child, the full standard financial assistance payment for one person. The size of the financial assistance payment shall be increased accordingly for each additional eligible child in the household assistance unit excluding the dependent child(ren) of the specified relative. Since the specified relative is not included in the household assistance unit, the income and assets of the specified relative, or the relative's spouse, are not counted.

(7) The specified relative may request to be included in the household assistance unit. If the specified relative is included in the household assistance unit, the household must meet all FEP eligibility requirements including participation requirements and asset limits.

(8) Income eligibility for a specified relative who wants to be included in the household assistance unit is calculated according to R986-200-241.

R986-200-215. Family Employment Program Two Parent Household (FEPTP).

(1) FEPTP is for households otherwise eligible for FEP but with two able-bodied parents in the household. Eligible refugee households with two able-bodied parents and at least one dependent child, must first exhaust RRP benefits before considering eligibility for FEPTP.

(2) Families may only participate in this program for seven months out of any 13-month period. Months of participation count toward the 36-month time limit in Sections 35A-3-306 and R986-200-217.

(3) Both parents must participate in eligible activities for a combined total of 60 hours per week, as defined in the employment plan. At least 50 of those hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center. Refugee families may participate in any combination of eligible and priority activities for a combined total of 60 hours per week, as provided in the employment plan.

(4) Both parents are required to participate every week as defined in the employment plan, unless the parent can establish reasonable cause for not participating. Reasonable cause is defined in rule R986-200-212(8).

(5) Payment is made twice per month and only after proof of participation. Payment is based on the number of hours of participation by both parents. The amount of assistance is equal to the FEP payment for the household size prorated based on the number of hours which the parents participated up to a maximum of 60 hours of participation per week. In no event can the financial assistance payment per month for a FEPTP household be more than for the same size household participating in FEP.

(6) If it is determined by the employment counselor that either one of the parents has failed to participate to the maximum extent possible assistance for the entire household unit will terminate immediately.

(7) Because payment is made after performance, advance notice is not required to terminate or reduce assistance payments for households participating in FEPTP. However, if the client requests a hearing within ten days of the termination, payment of financial assistance based on participation of both parents in eligible activities can continue during the hearing process as provided in R986-100-134.

(8) The parents must meet all other requirements of FEP including but not limited to, income and asset limits, cooperation with ORS if there are legally responsible persons outside of the household assistance unit, signing a participation agreement and employment plan and applying for all other assistance or benefits to which they might be entitled.

R986-200-216. Diversion.

(1) Diversion is a one-time financial assistance payment provided to help a client avoid receiving extended cash assistance.

(2) In determining whether a client should receive diversion assistance, the Department will consider the following:

- (a) the applicant's employment history;
- (b) the likelihood that the applicant will obtain immediate full-time employment;
- (c) the applicant's housing stability; and
- (d) the applicant's child care needs, if applicable.

(3) To be eligible for diversion the applicant must;

(a) have a need for financial assistance to pay for housing or substantial and unforeseen expenses or work related expenses which cannot be met with current or anticipated resources;

(b) show that within the diversion period, the applicant will be employed or have other specific means of self support, and

(c) meet all eligibility criteria for a FEP financial assistance payment except the applicant does not need to cooperate with ORS in obtaining support. If the client is applying for other assistance such as medical or child care, the client will have to follow the eligibility rules for that type of assistance which may require cooperation with ORS.

(4) If the Department and the client agree diversion is appropriate, the client must sign a diversion agreement listing conditions, expectations and participation requirements.

(5) The diversion payment will equal three times the monthly financial assistance payment for the household size.

All income expected to be received during the three-month period including wages and child support must be considered when negotiating the appropriate diversion payment amount.

(6) Child support will belong to the client during the three-month period, whether received by the client directly or collected by ORS. ORS will not use the child support to offset or reimburse the diversion payment.

(7) The client must agree to have the financial assistance portion of the application for assistance denied.

(8) If a diversion payment is made, the client is ineligible for FEP for the three months covered by the diversion payment and must reapply at the end of the three month period.

(9) Diversion assistance is not available to clients participating in FEPTP. This is because FEPTP is based on performance and payment can only be made after performance.

(10) A household can only receive one diversion assistance payment in a 12 month period.

R986-200-217. Time Limits.

(1) Except as provided in R986-200-218 and in Section 35A-3-306, a family cannot receive financial assistance under the FEP or FEPTP for more than 36 months.

(2) The following months count toward the 36-month time limit regardless of whether the financial assistance payment was made in this or any other state:

(a) each month when a parent client received financial assistance beginning with the month of January, 1997;

(b) each month beginning with January, 1997, where a parent resided in the household, the parent's income and assets were counted in determining the household's eligibility, but the parent was disqualified from being included in the financial payment. Disqualification occurs when a parent has been determined to have committed fraud in the receipt of public assistance or when the parent is an ineligible alien; and

(c) each month when financial assistance was reduced or a partial financial assistance payment was received beginning with the month of January, 1997.

(3) Months which do not count toward the 36 month time limit are:

(a) months where both parents were absent from the home and dependent children were cared for by a specified relative who elected to be excluded from the household unit;

(b) months where the client received financial assistance as a minor child and was not the head of a household or married to the head of a household;

(c) months during which the parent lived in Indian country, as defined in Title 18, Section 1151, United States Code 1999, or an Alaskan Native village, if the most reliable data available with respect to the month, or a period including the month, indicate that at least 50% of the adults living in Indian country or in the village were not employed;

(d) months when a parent resided in the home but were excluded from the household assistance unit. A parent is excluded when they receive SSI benefits;

(e) the first diversion period in any 12 month period of time is not counted toward the 36 month time limit. A second and all subsequent diversion periods within 12 months will count as one month toward the 36 month time limit. If a client has already used 36 months of financial assistance, the client is not eligible for diversion assistance unless the client meets one of the extension criteria in R986-200-218 in addition to all other eligibility criteria of diversion assistance; or

(f) months when a parent client received transitional assistance.

R986-200-218. Exceptions to the Time Limit.

Exceptions to the time limit may be allowed for up to 20% of the average monthly number of families receiving financial assistance from FEP and FEPTP during the previous Federal

fiscal year for the following reasons:

(1) A hardship under Section 35A-3-306 is determined to exist when a parent:

(a) is determined to be medically unable to work. The client must provide proof of inability to work in one of the following ways:

(i) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;

(ii) receipt of VA Disability benefits based on the parent being 100% disabled;

(iii) placement on the Division of Services to People with Disabilities' waiting list. Being on the waiting list indicates the person has met the criteria for a disability; or

(iv) is currently receiving Temporary Total or Permanent Total disability Workers' Compensation benefits;

(v) a medical statement completed by a medical doctor, a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, a licensed Physician's Assistant, or a doctor of osteopathy, stating the parent has a medical condition supported by medical evidence, which prevents the parent from engaging in work activities capable of generating income of at least \$500 a month. The statement must be completed by a professional skilled in both the diagnosis and treatment of the condition; or

(vi) a statement completed by a licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA Section 58-60-102, or psychiatrist stating that the parent has been diagnosed with a mental health condition that prevents the parent from engaging in work activities capable of generating income of at least \$500 a month. Substance abuse is considered the same as mental health condition;

(b) is under age 19 through the month of their nineteenth birthday;

(c) is currently engaged in an approved full-time job preparation, educational or training activity which the parent was expected to complete within the 36 month time limit but completion within the 36 months was not possible through no fault of the parent. Additionally, if the parent has previously received, beginning with the month of January 1997, 24 months of financial assistance while attending educational or training activities, good cause for additional months must be shown and approved;

(d) was without fault and a delay in the delivery of services provided by the Department occurred. The delay must have had an adverse effect on the parent causing a hardship and preventing the parent from obtaining employment. An extension under this section cannot be granted for more than the length of the delay;

(e) moved to Utah after exhausting 36 months of assistance in another state or states and the parent did not receive supportive services in that state or states as required under the provisions of PRWORA. To be eligible for an extension under this section, the failure to receive supportive services must have occurred through no fault of the parent and must contribute to the parent's inability to work. An extension under this section can never be for longer than the delay in services;

(f) completed an educational or training program at the 36th month and needs additional time to obtain employment;

(g) is unable to work because the parent is required in the home to meet the medical needs of a dependent. Dependent for the purposes of this paragraph means a person who the parent claims as a dependent on his or her income tax filing. Proof, consisting of a medical statement from a health care professional listed in subparagraph (1)(a)(v) or (vi) of this section is required unless the dependent is on the Travis C medicaid waiver program. The medical statement must include all of the following:

(i) the diagnosis of the dependent's condition,

(ii) the recommended treatment needed or being received for the condition,

(iii) the length of time the parent will be required in the home to care for the dependent, and

(iv) whether the parent is required to be in the home full-time or part-time; or

(h) is currently receiving assistance under one of the exceptions in this section and needs additional time to obtain employment. A client can only receive assistance for one month under this subparagraph. If the Department determines that granting an exception under this subparagraph adversely impacts its federally mandated participation rate requirements or might otherwise jeopardize its funding, the one month exception will not be granted or

(i) is no longer employed due to a verified reduction in force (layoff) and needs additional time to find work. Participation in eligible activities is required for an exception under this subparagraph. This exception is only available for parents who were laid off on or after January 1, 2008. This exception will not be available after December 31, 2011.

(2) Additional months of financial assistance may be provided if the family includes an individual who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty which is a barrier to employment and the implementation of the time limit would make it more difficult to escape the situation. Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty means:

(a) physical acts which resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual;

(b) sexual abuse;

(c) sexual activity involving a dependent child;

(d) threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse;

(e) mental abuse which includes stalking and harassment;

or

(f) neglect or deprivation of medical care.

(3) An exception to the time limit can be granted for a maximum of an additional 24 months if:

(a) during the previous two months, the parent client was employed for no less than 20 hours per week. The employment can consist of self-employment if the parent's net income from that self-employment is at or above minimum wage; and

(b) If, at the end of the 24-month extension, the parent client qualifies for an extension under Sections (1) or (2) of this rule, an additional extension can be granted under the provisions of those sections.

(4) All clients receiving an extension must continue to participate, to the maximum extent possible, in an employment plan. This includes cooperating with ORS in the collection, establishment, and enforcement of child support and the establishment of paternity, if necessary.

(5) If a household filing unit contains more than one parent, and one parent has received at least 36 months of assistance as a parent, then the entire filing unit is ineligible unless both parents meet one of the exceptions listed above. Both parents need not meet the same exception.

