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The Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) Initiative



What is the (REA) Initiative

- ❑ In March 2005, ETA awarded grant funds to 21 states to pilot the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) Initiative

- ❑ The REA initiative provides funds for states to test new REA services that may result in
 - ❑ More rapid reemployment for UI claimants
 - ❑ Cost-savings for the state's UI trust fund

REA Initiative Services

REA Initiative services include:

- In-person interviews (at One-Stops)
- Review of UI eligibility
- Provision of labor market information
- Development of a work-search plan
- Referral to reemployment services and/or training when needed

REA Study

- ❑ Nine REA state initiative recipients selected as REA research partners
 - Minnesota
 - Washington
 - Connecticut
 - North Dakota
 - South Carolina
 - Florida
 - California
 - Nevada
 - Ohio
- ❑ Research partners were selected purposefully
- ❑ REA Study is NOT a national evaluation of REA

REA State-centric Studies

■ State-centric evaluations in 5 of the 9 states:

Minnesota

Washington

Connecticut

North Dakota

South Carolina

■ State-centric studies will include:

Implementation studies (report submitted in June 2006)

Impact evaluations (report will be submitted in March 2008)

Claimant Outcomes Follow-up Interviews

- ❑ At states' request, IMPAQ is conducting follow-up telephone interviews of selected claimants on behalf of REA-9 states
- ❑ These follow-up telephone interviews are designed to collect information on claimants' return to work (employer, occupation, and wages), or withdrawal from the labor force or other reasons for ceasing to claim UI benefits
- ❑ The information collected in these interviews will be provided directly to the respective REA-9 states

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