(6) A family in which the only parent or both parents are ineligible aliens cannot be granted an extension under Section (3) above or for any of the reasons in Subsections (1)(c), (d), (e) or (f). This is because ineligible aliens are not legally able to work and supportive services for work, education and training purposes are inappropriate.

(7) A client who is no longer eligible for financial assistance may be eligible for other kinds of public assistance including food stamps, Child Care Assistance and medical coverage. The client must follow the appropriate application process to determine eligibility for assistance from those other programs.

(8) Exceptions are subject to a review at least once every six months.

R986-200-219. Emergency Assistance (EA) for Needy Families With Dependent Children.

(1) EA is provided in an effort to prevent homelessness. It is a payment which is limited to use for utilities and rent or mortgage.

(2) To be eligible for EA the family must meet all other FEP requirements except:

(a) the client need only meet the "gross income" test. Gross income which is available to the client must be equal to or less than 185% of the standard needs budget for the client's filing unit; and

(b) the client is not required to enter into an employment plan or cooperate with ORS in obtaining support.

(3) The client must be homeless, in danger of becoming homeless or having the utilities at the home cut off due to a crisis situation beyond the client's control. The client must show that:

(a) The family is facing eviction or foreclosure because of past due rent or mortgage payments or unpaid utility bills which result from the crisis;

(b) A one-time EA payment will enable the family to obtain or maintain housing or prevent the utility shut off while they overcome the temporary crisis;

(c) Assistance with one month's rent or mortgage payment is enough to prevent the eviction, foreclosure or termination of utilities;

(d) The client has the ability to resolve past due payments and pay future months' rent or mortgage payments and utility bills after resolution of the crisis; and

(e) The client has exhausted all other resources.

(4) Emergency assistance is available for only 30 consecutive days during a year to any client or that client's household. If, for example, a client receives an EA payment of \$450 for rent on April 1 and requests an additional EA payment of \$300 for utilities on or before April 30 of that same year, the request for an EA payment for utilities will be considered. If the request for an additional payment for utilities is made after April 30, it cannot be considered for payment. The client will not be eligible for another EA payment until April 1 of the following year. A year is defined as 365 days following the initial date of payment of EA.

(5) Payments will not exceed \$450 per family for one month's rent payment or \$700 per family for one month's mortgage payment, and \$300 for one month's utilities payment.

R986-200-220. Mentors.

(1) The Department will recruit and train volunteers to serve as mentors for parent clients. The Department may elect to contract for the recruitment and training of the volunteers.

(2) A mentor may advocate on behalf of a parent client and help a parent client:

- (a) develop life skills;
- (b) implement an employment plan; or
- (c) obtain services and support from:
 - (i) the volunteer mentor;
 - (ii) the Department; or
 - (iii) civic organizations.

R986-200-230. Assets Counted in Determining Eligibility.

(1) All available assets, unless exempt, are counted in determining eligibility. An asset is available when the applicant or client owns it and has the ability and the legal right to sell it or dispose of it. An item is never counted as both income and an asset in the same month.

(2) The value of an asset is determined by its equity value. Equity value is the current market value less any debts still owing on the asset. Current market value is the asset's selling price on the open market as set by current standards of appraisal.

(3) Both real and personal property are considered assets. Real property is an item that is fixed, permanent, or immovable. This includes land, houses, buildings, mobile homes and trailer

homes. Personal property is any item other than real property.

(4) If an asset is potentially available, but a legal impediment to making it available exists, it is exempt until it can be made available. The applicant or client must take appropriate steps to make the asset available unless:

(a) Reasonable action would not be successful in making the asset available; or

(b) The probable cost of making the asset available exceeds its value.

(5) The value of countable real and personal property cannot exceed \$2,000.

(6) If the household assets are below the limits on the first day of the month the household is eligible for the remainder of the month.

R986-200-231. Assets That Are Not Counted (Exempt) for Eligibility Purposes.

The following are not counted as an asset when determining eligibility for financial assistance:

(1) the home in which the family lives, and its contents, unless any single item of personal property has a value over \$1,000, then only that item is counted toward the \$2,000 limit. If the family owns more than one home, only the primary residence is exempt and the equity value of the other home is counted;

(2) the value of the lot on which the home stands is exempt if it does not exceed the average size of residential lots for the community in which it is located. The value of the property in excess of an average size lot is counted if marketable;

(3) water rights attached to the home property are exempt;

(4) motorized vehicles;

(5) with the exception of real property, the value of income producing property necessary for employment;

(6) the value of any reasonable assistance received for post-secondary education;

(7) bona fide loans, including reverse equity loans;

(8) per capita payments or any asset purchased with per capita payments made to tribal members by the Secretary of the Interior or the tribe. Any asset purchased with profit distributions or income to tribal members derived from tribal owned casinos and privately owned land is countable;

(9) maintenance items essential to day-to-day living;

(10) life estates;

(11) an irrevocable trust where neither the corpus nor income can be used for basic living expenses;

(12) for refugees, as defined under R986-300-303(1), assets that remain in the refugee's country of origin are not counted;

(13) one burial plot per member of the household. A burial plot is a burial space and any item related to repositories used for the remains of the deceased. This includes caskets, concrete vaults, urns, crypts, grave markers, etc. If the individual owns a grave site, the value of which includes opening and closing, the opening and closing is also exempt;

(14) a burial/funeral fund up to a maximum of \$1,500 per member of the household;

(a) The value of any irrevocable burial trust is subtracted from the \$1,500 burial/funeral fund exemption. If the irrevocable burial trust is valued at \$1,500 or more, it reduces the burial/funeral fund exemption to zero.

(b) After deducting any irrevocable burial trust, if there is still a balance in the burial/funeral fund exemption amount, the remaining exemption is reduced by the cash value of any burial contract, funeral plan, or funds set aside for burial up to a maximum of \$1,500. Any amount over \$1,500 is considered an asset;

(15) any interest which is accrued on an exempt burial contract, funeral plan, or funds set aside for burial is exempt as

income or assets. If an individual removes the principal or interest and uses the money for a purpose other than the individual's burial expenses, the amount withdrawn is countable income; and

- (16) any other property exempt under federal law.

R986-200-232. Considerations in Evaluating Real Property.

(1) Any nonexempt real property that an applicant or client is making a bona fide effort to sell is exempt for a nine-month period provided the applicant or client agrees to repay, from the proceeds of the sale, the amount of financial and/or child care assistance received. Bona fide effort to sell means placing the property up for sale at a price no greater than the current market value. Additionally, to qualify for this exemption, the applicant or client must assign, to the state of Utah, a lien against the real property under consideration. If the property is not sold during the period of time the client was receiving financial and/or child care assistance or if the client loses eligibility for any reason during the nine-month period, the lien will not be released until repayment of all financial and/or child care assistance is made.

(2) Payments received on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home are not counted if the entire proceeds are committed to replacement of the property sold within 30 days of receipt and the purchase is completed within 90 days. If more than 90 days is needed to complete the actual purchase, one 90-day extension may be granted. Proceeds are defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds do not include interest earned on the principal which is counted as income.

R986-200-233. Considerations in Evaluating Household Assets.

(1) The assets of a disqualified household member are counted.

(2) The assets of a ward that are controlled by a legal guardian are considered available to the ward.

(3) The assets of an ineligible child are exempt.

(4) When an ineligible alien is a parent, the assets of that alien parent are counted in determining eligibility for other family members.

(5) Certain aliens who have been legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence must have the income and assets of their sponsors considered in determining eligibility for financial assistance under applicable federal authority in accordance with R986-200-243.

R986-200-234. Income Counted in Determining Eligibility.

(1) The amount of financial assistance is based on the household's monthly income and size.

(2) Household income means the payment or receipt of countable income from any source to any member counted in the household assistance unit including:

(a) children; and

(b) people who are disqualified from being counted because of a prior determination of fraud (IPV) or because they are an ineligible alien.

(3) The income of SSI recipients is not counted.

(4) Countable income is gross income, whether earned or unearned, less allowable exclusions listed in section R986-200-239.

(5) Money is not counted as income and an asset in the same month.

(6) If an individual has elected to have a voluntary reduction or deduction taken from an entitlement to earned or unearned income, the voluntary reduction or deduction is counted as gross income. Voluntary reductions include insurance premiums, savings, and garnishments to pay an owed obligation.

R986-200-235. Unearned Income.

(1) Unearned income is income received by an individual for which the individual performs no service.

(2) Countable unearned income includes:

(a) pensions and annuities such as Railroad Retirement, Social Security, VA, Civil Service;

(b) disability benefits such as sick pay and workers' compensation payments unless considered as earned income;

(c) unemployment insurance, except, starting March 1, 2009 and continuing as long as it is authorized by Congress and not counted for food stamps, the \$25 supplemental weekly Unemployment Compensation payment authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will not be countable unearned income;

(d) strike or union benefits;

(e) VA allotment;

(f) income from the GI Bill;

(g) assigned support retained in violation of statute is counted when a request to do so has been generated by ORS;

(h) payments received from trusts made for basic living expenses;

(i) payments of interest from stocks, bonds, savings, loans, insurance, a sales contract, or mortgage. This applies even if the payments are from the sale of an exempt home. Payments made for the down payment or principal are counted as assets;

(j) inheritances;

(k) life insurance benefits;

(l) payments from an insurance company or other source for personal injury, interest, or destroyed, lost or stolen property unless the money is used to replace that property;

(m) cash contributions from any source including family, a church or other charitable organization;

(n) rental income if the rental property is managed by another individual or company for the owner. Income from rental property managed by someone in the household assistance unit is considered earned income;

(o) financial assistance payments received from another state or the Department from another type of financial assistance program including a diversion payment; and

(p) payments from Job Corps and Americorps living allowances.

(3) Unearned income which is not counted (exempt):

(a) cash gifts for special occasions which do not exceed \$30 per quarter for each person in the household assistance unit. The gift can be divided equally among all members of the household assistance unit;

(b) bona fide loans, including reverse equity loans on an exempt property. A bona fide loan means a loan which has been contracted in good faith without fraud or deceit and genuinely endorsed in writing for repayment;

(c) the value of food stamps, food donated from any source, and the value of vouchers issued under the Women Infants and Children program;

(d) any per capita payments made to individual tribal members by either the secretary of interior or the tribe are excluded. Profit distributions or income to tribal members derived from tribal owned casinos and privately owned land are countable income;

(e) any payments made to household members that are declared exempt under federal law;

(f) the value of governmental rent and housing subsidies, federal relocation assistance, or EA issued by the Department;

(g) money from a trust fund to provide for or reimburse the household for a specific item NOT related to basic living expenses. This includes medical expenses and educational expenses. Money from a trust fund to provide for or reimburse a household member for basic living expenses is counted;

(h) travel and training allowances and reimbursements if they are directly related to training, education, work, or

volunteer activities;

(i) all unearned income in-kind. In-kind means something, such as goods or commodities, other than money;

(j) thirty dollars of the income received from rental income unless greater expenses can be proven. Expenses in excess of \$30 can be allowed for:

(i) taxes;

(ii) attorney fees expended to make the rental income available;

(iii) upkeep and repair costs necessary to maintain the current value of the property; and

(iv) interest paid on a loan or mortgage made for upkeep or repair. Payment on the principal of the loan or mortgage cannot be excluded;

(k) if meals are provided to a roomer/boarder, the value of a one-person food stamp allotment for each roomer/boarder;

(l) payments for energy assistance including H.E.A.T payments, assistance given by a supplier of home energy, and in-kind assistance given by a private non-profit agency;

(m) federal and state income tax refunds and earned income tax credit payments;

(n) payments made by the Department to reimburse the client for education or work expenses, or a CC subsidy;

(o) income of an SSI recipient. Neither the payment from SSI nor any other income, including earned income, of an SSI recipient is included;

(p) payments from a person living in the household who is not included in the household assistance unit, as defined in R986-200-205, when the payment is intended and used for that person's share of the living expenses;

(q) educational assistance and college work study except Veterans Education Assistance intended for family members of the student, living stipends and money earned from an assistantship program is counted as income; and

(r) for a refugee, as defined in R986-300-303(1), any grant or assistance, whether cash or in-kind, received directly or indirectly under the Reception and Placement Programs of Department of State or Department of Justice.

R986-200-236. Earned Income.

(1) All earned income is counted when it is received even if it is an advance on wages, salaries or commissions.

(2) Countable earned income includes:

(a) wages, except Americorps*Vista living allowances are not counted;

(b) salaries;

(c) commissions;

(d) tips;

(e) sick pay which is paid by the employer;

(f) temporary disability insurance or temporary workers' compensation payments which are employer funded and made to an individual who remains employed during recuperation from a temporary illness or injury pending the employee's return to the job;

(g) rental income only if managerial duties are performed by the owner to receive the income. The number of hours spent performing those duties is not a factor. If the property is managed by someone other than the individual, the income is counted as unearned income;

(h) net income from self-employment less allowable expenses, including income over a period of time for which settlement is made at one given time. The periodic payment is annualized prospectively. Examples include the sale of farm crops, livestock, and poultry. A client may deduct actual, allowable expenses, or may opt to deduct 40% of the gross income from self-employment to determine net income;

(i) training incentive payments and work allowances; and

(j) earned income of dependent children.

(3) Income that is not counted as earned income:

(a) income for an SSI recipient;

(b) reimbursements from an employer for any bona fide work expense;

(c) allowances from an employer for travel and training if the allowance is directly related to the travel or training and identifiable and separate from other countable income; or

(d) Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) payments.

R986-200-237. Lump Sum Payments.

(1) Lump sum payments are one-time windfalls or retroactive payments of earned or unearned income. Lump sums include but are not limited to, inheritances, insurance settlements, awards, winnings, gifts, and severance pay, including when a client cashes out vacation, holiday, and sick pay. They also include lump sum payments from Social Security, VA, UI, Worker's Compensation, and other one-time payments. Payments from SSA that are paid out in installments are not considered lump sum payments but as income, even if paid less often than monthly.

(2) The following lump sum payments are not counted as income or assets:

(a) any kind of lump sum payment of excluded earned or unearned income. If the income would have been excluded, the lump sum payment is also excluded. This includes SSI payments and any EITC; and

(b) insurance settlements for destroyed exempt property when used to replace that property.

(3) The net lump sum payment is counted as income for the month it is received. Any amount remaining after the end of that month is considered an asset.

(4) The net lump sum is the portion of the lump sum that is remaining after deducting:

(a) legal fees expended in the effort to make the lump sum available;

(b) payments for past medical bills if the lump sum was intended to cover those expenses; and

(c) funeral or burial expenses, if the lump sum was intended to cover funeral or burial expenses.

(5) A lump sum paid to an SSI recipient is not counted as income or an asset except for those recipients receiving financial assistance from GA or WTE.

R986-200-238. How to Calculate Income.

(1) To determine if a client is eligible for, and the amount of, a financial assistance payment, the Department estimates the anticipated income, assets and household size for each month in the certification period.

(2) The methods used for estimating income are:

(a) income averaging or annualizing which means using a history of past income that is representative of future income and averaging it to determine anticipated future monthly income. It may be necessary to evaluate the history of past income for a full year or more; and

(b) income anticipating which means using current facts such as rate of pay and hourly wage to anticipate future monthly income when no reliable history is available.

(3) Monthly income is calculated by multiplying the average weekly income by 4.3 weeks. If a client is paid every two weeks, the income for those two weeks is multiplied by 2.15 weeks to determine monthly income.

(4) The Department's estimate of income, when based on the best available information at the time it was made, will be determined to be an accurate reflection of the client's income. If it is later determined the actual income was different than the estimate, no adjustment will be made. If the client notifies the Department of a change in circumstances affecting income, the estimated income can be adjusted prospectively but not retrospectively.

R986-200-239. How to Determine the Amount of the Financial Assistance Payment.

(1) Once the household's size and income have been determined, the gross countable income must be less than or equal to 185% of the Standard Needs Budget (SNB) for the size of the household. This is referred to as the "gross test".

(2) If the gross countable income is less than or equal to 185% of the SNB, the following deductions are allowed:

(a) a work expense allowance of \$100 for each person in the household unit who is employed;

(b) fifty percent of the remaining earned income after deducting the work expense allowance as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the individual has received a financial assistance payment from the Department for one or more of the immediately preceding four months; and

(c) after deducting the amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, if appropriate, the following deductions can be made:

(i) a dependent care deduction as described in subsection (3) of this section; and

(ii) child support paid by a household member if legally owed to someone not included in the household.

(3) The amount of the dependant care deduction is set by the Department and based on the number of hours worked by the parent and the age of the dependant needing care. It can only be deducted if the dependant care:

(a) is paid for the care of a child or adult member of the household assistance unit, or a child or adult who would be a member of the household assistance unit except that this person receives SSI. An adult's need for care must be verified by a doctor; and

(b) is not subsidized, in whole or in part, by a CC payment from the Department; and

(c) is not paid to an individual who is in the household assistance unit.

(4) After deducting the amounts allowed under paragraph (2) above, the resulting net income must be less than 100% of SNB for size of the household assistance unit. If the net income is equal to or greater than the SNB, the household is not eligible.

(5) If the net income is less than 100% of the SNB the following amounts are deducted:

(a) Fifty percent of earned countable income for all employed household assistance unit members if the household was not eligible for the 50% deduction under paragraph (2)(b) above; and/or

(b) All of the earned income of all children in the household assistance unit, if not previously deducted, who are:

(i) in school or training full-time, or

(ii) in part-time education or training if they are employed less than 100 hours per month. "Part-time education or training" means enrolled for at least one-half the number of hours or periods considered by the institution to be customary to complete the course of study within the minimum time period. If no schedule is set by the school, the course of study must be no less than an average of two class periods or two hours per day, whichever is less.

(6) The resulting net countable income is compared to the full financial assistance payment for the household size. If the net countable income is more than the financial assistance payment, the household is not eligible. If it is less, the net countable income is deducted from the financial assistance payment and the household is paid the difference.

(7) The amount of the standard financial assistance payment is set by the Department. The current amount is in the table that follows:

1	\$288
2	\$399
3	\$498
4	\$583
5	\$663
6	\$731
7	\$765
8	\$801

Amounts for household sizes larger than 8 are available at all Department offices.

R986-200-240. Additional Payments Available Under Certain Circumstances.

(1) Each parent eligible for financial assistance in the FEP or FEPTP programs who takes part in at least one enhanced participation activity may be eligible to receive \$60 each month in addition to the standard financial assistance payment. Enhanced participation activities are limited to:

(a) work experience sites of at least 20 hours a week and other eligible activities that together total 30 hours per week;

(b) full-time attendance in an education or employment training program; or

(c) employment of 20 hours or more a week and other eligible activities that together total 30 hours per week.

(2) An additional payment of \$15 per month for a pregnant woman in the third month prior to the expected month of delivery. Eligibility for the allowance begins in the month the woman provides medical proof that she is in the third month prior to the expected month of delivery. The pregnancy allowance ends at the end of the month the pregnancy ends.

(3) A limited number of funds are available to individuals for work and training expenses. The funds can only be used to alleviate circumstances which impede the individual's ability to begin or continue employment, job search, training, or education. The payment of these funds is completely discretionary by the Department. The individual does not need to meet any eligibility requirements to request or receive these funds.

(4) Limited funds are available, up to a maximum of \$300, to pay for burial costs if the individual is not entitled to a burial paid for by the county.

(5) A Department Regional Director or designee may approve assistance, as funding allows, for the emergency needs of a non-resident who is transient, temporarily stranded in Utah, and who does not intend to stay in Utah.

(6) A limited number of funds are available for enhanced payments to parents who are eligible for financial assistance in the FEP program or who are eligible for TANF non-FEP training under R986-200-245 and who participate in the HS/GED Pilot Program. The payment of these funds is completely discretionary by the Department and may differ from region to region. The payments may continue until the client completes the HS/GED Pilot Program even if the client is no longer receiving FEP.

R986-200-241. Income Eligibility Calculation for a Specified Relative Who Wants to be Included in the Assistance Payment.

(1) The income calculation for a specified relative who wants to be included in the financial assistance payment is as follows:

(a) All earned and unearned countable income is counted, as determined by FEP rules, for the specified relative and his or her spouse, less the following allowable deductions:

(i) one hundred dollars for each employed person in the household. This deduction is only allowed for the specified relative and/or spouse and not anyone else in the household even if working; and

(ii) the child care expenses paid by the specified relative and necessary for employment up to the maximum allowable

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deduction as set by the Department.

(2) The household size is determined by counting the specified relative, his or her spouse if living in the home, and their dependent children living in the home who are not in the household assistance unit.

(3) If the income less deductions exceeds 100% of the SNB for a household of that size, the specified relative cannot be included in the financial assistance payment. If the income is less than 100% of the SNB, the total household income is divided by the household size calculated under subsection (2) of this section. This amount is deemed available to the specified relative as countable unearned income. If that amount is less than the maximum financial assistance payment for the household assistance unit size, the specified relative may be included in the financial assistance payment.

R986-200-242. Income Calculation for a Minor Parent Living with His or Her Parent or Stepparent.

(1) All earned and unearned countable income of all parents, including stepparents living in the home, is counted when determining the eligibility of a minor parent residing in the home of the parent(s).

(2) From that income, the following deductions are allowed:

(a) one hundred dollars from income earned by each parent or stepparent living in the home, and

(b) an amount equal to 100% of the SNB for a group with the following members:

(i) the parents or stepparents living in the home;

(ii) any other person in the home who is not included in the financial assistance payment of the minor parent and who is a dependent of the parents or stepparents;

(c) amounts paid by the parents or stepparents living in the home to individuals not living at home but who could be claimed as dependents for Federal income tax purposes; and

(d) alimony and child support paid to someone outside the home by the parents or stepparents living in the home.

(3) The resulting amount is counted as unearned income to the minor parent.

(4) If a minor parent lives in a household already receiving financial assistance, the child of the minor parent is included in the larger household assistance unit.

R986-200-243. Counting the Income of Sponsors of Eligible Aliens.

(1) Certain aliens who have been legally admitted into the United States for permanent residence must have a portion of the earned and unearned countable income of their sponsors counted as unearned income in determining eligibility and financial assistance payment amounts for the alien.

(2) The following aliens are not subject to having the income of their sponsor counted:

(a) paroled or admitted into the United States as a refugee or asylee;

(b) granted political asylum;

(c) admitted as a Cuban or Haitian entrant;

(d) other conditional or paroled entrants;

(e) not sponsored or who have sponsors that are organizations or institutions;

(f) sponsored by persons who receive public assistance or SSI;

(g) permanent resident aliens who were admitted as refugees and have been in the United States for eight months or less.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, the income of the sponsor of an alien who applies for financial assistance after April 1, 1983 and who has been legally admitted into the United States for permanent residence must be counted for five years after the entry date into the United States. The

entry date is the date the alien was admitted for permanent residence. The time spent, if any, in the United States other than as a permanent resident is not considered as part of the five year period.

(4) The amount of income deemed available for the alien is calculated by:

(a) deducting 20% from the total earned income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse up to a maximum of \$175 per month; then,

(b) adding to that figure all of the monthly unearned countable income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse; then the following deductions are allowed:

(i) an amount equal to 100% of the SNB amount for the number of people living in the sponsor's household who are or could be claimed as dependents under federal income tax policy; then,

(ii) actual payments made to people not living in the sponsor's household whom the sponsor claims or could claim as dependents under federal income tax policy; then,

(iii) actual payments of alimony and/or child support the sponsor makes to individuals not living in the sponsor's household.

(c) The remaining amount is counted as unearned income against the alien whether or not the income is actually made available to the alien.

(5) Actual payments by the sponsor to aliens will be counted as income only to the extent that the payment amount exceeds the amount of the sponsor's income already determined as countable.

(6) A sponsor can be held liable for an overpayment made to a sponsored alien if the sponsor was responsible for, or signed the documents which contained, the misinformation that resulted in the overpayment. The sponsor is not held liable for an overpayment if the alien fails to give accurate information to the Department or the sponsor is deceased, in prison, or can prove the request for information was incomplete or vague.

(7) In the case where the alien entered the United States after December 19, 1997, the sponsor's income does not count if:

(a) the alien becomes a United States citizen through naturalization;

(b) the alien has worked 40 qualifying quarters as determined by Social Security Administration; or

(c) the alien or the sponsor dies.

R986-200-244. TANF Needy Family (TNF).

(1) TNF is not a program but describes a population that can be served using TANF Surplus Funds.

(2) Eligible families must have a dependent child under the age of 18 residing in the home, and the total household income must not exceed 300% of the Federal poverty level. Income is determined as gross income without allowance for disregards.

(3) Services available vary throughout the state. Information on what is available in each region is available at each Employment Center. The Department may elect to contract out services.

(4) If TANF funded payments are made for basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, shelter, or utilities, each month a payment is received under TNF, counts as one month of assistance toward the 36 month lifetime limit. Basic needs also include transportation and child care if all adults in the household are unemployed and will count toward the 36 month lifetime limit.

(5) If a member of the household has used all 36 months of FEP assistance the household is not eligible for basic needs assistance under TNF but may be eligible for other TANF funded services.

(6) Assets are not counted when determining eligibility for

TNF services.

R986-200-245. TANF Non-FEP Training (TNT).

(1) TNT is to provide skills and training to parents to help them become suitably employed and self-sufficient.

(2) The client must be unable to achieve self-sufficiency without training.

(3) Eligible families must have a dependent child under the age of 18 residing in the home and the total household income must not exceed 200% of the Federal poverty level. If the only dependent child is 18 and expected to graduate from High School before their 19th birthday the family is eligible up through the month of graduation. Income is counted and calculated the same as for WIA as found in rule R986-600.

(4) Assets are not counted when determining eligibility for TNT services.

(5) The client must show need and appropriateness of training.

(6) The client must negotiate an employment plan with the Department and participate to the maximum extent possible.

(7) The Department will not pay for supportive services such as child care, transportation or living expenses under TNT. The Department can pay for books, tools, work clothes and other needs associated with training.

R986-200-246. Transitional Cash Assistance.

(1) Transitional Cash Assistance, (TCA) is offered to help FEP and FEPTP customers stabilize employment and reduce recidivism.

(2) To be eligible for TCA a client must;

(a) have been eligible for and have received FEP or FEPTP during the month immediately preceding the month during which TCA is requested or granted. The FEP or FEPTP assistance must have been terminated due to earned or unearned and unearned income and not for nonparticipation under R986-200-212. If the immediately preceding month was during a diversion period, or the client has a termination pending due to non participation as provided in R986-200-212, the client is not eligible for TCA,

(b) be employed and

(i) have income greater than the FEP or FEP TP income guideline

(ii) the FEP or FEP TP assistance was terminated because of that income, and

(iii) the earned income exceeds the unearned income at the time the FEP or FEP TP was terminated, and

(c) continue to cooperate with the Office of Recovery Services, Child Support Enforcement.

(3) TCA is only available if the customer verifies income at the minimum required in subparagraph (2)(b) of this section.

(4) The TCA benefit is available for a maximum of three months in a 12 month period. The three months do not need to be consecutive.

(a) The assistance payment for the first two months of TCA is based on household size. All household income, earned and unearned, is disregarded.

(b) Payment for the third month is one half of the payment available in (4)(a) of this section.

(5) To receive the second and third month of the TCA benefit, the client must remain employed or have had an open FEP case that closed during the prior month due to income described in (2)(b) of this section.

(6) If initial verification is provided and a client is paid one month of TCA but the client is unable to provide documentation to support that initial verification, no further payments will be made under TCA but the one month payment will not result in an overpayment.

(7) TCA does not count toward the 36 month time limit found in R986-200-217.

R986-200-247. Utah Back to Work Pilot Program (BWP).

(1) BWP is a voluntary program providing short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to an eligible unemployment insurance (UI) claimant. To be eligible, a UI claimant must:

(a) be currently receiving UI benefits and have received at least one week of paid UI benefit. The waiting week is not considered a "paid" benefit for the purposes of this section;

(b) be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be a U.S. citizen or meet the alienage requirements of R986-200-203;

(c) have at least 1 week of UI benefits remaining on his or her claim. The week can be Extended Benefits under 35A-4-402 or Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits as defined by the UI division;

(d) be the parent of at least one minor dependent child and be contributing to the financial support of that child or children;

(e) have not worked for the employer where the claimant is to be hired under this program more than 40 hours in the 60 days immediately preceding the date of hire under the BWP program; and

(f) have not previously participated in the BWP or BWY program.

(2) The Utah Back to Work Youth Program (BWY) provides short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to unemployed youth 18-24 years of age. BWY youth must be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be unemployed but do not need to be receiving or eligible to receive UI benefits. BWY youth do not need to be a parent but must meet the requirement of subsection (1)(e) and have not participated in the BWP or BWY program before.

(3) An employer eligible for a subsidy under this section is an employer that:

(a) is registered with the Department's UI division as an active employer in "good standing". For the purposes of this section, "good standing" means the employer has no delinquent UI contributions or reports;

(b) is a "qualified employer" under the "Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act" of 2010 which "means any employer other than the United States, any State, or any political subdivision" or instrumentality thereof. A public institution of higher education is considered a "qualified employer" for purposes of this section. The employer cannot be a Temporary Help Company as defined in R994-202-102 or a Professional Employer Organization as defined in R994-202-106;

(c) pays a wage of at least \$9 per hour. Commission only jobs may qualify if the employer guarantees \$9 per hour or more, employees who receive gratuities plus wages may qualify if the employer reports \$9 per hour or more to the UI Contributions division;

(d) has not displaced or partially displaced existing workers by participating in this program;

(e) has at least one other employee;

(f) will provide the claimant with at least 35 hours work per week; and

(g) does not hire the claimant for temporary or seasonal work.

(4) Once it has been verified that a claimant has been hired, a qualified employer will be paid a \$500 subsidy and an additional \$1,500 subsidy at the conclusion of the third month of employment provided the required DWS invoices have been provided.

(5) BWP and BWY will continue for as long as funding is available.

R986-200-248. Wasatch Front North Service Area Pilot: FEP Subsidized Employment (FEP SE).

(1) FEP SE is a voluntary program providing short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to an eligible FEP recipient. FEP SE is a pilot program for Wasatch

Front North Service Area but may be expanded to other service areas if funding permits. To be eligible, a FEP recipient must:

- (a) be currently receiving FEP benefits and have received at least one FEP payment;
- (b) have a current employment plan. If the client is working less than 30 hours per week, the employment plan must provide additional activities;
- (c) be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be a U.S. citizen or meet the alienage requirements of R986-200-203;
- (d) have not worked for the employer where the client is to be hired under this program more than 40 hours in the 60 days immediately preceding the date of hire under the FEP SE program; and
- (e) have not previously participated in the FEP SE program.

(2) An employer eligible for a subsidy under this section is an employer that:

(a) is registered with the Department's UI division as an active employer in "good standing". For the purposes of this section, "good standing" means the employer has no delinquent UI contributions or reports;

(b) is a "qualified employer" which is defined as any employer other than the United States, any State, or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof. A public institution of higher education is considered a "qualified employer" for purposes of this section. The employer cannot be a Temporary Help Company as defined in R994-202-102 or a Professional Employer Organization as defined in R994-202-106;

(c) pays a wage of at least \$8 per hour. Commission only jobs may qualify if the employer guarantees \$8 per hour or more;

(d) has not displaced or partially displaced existing workers by participating in this program;

(e) has at least one other employee;

(f) will provide the client with at least 20 hours work per week; and

(g) does not hire the client for temporary or seasonal work.

(3) Once it has been verified that a FEP recipient has been hired, a qualified employer will be paid a \$500 subsidy and an additional \$1,500 subsidy at the conclusion of the third month of employment provided the required DWS invoices have been provided.

(4) FEP SE will continue for as long as funding is available.

R986-200-250. Basic Education Training Provider.

(1) Basic education funds can only be provided to training providers approved by the Department.

(2) This section applies to basic education providers receiving funds from the Department including WIA funds under R986-600.

R986-200-251. Types of Basic Education Training Providers and Approval Requirements.

(1) Public schools governed by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) must complete and submit Application "A" to the Department.

(2) Individuals offering youth tutoring personally, and not as an employee of another business or school, must be over 18 years of age, submit Application "B" and provide all of the following:

- (a) a birth certificate;
- (b) a current BCI background check results for Utah, from the Utah Department of Public Safety, paid for by the individual. The BCI report cannot contain:
 - (i) any matters involving an alleged sexual offense;
 - (ii) any matters involving an alleged felony or class A misdemeanor drug offense; or
 - (iii) any matters involving an alleged offense against the

person under Utah State Code Title 76 Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.

(c) a resume with tutoring-related work history or subject matter knowledge;

(d) three letters of recommendation addressing suitability as a tutor, and

(e) an approved grievance procedure for clients to use in making complaints.

(3) All other providers must submit Application "C" and;

(a) have been in business in Utah for at least one year;

(b) meet all state and local licensing requirements;

(c) have a satisfactory record with the Better Business Bureau;

(d) submit evidence of financial stability prepared by a certified public accountant (CPA) using generally accepted accounting principles. The evidence must include at least one of the following:

(i) balance sheet, income statement and a statement of changes in financial position;

(ii) copy of the most recent annual business audit; or

(iii) copies of each owner's most recent personal income tax return.

(e) submit a current Utah Business License showing at least one year in business, and

(f) submit an approved grievance procedure for clients to use in making complaints.

(g) ESL training providers must also submit documentation of registration as a Postsecondary Proprietary School with the Utah Division of Consumer Protection or show an exemption from such registration.

(h) Providers offering high school credit must also provide documentation of accreditation through Utah State Office of Education and Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

(4) Training providers submitting Application "B" or "C" must provide the following information for each training program for which the provider is seeking approval:

(a) program completion rates for all individuals enrolled;

(b) the type of certification students completing the program will obtain;

(c) the percentage rate of certification attained by program graduates; and

(d) program costs including tuition, fees and refund policy.

(5) A training provider approved under R986-600-652 can be approved for its basic education curriculum upon submission and approval of the information required in subsection (4) of this section. However, public schools governed by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 USCA 1070 et seq.) or the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) approved as providers under R986-600-652 do not need to submit the information required in subsection (4) of this section.

R986-200-252. Renewal and Revocation of Approval for Training Providers.

(1) Once a provider has been approved, the Department will establish a review date for that provider and notify the provider of the review date. The Department will determine at the time of the review if the provider is still eligible for approved provider status and notify the provider of that determination. At the time of review, the provider is required to provide any and all information requested by the Department which the Department has determined is necessary to allow the provider to continue to be an approved provider. This may include completing necessary forms, providing documentation and verification, and returning the Department's telephone calls. The requests for information must be completed within the time frame specified by the Department. If the Department determines as a result of the review that the provider is no longer eligible for approved provider status, the provider will be removed from the approved provider list.

(2) Providers must retain participant program records for three years from the date the participant completes the program.

(3) A provider who is not on the Department's approved provider list is not eligible for receipt of Department funds. A provider will be removed from the eligible provider list if the provider:

(a) does not meet the performance levels established by the Department including providing training services in a professional and timely manner;

(b) has committed fraud or violated applicable state or federal law, rule, or regulation;

(c) intentionally supplies inaccurate student or program performance information;

(d) fails to complete the review process; or

(e) has lost approval, accreditation, licensing, or certification from any of the following:

(i) Utah Division of Consumer Protection,

(ii) USOE,

(iii) Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, or

(iv) any other required approval, accrediting, licensing, or certification body.

(4) Some providers who have been removed from the eligible provider list may be eligible to be placed back on the list as follows:

(a) a provider who was removed for failure to meet performance levels may reapply for approval if the provider can prove it can meet performance levels;

(b) there is a lifetime ban for a provider who has committed fraud as a provider;

(c) providers removed for other violations of state or federal law will be suspended:

(i) until the provider can prove it is no longer in violation of the law for minor violations;

(ii) for a period of two years for serious violations or supplying inaccurate student or program performance information; or

(iii) for the lifetime of the provider for egregious violations. The seriousness of the violation will be determined by the Department.

R986-200-253. Training Provider's Right to Appeal a Denial or Revocation of Approval.

(1) Training providers will be notified in writing of a decision to deny an application for approval as a basic education training provider or a decision to revoke prior approval. The notice will inform the provider of its right to file a written appeal, where the appeal should be sent, and the deadline for filing an appeal.

(2) A hearing on the appeal will be held by the Department's Appeals Unit following the procedure in R986-100.

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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.**R986-700. Child Care Assistance.****R986-700-701. Authority for Child Care Assistance (CC) and Other Applicable Rules.**

- (1) The Department administers Child Care Assistance (CC) pursuant to the authority granted in Section 35A-3-310.
- (2) Rule R986-100 applies to CC except as noted in this rule.
- (3) Applicable provisions of R986-200 apply to CC, except as noted in this rule or where in conflict with this rule.

R986-700-702. General Provisions.

- (1) CC is provided to support employment.
- (2) CC is available, as funding permits, to the following clients who are employed or are participating in activities that lead to employment:
 - (a) parents;
 - (b) specified relatives; or
 - (c) clients who have been awarded custody or appointed guardian of the child by court order and both parents are absent from the home. If there is no court order, an exception can be made on a case by case basis in unusual circumstances by the Department program specialist.
- (3) Child care is provided only for children living in the home and only during hours when neither parent is available to provide care for the children.
- (4) If a client is eligible to receive CC, the following children, living in the household unit, are eligible:
 - (a) children under the age of 13; and
 - (b) children up to the age of 18 years if the child;
 - (i) meets the requirements of rule R986-700-717, and/or
 - (ii) is under court supervision.
- (5) Clients who qualify for child care services will be paid if and as funding is available. When the child care needs of eligible applicants exceed available funding, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Eligible applicants on the list will be served as funding becomes available. Special needs children, homeless children and FEP or FEPTP eligible children will be prioritized at the top of the list and will be served first. "Special needs child" is defined in rule R986-700-717.
- (6) The amount of CC might not cover the entire cost of care.
- (7) A client is only eligible for CC if the client has no other options available for child care. The client is encouraged to obtain child care at no cost from a parent, sibling, relative, or other suitable provider. If suitable child care is available to the client at no cost from another source, CC cannot be provided.
- (8) CC can only be provided for an eligible provider and will not be provided for illegal or unsafe child care. Illegal child care is care provided by any person or facility required to be licensed or certified but where the provider has not fulfilled the requirements necessary to obtain the license or certification.
- (9) CC will not be paid to a client for the care of his or her own child(ren) unless the client is working for an approved child care center.
- (10) Neither the Department nor the state of Utah is liable for injuries that may occur when a child is placed in child care even if the parent receives a subsidy from the Department.
- (11) Foster care parents receiving payment from the Department of Human Services are not eligible to receive CC for the foster children.
- (12) Once eligibility for CC has been established, eligibility must be reviewed at least once every six months. The review is not complete until the client has completed, signed and returned all necessary review forms to the local office. All requested verifications must be provided at the time of the review. If the Department has reason to believe the client's circumstances have changed, affecting either eligibility or payment amount, the Department will reduce or terminate CC

even if the certification period has not expired.

R986-700-703. Client Rights and Responsibilities.

In addition to the client rights and responsibilities found in R986-100, the following client rights and responsibilities apply:

- (1) A client has the right to select the type of child care which best meets the family's needs.
- (2) If a client requests help in selecting a provider, the Department will refer the client to the local Child Care Resource and Referral agency.
- (3) A client is responsible for monitoring the child care provider. The Department will not monitor the provider.
- (4) A client is responsible to pay all costs of care charged by the provider. If the child care assistance payment provided by the Department is less than the amount charged by the provider, the client is responsible for paying the provider the difference.
- (5) The only changes a client must report to the Department within ten days of the change occurring are:
 - (a) that the household's gross monthly income exceeds the percentage of the state median income as determined by the Department in R986-700-710(3);
 - (b) that the client is no longer in an approved training or educational program;
 - (c) if the client's and/or child's schedule changes so that child care is no longer needed during the hours of approved employment and/or training activities;
 - (d) that the client does not meet the minimum work requirements of an average of 15 hours per week or 15 and 30 hours per week when two parents are in the household and it is expected to continue;
 - (e) the client is separated from his or her employment;
 - (f) a change of address;
 - (g) any of the following changes in household composition; a parent, stepparent, spouse, or former spouse moves into the home, a child receiving child care moves out of the home, or the client gets married; or
 - (h) a change in the child care provider, including when care is provided at no cost.
- (6) If a material change which would result in a decrease in the amount of the CC payment is reported within 10 days, the decrease will be made effective beginning the next month and sums received in the month in which the change occurred will not be treated as an overpayment. If it is too late to make the change to the next month's CC payment, the client is responsible for repayment even if the 10 days for reporting the change has not expired. If the client fails to report the change within 10 days, the decrease will occur as soon as the Department learns of the change and the overpayment will be assessed back to the date of the change.
- (7) A client is responsible for payment to the Department of any overpayment made in CC.
- (8) If the client has failed to provide all necessary information and the child care provider requests information about payment of CC to the client, the Department is authorized to inform the provider that further information is needed before payment can be determined.
- (9) The Department may also release the following information to the designated provider:
 - (a) limited information regarding the status of a CC payment including that no payment was issued or services were denied;
 - (b) information contained on the Form 980;
 - (c) the date the child care subsidy was issued;
 - (d) the subsidy amount for that provider;
 - (e) the subsidy deduction amount;
 - (f) the date a two party check was mailed to the client;
 - (g) a copy of the two party check on a need to know basis;

and

(h) the month the client is scheduled for review or reestablishment.

(10) Unused child care funds issued on the client's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card will be removed from ("aged off") the EBT card 90 days after those funds were deposited onto the EBT card. Aged off funds will no longer be available to the client.

R986-700-704. Establishment of Paternity.

The provisions of rules R986-100 and R986-200 pertaining to cooperation with ORS in the establishment of paternity and collection of child support do not apply to ES CC.

R986-700-705. Eligible Providers and Provider Settings.

(1) The Department will only pay CC to clients who select eligible providers. The only eligible providers are:

- (a) licensed and accredited providers:
 - (i) licensed homes;
 - (ii) licensed family group homes; and
 - (iii) licensed child care centers.

(b) license exempt providers who are not required by law to be licensed and are either;

- (i) license exempt centers; or
- (ii) related to at least one of the children for whom CC is provided. Related under this paragraph means: siblings who are at least 18 years of age and who live in a different residence than the parent, grandparents, step grandparents, aunts, step aunts, uncles, step uncles or people of prior generations of grandparents, aunts, or uncles, as designated by the prefix grand or, great, or persons who meet any of the above relationships even if the marriage has been terminated.

(c) homes with a Residential Certificate obtained from the Bureau of Licensing.

(2) The Department may, on a case by case basis, grant an exception and pay for CC when an eligible provider is not available:

(a) within a reasonable distance from the client's home. A reasonable distance, for the purpose of this exception only, will be determined by the transportation situation of the parent and child care availability in the community where the parent resides;

(b) because a child in the home has special needs which cannot be otherwise accommodated; or

(c) which will accommodate the hours when the client needs child care.

(d) However, the child's sibling, living in the same home, can never be approved even under the exceptions in this subsection.

(3) If an eligible provider is available, an exception may be granted in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances but only with the approval of a Department supervisor.

(4) If an exception is granted under paragraph (2) or (3) above, the exception will be reviewed at each of the client's review dates to determine if an exception is still appropriate.

(5) License exempt providers must register with the Department and agree to maintain minimal health and safety criteria by signing a certification before payment to the client can be approved. The minimum criteria are that:

(a) the provider be at least 18 years of age and be legally able to work in the United States;

(b) the provider's home is clean and safe from hazardous items which could cause injury to a child. This applies to outdoor areas as well;

(c) there are working smoke detectors where children are provided care;

(d) the provider and all individuals 12 years old or older living in the home where care is provided submit to and pass a background check as provided in R986-700-751 et seq.;

(e) there is a telephone in operating condition with a list of

emergency numbers;

(f) food will be provided to the child in care. Food supplies will be maintained to prevent spoilage or contamination;

(g) the child in care will be immunized as required for children in licensed day care and;

(h) good hand washing practices will be maintained to discourage infection and contamination.

(6) The following providers are not eligible for receipt of a CC payment:

(a) a member of a household assistance unit who is receiving one or more of the following assistance payments: FEP, FEPTP, diversion assistance or food stamps for any child in that household assistance unit. The person may, however, be paid as a provider for a child in a different household assistance unit;

(b) a sibling of the child living in the home;

(c) household members whose income must be counted in determining eligibility for CC;

(d) a parent, foster care parent, stepparent or former stepparent, even if living in another residence;

(e) illegal aliens;

(f) persons under age 18;

(g) a provider providing care for the child in another state;

(h) a provider who has committed fraud as a provider, as determined by the Department or by a court;

(i) any provider disqualified under R986-700-718;

(j) a provider who does not cooperate with a Department investigation of a potential overpayment

(k) a provider living in the same home as the client unless one of the exceptions in subsection (2) of this section are met.

R986-700-706. Provider Rights and Responsibilities.

(1) Providers assume the responsibility to collect payment for child care services rendered. Neither the Department nor the state of Utah assumes responsibility for payment to providers.

(2) A provider may not charge clients receiving a CC subsidy a higher rate than their customers who do not receive a CC subsidy.

(3) Providers must keep accurate records of subsidized child care payments, time and attendance. The Department has the right to investigate child care providers and audit their records. Time and attendance records for all subsidized clients must be kept for at least one year. If a provider fails to cooperate with a Department investigation or audit, or fails to keep records for one year, the provider will no longer be an approved provider.

(4) If a provider accepts payment from funds provided by the Department for services which were not provided, the provider may be referred for criminal prosecution and will no longer be an approved provider following the procedure outlined in section R986-700-718. This is true even if the funds were authorized under R986-700-718.

(5) If an overpayment is established and it is determined that the provider was at fault in the creation of the overpayment, the provider is responsible for repayment of the overpayment.

(6) Records will be kept by the Department for individuals who are not approved providers and against whom a referral or complaint is received.

R986-700-707. Subsidy Deduction and Transitional Child Care.

(1) "Subsidy deduction" means a dollar amount which is deducted from the standard CC subsidy for Employment Support CC. The deduction is determined on a sliding scale and the amount of the deduction is based on the parent(s) countable earned and unearned income and household size.

(2) The parent is responsible for paying the amount of the subsidy deduction directly to the child care provider.

(3) If the subsidy deduction exceeds the actual cost of child care, the family is not eligible for child care assistance.

(4) The full monthly subsidy deduction is taken even if the client receives CC for only part of the month.

(5) There is no subsidy deduction during transitional child care. Transitional child care is available during the six months immediately following a FEP or FEPTP termination if the termination was due to increased income and the parent is otherwise eligible for ESCC. The subsidy deduction will resume in the seventh month after the termination of FEP or FEPTP. The six month time limit is the same regardless of whether the client receives TCA or not.

(6) A client does not need to fill out a new application for child care during the six month transitional period even if there is a gap in services during those six months.

R986-700-708. FEP CC.

(1) FEP CC may be provided to clients receiving financial assistance from FEP or FEPTP. FEP CC will only be provided to cover the hours a client needs child care to support the activities required by the employment plan. FEP CC is not subject to the subsidy deduction.

(2) Additional time for travel may be included on a case by case basis when circumstances create a hardship for the client because the required activities necessitate travel of distances taking at least one hour each way.

R986-700-709. Employment Support (ES) CC.

(1) Parents who are not eligible for FEP CC may be eligible for Employment Support (ES) CC. To be eligible, a parent must be employed or be employed while participating in educational or training activities. Work Study is not considered employment. A parent who attends school but is not employed at least 15 hours per week, is not eligible for ES CC. ES CC will only be provided to cover the hours a client needs child care for work or work and approved educational or training activities.

(2) If the household has only one parent, the parent must be employed at least an average of 15 hours per week.

(3) If the family has two parents, CC can be provided if:

(a) one parent is employed at least an average of 30 hours per week and the other parent is employed at least an average of 15 hours per week and their work schedules cannot be changed to provide care for the child(ren). CC will only be provided during the time both parents are in approved activities and neither is available to care for the children; or

(b) one parent is employed and the other parent cannot work, or is not capable of earning \$500 per month and cannot provide care for their own children because of a physical, emotional or mental incapacity. Any employment or educational or training activities invalidate a claim of incapacity. The incapacity must be expected to last 30 days or longer. The individual claiming incapacity must verify that incapacity in one of the following ways:

(i) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;

(ii) 100% disabled by VA; or

(iii) by submitting a written statement from:

(A) a licensed medical doctor;

(B) a doctor of osteopathy;

(C) a licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA 58-60-102;

(D) a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; or

(E) a licensed Physician's Assistant.

(4) Employed or self-employed parent client(s) must make, either through wages or profit from self-employment, a rate of pay equal to or greater than minimum wage multiplied by the number of hours the parent is working. To be eligible for ES CC, a self employed parent must provide business records for the most recent three month time period to establish that the parent is likely to make at least minimum wage. If a parent has

a barrier to other types of employment, exceptions can be made in extraordinary cases with the approval of the state program specialist.

(5) Americorps*Vista is not supported. Job Corps activities are considered to be training and a client in the Job Corps would also have to meet the work requirements to be eligible for ES CC.

(6) Applicants must verify identity but are not required to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) for household members. Benefits will not be denied or withheld if a customer chooses not to provide a SSN if all factors of eligibility are met. SSN's that are supplied will be verified. If an SSN is provided but is not valid, further verification will be requested to confirm identity.

R986-700-710. Income Limits for ES CC.

(1) Rule R986-200 is used to determine:

(a) who must be included in the household assistance unit for determining whose income must be counted to establish eligibility. In some circumstances, determining household composition for a ES CC household is different from determining household composition for a FEP or FEPTP household. ES CC follows the parent and the child, not just the child so, for example, if a parent in the household is ineligible, the entire ES CC household is ineligible. A specified relative may not opt out of the household assistance unit when determining eligibility for CC. The income of the specified relatives needing ES CC in the household must be counted. For ES CC, only the income of the parent/client is counted in determining eligibility regardless of who else lives in the household. If both parents are living in the household, the income of both parents is counted.

(b) what is counted as income except:

(i) the earned income of a minor child who is not a parent is not counted; and

(ii) child support, including in kind child support payments, is counted as unearned income, even if it exceeds the court or ORS ordered amount of child support, if the payments are made directly to the client. If the child support payments are paid to a third party, only the amount up to the court or ORS ordered child support amount is counted.

(c) how to estimate income.

(2) The following income deductions are the only deductions allowed on a monthly basis:

(a) the first \$50 of child support received by the family;

(b) court ordered and verified child support and alimony paid out by the household;

(c) \$100 for each person with countable earned income; and

(d) a \$100 medical deduction. The medical deduction is automatic and does not require proof of expenditure.

(3) The household's countable income, less applicable deductions in paragraph (2) above, must be at, or below, a percentage of the state median income as determined by the Department. The Department will make adjustments to the percentage of the state median income as funding permits. The percentage currently in use is available at the Department's administrative office.

(4) Charts establishing income limits and the subsidy deduction amounts are available at all local Department offices.

(5) An independent living grant paid by DHS to a minor parent is not counted as income.

R986-700-711. ES CC to Support Education and Training Activities.

(1) CC may be provided when the client(s) is engaged in education or training and employment, provided the client(s) meet the work requirements under Section R986-700-709(1).

(2) The education or training is limited to courses that

directly relate to improving the parent(s)' employment skills.

(3) ES CC will only be paid to support education or training activities for a total of 24 calendar months. The months need not be consecutive.

(a) On a case by case basis, and for a reasonable length of time, months do not count toward the 24-month time limit when a client is enrolled in a formal course of study for any of the following:

- (i) obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent,
- (ii) adult basic education, and/or
- (iii) learning English as a second language.

(b) Months during which the client received FEP child care while receiving education and training do not count toward the 24-month time limit.

(c) CC can not ordinarily be used to support short term workshops unless they are required or encouraged by the employer. If a short term workshop is required or encouraged by the employer, and approved by the Department, months during which the client receives child care to attend such a workshop do not count toward the 24-month time limit.

(4) Education or training can only be approved if the parent can realistically complete the course of study within 24 months.

(5) Any child care assistance payment made for a calendar month, or a partial calendar month, counts as one month toward the 24-month limit.

(6) There are no exceptions to the 24-month time limit, and no extensions can be granted.

(7) CC is not allowed to support education or training if the parent already has a bachelor's degree.

(8) CC cannot be approved for graduate study or obtaining a teaching certificate if the client already has a bachelor's degree.

R986-700-712. CC for Certain Homeless Families.

(1) CC can be provided for homeless families with one or two parents when the family meets the following criteria:

(a) The family must present a referral for CC from an agency known by the local office to be an agency that works with homeless families, including shelters for abused women and children. This referral will serve as proof of their homeless state. Local offices will provide a list of recognized homeless agencies in local office area.

(b) The family must show a need for child care to resolve an emergency crisis.

(c) The family must meet all other relationship and income eligibility criteria.

(2) CC for homeless families is only available for up to three months in any 12-month period. When a payment is made for any part of a calendar month, that month counts as one of the three months. The months need not be consecutive.

(3) Qualifying families may use child care assistance for any activity including, but not limited to, employment, job search, training, shelter search or working through a crisis situation.

(4) If the family is eligible for a different type of CC, the family will be paid under the other type of CC.

(5) When a homeless family presents a referral from a recognized agency, the Department will, if possible, schedule the application interview within three working days of the date of the application.

R986-700-713. Amount of CC Payment.

(1) CC will be paid at the lower of the following levels:

(a) the maximum monthly local market rate as calculated using the Local Market Survey. The Local Market Survey is conducted by the Department and based on the provider category and age of the child. The Survey results are available for review at any Department office through the Department web site on the Internet; or

(b) the rate established by the provider for services; or

(c) the unit cost multiplied by the number of hours approved by the Department. The unit cost is determined by dividing the maximum monthly local market rate by 137.6 hours.

(2) An enhanced CC payment is available to clients who are participating more than 172 hours per month. The enhanced subsidy cannot exceed \$100 more than the maximum monthly local market rate for the type of provider used by the client and in no event can an enhanced subsidy payment exceed the accredited center rate for infant care. A two-parent family receiving CC for education or training activities is not eligible for the enhanced CC subsidy.

R986-700-714. CC Payment Method.

(1) CC payments to parents will be generated monthly by a two-party check issued in the parent's name and the chosen provider's name, except as noted in paragraph (2) below. The check is mailed to the client.

(2) CC payments will be made by electronic benefit transfer (EBT) either through a point of sale (POS) machine or interactive voice recording (IVR) system to authorized provider types as determined by the Department. The provider may elect which option of EBT to use. The provider must sign an agreement with the Department's contractor in order to be eligible to receive CC payments. If the provider elects to use the POS method of payment, the provider must lease a POS machine at the provider's own expense.

(3) In the event that a check is reported as lost or stolen, both the parent and the provider are required to sign a statement that they have not received funds from the original check before a replacement check can be issued. The check must be reported as lost or stolen within 60 days of the date the check was mailed. The statement must be signed on an approved Department form and the signing witnessed, and in some cases notarized, at a local office of the Department. If the provider is unable to come into a Department office to sign the form, the form may be accepted if the signature is notarized. If the original check has been redeemed, a copy of the check will be reviewed and both the parent and provider must provide a sworn, notarized statement that the signature on the endorsed check is a forgery. The Department may require a waiting period prior to issuing a replacement check.

(4) The Department is authorized to stop payment on a CC check without prior notice to the client if:

(a) the Department has determined that the client was not eligible for the CC payment, the Department has confirmed with the child care provider that no services were provided for the month in question or the provider cannot be located, and the Department has made an attempt to contact the parent; or

(b) when the check has been outstanding for at least 90 days; or

(c) the check is lost or stolen.

(5) No stop payment will be issued by the Department without prior notice to the provider unless the provider is not providing services or cannot be contacted.

R986-700-715. Overpayments.

(1) An overpayment occurs when a client or provider received CC for which they were not eligible. If the Department fails to establish one or more of the eligibility criteria and through no fault of the client, payments are made, it will not be considered to have been an overpayment if the client would have been eligible and the amount of the subsidy would not have been affected.

(2) If the overpayment was because the client committed fraud, including forging a provider's name on a two party CC check, the client will be responsible for repayment of the resulting overpayment and will be disqualified from further

receipt of CC:

- (a) for a period of one year for the first occurrence of fraud;
 - (b) for a period of two years for the second occurrence of fraud; and
 - (c) for life for the third occurrence of fraud.
- (3) If the client was at fault in the creation of an overpayment for any reason other than fraud in paragraph (2) above, the client will be responsible for repayment of the overpayment. There is no disqualification or ineligibility period for a fault overpayment.

(4) All CC overpayments must be repaid to the Department.

Overpayments may be deducted from ongoing CC payments for clients who are receiving CC. If the Department is at fault in the creation of an overpayment, the Department will deduct \$10 from each month's CC payment unless the client requests a larger amount.

(5) CC will be terminated if a client fails to cooperate with the Department's efforts to investigate alleged overpayments.

(6) If the Department has reason to believe an overpayment has occurred and it is likely that the client will be determined to be disqualified or ineligible as a result of the overpayment, payment of future CC may be withheld, at the discretion of the Department, to offset any overpayment which may be determined.

R986-700-716. CC in Unusual Circumstances.

(1) CC may be provided for study time, to support clients in education or training activities if the parent has classes scheduled in such a way that it is not feasible or practical to pick up the child between classes. For example, if a client has one class from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and a second class from 11:00 a.m. to noon it might not be practical to remove the child from care between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

(2) An away-from-home study hall or lab may be required as part of the class course. A client who takes courses with this requirement must verify study hall or lab class attendance. The Department will not approve more study hall hours or lab hours in this setting than hours for which the client is enrolled in school. For example: A client enrolled for ten hours of classes each week may not receive more than ten hours of this type of study hall or lab.

(3) CC will not be provided for private kindergarten or preschool activities when a publicly funded education program is available.

(4) CC may be authorized to support employment for clients who work graveyard shifts and need child care services during the day for sleep time. If no other child care options are available, child care services may be authorized for the graveyard shift or during the day, but not for both. A maximum of six hours per day will be approved for sleep time.

(5) CC may be authorized to support employment for clients who work at home, provided the client makes at least minimum wage from the at home work, and the client has a need for child care services. The client must choose a provider setting outside the home.

(6) CC with an provider that is not licensed, accredited, certified, or a licensed exempt center will not be approved between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. except;

- (a) for a child under the age of 24 months old,
- (b) to accommodate a special needs child, or
- (c) under unusual circumstances and then only if approved by the Department program specialist on a case by case basis.

R986-700-717. Child Care for Children With Disabilities or Special Needs.

(1) The Department will fund child care for children with disabilities or special needs at a higher rate if the child has a

physical, social, or mental condition or special health care need that requires;

- (a) an increase in the amount of care or supervision and/or
- (b) special care, which includes but is not limited to the use of special equipment, assistance with movement, feeding, toileting or the administration of medications that require specialized procedures.

(2) To be eligible under this section, the client must submit a statement from one of the professionals listed in rule R986-700-709(3)(b)(ii) or one of the following agencies documenting the child's disability or special child care needs;

(a) Social Security Administration showing that the child is a SSI recipient,

(b) Division of Services for People with Disabilities,

(c) Division of Mental Health,

(d) State Office of Education, or

(e) Baby Watch, Early Intervention Program.

(3) Verification to support that the child is disabled or has a special need must be dated and signed by the preparer and include the following;

- (a) the child's name,
- (b) a description of the child's disability, and
- (c) the special provisions that justify a higher payment rate.

(4) The Department may require additional information and may deny requests if adequate or complete information or justification is not provided.

(5) The higher rate is available through the month the child turns 18 years of age.

(6) Clients qualify for child care under this section if the household is at or below 85% of the state median income.

(7) The higher rate in effect for each child care category is available at any Department office.

R986-700-718. Provider Disqualification.

(1) A child care provider removing child care subsidy funds from a client's account by way of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) and interactive voice response (IVR), can only remove those funds from a client's account that are authorized by the Department for that provider. All providers receiving payment for child care services through an EBT may learn the exact amount authorized for that provider for each client by accessing the Department's Provider Payment Authorization website. Providers who remove more funds than authorized will be required to reimburse the Department for the excess funds and will be disqualified from receipt of further CC subsidy funds as follows;

(a) if the provider has never removed unauthorized CC subsidy funds before, the Department will send a demand letter to the provider's last known address informing the provider of the unauthorized access and establishing an overpayment in the amount of the excess funds. If the provider repays the overpayment within six months of the date of the demand letter, no further action will be taken on that overpayment,

(b) if the provider removes funds in excess of those authorized by the Department a second time, and the provider repaid the previous overpayment or is making a good faith effort to repay the overpayment, a second demand letter will be sent to the provider's last known address. The second letter will establish an overpayment in the amount of the excess funds removed and inform the provider that any further unauthorized access will result in disqualification. If the provider removes unauthorized funds and has not repaid the first overpayment, or is not making a good faith effort to repay the first overpayment to the Department, no second demand letter will be sent and the provider will be disqualified for a period of one year from the date the Department issues its letter, or in the case of an appeal, from the date the ALJ issues his or her determination. A good faith effort to repay the overpayment means the provider is

repaying at least 10% of the overpayment due each month,

(c) if a child care provider removes unauthorized funds a third time, or a second time without repayment of the first overpayment as provided in paragraph (1)(b) of this subsection, the provider will be disqualified and is ineligible for receipt of further CC subsidy funds for a period of one year from the date the Department issues its letter, or in the case of an appeal, from the date the ALJ issues his or her determination,

(d) a CC provider previously disqualified for one year from receipt of CC subsidy funds due to unauthorized removal of funds in paragraph (1)(c) of this subsection, will be disqualified for a period of two years if the provider removes unauthorized funds again. Warning letters under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection will not be sent if a provider was previously disqualified for receipt of CC subsidy funds,

(e) a CC provider previously disqualified for a two year period due to unauthorized removal of funds in paragraph (1)(d) of this subsection will be permanently disqualified if the provider removes unauthorized funds again. Warning letters under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection will not be sent if a provider was previously disqualified for receipt of CC subsidy funds.

(2) Even if CC funds are authorized under this section, a CC provider cannot remove, accept and/or retain funds for any month during which no CC services were provided. If authorized or unauthorized subsidy funds were accepted from a client or removed from a client's account as provided in this section but no CC services were provided during the month, the provider will be required to reimburse the Department for the excess funds and will be disqualified from receipt of further CC subsidy funds in the same manner as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) CC providers disqualified under subsections (1) or (2) of this section will be ineligible for receipt of quality grants awarded by the Department during the period of disqualification.

(4) A CC provider overpayment not paid in full within six months will be referred to collection and will be collected in the same manner as all public assistance overpayments. Payment of provider overpayments must be made to the Department and not to the client.

(5) A CC provider may appeal an overpayment or disqualification as provided for public assistance appeals in rule R986-100. Any appeal must be filed in writing within 30 days of the date of letter establishing the overpayment or disqualification. A provider who has been found ineligible may continue to receive CC subsidy funds pending appeal until a decision is issued by the ALJ. The disqualification period will take effect even if the provider files an appeal of the decision issued by the ALJ.

R986-700-751. Background Checks.

(1) Sections R986-700-751 through 756 apply to child care providers identified in Utah Code Section 35A-3-310.5(1).

(2) The provider and each person age 12 years old or older living in the household where the child care is provided must submit to a background check.

(3) If child care is provided in the child's home, a background check must be done on each person age 12 years old or older living in the child's home who is not on the client's child care case.

(4) A client is not eligible for a subsidy if the client chooses a provider and the provider or any person age 12 years old or older living in the household where the child care is provided has:

(a) a supported finding of severe abuse or neglect by the Department of Human Services, a substantiated finding by a Juvenile court under Subsection 78-3a-320 or a criminal conviction related to neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse of

any person; or

(b) a conviction for an offense as identified in R986-700-754; or

(c) an adjudication in juvenile court of an act which if committed by an adult would be an offense identified in R986-700-754.

R986-700-752. Definitions.

Terms used in the section R986-700-751 through 756 are defined as followed:

(1) "Convicted" includes a conviction by a jury or court, a guilty plea or a plea of no contest, an adjudication in juvenile court or an individual who is currently subjected to a deferred judgment and sentence agreement, a deferred prosecution agreement, a deferred adjudication agreement, or a plea in abeyance.

(2) "Covered Individual" means:

(a) each person providing child care;

(b) all individuals 12 years old or older residing in a residence where child care is provided.

(3) "Supported" means a finding by the Utah Department of Human Services (DHS), at the completion of an investigation by DHS, that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that one or more of the following severe types of abuse or neglect has occurred:

(a) if committed by a person 18 years of age or older;

(i) severe or chronic physical abuse;

(ii) sexual abuse;

(iii) sexual exploitation;

(iv) abandonment;

(v) medical neglect resulting in death, disability, or serious illness;

(vi) chronic or severe neglect; or

(vii) chronic or severe emotional abuse

(b) if committed by a person under the age of 18:

(i) serious physical injury, as defined in Subsection 76-5-109(1)(f) to another child which indicates a significant risk to other children, or

(ii) sexual behavior with or upon another child which indicates a significant risk to other children.

R986-700-753. Criminal Background Screening.

(1) Each client requesting approval of a covered child care provider must submit to the Department a form, which will include a waiver and certification, completed and signed by the child care provider before the client's application for child care assistance can be approved. A fingerprint card and fee, prepared either by the local law enforcement agency or an agency approved by local law enforcement, shall also be submitted unless an exception is granted under subsection (3) of this section. Normally, child care subsidy will not be delayed pending completion of the background check.

(2) The provider must state in writing, based upon the provider's best information and belief, that no covered person, including the provider's own children, has ever been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or had a supported finding from DHS or a substantiated finding from a juvenile court of severe abuse or neglect of a child. If the provider is aware of any such conviction or supported or substantiated finding, but is not certain it will result in a disqualification, the Department will obtain information from the provider to assess the threat to children. If the provider knowingly makes false representations or material omissions to the Department regarding a covered individual's record, the provider will be responsible for repayment to the Department of the child care subsidy paid by the Department prior to the background check. If a provider signs an attestation, a disqualification based on a covered individual who no longer lives in the home can be cured under certain conditions.

(3) Fingerprint cards are not required if the Department is reasonably satisfied that the covered individual has resided in Utah for the last five years. A fingerprint card may be required, even if the individual has resided in Utah for the last five years, if requested by the Department.

(4) The Department will contract with the Department of Health (DOH) to perform a criminal background screening, which includes a review of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, (BCI) database maintained by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Part 2 of Chapter 10, Title 53; and if a fingerprint card, waiver and fee are submitted, the Department or DOH will forward the fingerprint card, waiver and fee to the Utah Department of Public Safety for submission to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.

(5) If the Department takes an action adverse to any covered individual based upon the background screening, the Department will send a written decision to the client explaining the action and the right of appeal. DOH will send a denial letter to the provider and the covered individual.

R986-700-754. Exclusion from Child Care Due to Criminal Convictions.

(1) As required by Utah Code Subsection 35A-3-310.5(4), if the criminal conviction was a felony, or is a misdemeanor that is not excluded under paragraphs (2) or (3) below, the covered individual may not provide child care or reside in a home where child care is provided.

(2) As allowed by Utah Code Subsection 35A-3-310.5(5), the Department hereby excludes the following misdemeanors and determines that a misdemeanor conviction listed below does not disqualify a covered individual from providing child care:

(a) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 32A, Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, except for 32A-12-203, Unlawful sale or furnishing to minors;

(b) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code except for 41-6a-502, Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both or with specified or unsafe blood alcohol concentration, when the individual had a child in the car at the time of the offense;

(c) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;

(d) any Class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

(e) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

(f) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 76, Chapter 4, Inchoate Offenses, except for 76-4-401, Enticing a Minor;

(g) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 6, Title 76, Offenses Against Property, Utah Criminal Code;

(h) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 6a, Title 76, Pyramid Schemes, Utah Criminal Code;

(i) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 76, Chapter 7, Subsection 103, Adultery, and 104, Fornication;

(j) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 8, Title 76, Offenses Against the Administration of Government, Utah Criminal Code except 76-8-1201 through 1207, Public Assistance Fraud; and 76-8-1301 False statements regarding unemployment compensation;

(k) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 9, Title 76, Offenses Against Public Order and Decency, Utah Criminal Code, except for:

(i) 76-9-301, Cruelty to Animals;

(ii) 76-9-301.1, Dog Fighting;

(iii) 76-9-301.8, Bestiality;

(iv) 76-9-702, Lewdness;

(v) 76-9-702.5, Lewdness Involving Child; and

(vi) 76-9-702.7, Voyeurism; and

(l) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 10, Title 76,

Offenses Against Public Health, Welfare, Safety and Morals, Utah Criminal Code, except for:

(i) 76-10-509.5, Providing Certain Weapons to a Minor;

(ii) 76-10-509.6, Parent or guardian providing firearm to violent minor;

(iii) 76-10-509.7, Parent or Guardian Knowing of a Minor's Possession of a Dangerous Weapon;

(iv) 76-10-1201 to 1229.5, Pornographic Material or Performance;

(v) 76-10-1301 to 1314, Prostitution; and

(vi) 76-10-2301, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

(3) The Executive Director or designee may consider and approve individual cases where a covered individual will be allowed to provide child care who would otherwise be excluded by this section.

(4) The Department will rely on the criminal background screening as conclusive evidence of the conviction and the Department may revoke or deny approval for a provider based on that evidence.

(5) If a covered individual causes a provider to be disqualified as a provider based upon the criminal background screening and the covered individual disagrees with the information provided by BCI, the covered individual may challenge the information by contacting BCI directly. If the information causing the disqualification came from a Utah court, the covered individual must contact that court or seek an expungement as provided in Utah Code Ann. Sections 77-18-10 through 77-18-15.

(6) All child care providers must report all felony and misdemeanor arrests, charges or convictions of covered individuals to DOH within ten calendar days of the arrest, notice of the charge, or conviction. All child care providers must also report a person aged 12 or older moving into the home where child care is provided within ten calendar days of that person moving in. A release for a background check must also be provided for that person within the time requested by the Department or DOH.

R986-700-755. Covered Individuals with Arrests or Pending Criminal Charges.

(1) If the Department determines there exists credible evidence that a covered individual has been arrested or charged with a felony or a misdemeanor that would not be excluded under R986-700-754, the Department will act to protect the health and safety of children in child care that the covered individual may have contact with. The Department may revoke or suspend approval of the provider if necessary to protect the health and safety of children in care.

(2) If the Department denies or revokes approval based upon the arrest or felony or misdemeanor charge, the Department will send a written decision to the client notifying the client that a hearing with the Department may be requested.

(3) The Department may hold the revocation or denial in abeyance until the arrest or felony or nonexempt misdemeanor charge is resolved.

R986-700-756. Exclusion From Child Care Due to Finding of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation.

(1) Pursuant to Utah Code Subsection 62A-4a-1005(2)(a)(v) the Department or DOH will screen all covered individuals, including children residing in a home where child care is provided, for a history of a supported finding of severe abuse, neglect, or exploitation from the licensing information system maintained by the Utah Department of Human Services (DHS) and the juvenile court records.

(2) If a covered individual appears on the licensing information system, the threat to the safety and health of children will be assessed. The Department may revoke any

existing approval and refuse to permit child care in the home until the Department is reasonably convinced that the covered individual no longer resides in the home.

(3) If the Department denies or revokes approval of a child care subsidy based upon the licensing information system, the Department will send a written decision to the client.

(4) If the DHS determines a covered individual has a supported finding of severe abuse, neglect or exploitation after the Department approves a child care subsidy, the covered individual has ten calendar days to notify DOH. Failure to notify DOH may result in the child care provider being liable for an overpayment for all subsidy amounts paid to the client between the finding and when it is reported or discovered.

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