

is assigned to an EN or State VR agency. See paragraph (c) of this section for when your reinstatement to in-use status will be effective.

(iii) After you are reinstated to in-use status, your next 12-month progress review period will begin. During this 12-month progress review period, you will be required to work (as defined in §411.185(a)(2), (b)(2) or (c)(2)) at least six months. The PM will conduct a 12-month progress review at the end of this 12-month progress review period to determine if you have met this requirement. After this, the PM will conduct 12-month progress reviews in the usual manner.

(5) *If you failed to meet the timely progress guidelines in any progress review after your second 12-month progress review.* (i) If you failed to meet the timely progress guidelines in any progress review after your second 12-month progress review, you may re-enter in-use status by completing six months of work within a rolling 12-month period with earnings in each of the six months at the level specified in §411.185(a)(2), (b)(2) or (c)(2). The rolling 12-month period must begin after the effective date of the decision that you failed to meet the timely progress guidelines. You also must satisfy the test in §411.200(a)(2) regarding the anticipated level of your work during the next 12-month progress review period that may begin under paragraph (b)(5)(iii) of this section.

(ii) When you have satisfied these requirements, you will be reinstated to in-use status, provided that your ticket is assigned to an EN or State VR agency. See paragraph (c) of this section for when your reinstatement to in-use status will be effective.

(iii) After you are reinstated to in-use status, your next 12-month progress review period will begin. During this 12-month progress review period, you will be required to work at least six months with earnings at the level specified in §411.185(a)(2), (b)(2) or (c)(2). The PM will conduct a 12-month progress review at the end of this 12-month progress review period to determine if you have met this requirement. After this, the PM will conduct 12-month progress reviews in the usual manner.

(c) *Decisions on whether you have satisfied the requirements for re-entering in-use status.* (1) After you have submitted a written request to the PM asking that you be reinstated to in-use status, the PM will decide whether you have satisfied the applicable requirements in this section for re-entering in-use status. The PM will send a written notice of the decision to you at your last known address. The notice will explain the reasons for the decision and inform you of the right to ask us to review the decision. If the PM decides that you have satisfied the requirements for re-entering in-use status (including the requirement that your ticket be assigned to an EN or State VR agency), you will be reinstated to in-use status effective with the date on which the PM sends the notice of the decision to you. If the PM decides that you have not satisfied the requirements for re-entering in-use status, you may request that we review the decision under paragraph (c)(2) of this section.

(2) If you disagree with the PM's decision, you may request that we review the decision. You must make the request before the 30th day after the date on which the PM sends the notice of its decision to you. We will send you a written notice of our decision at your last known address. If we decide that you have satisfied the requirements for re-entering in-use status (including the requirement that your ticket be assigned to an EN or State VR agency), you will be reinstated to in-use status effective with the date on which we send the notice of the decision to you.

THE EXTENSION PERIOD

§411.220 What if my ticket is no longer assigned to an EN or State VR agency?

(a) If your ticket was once assigned to an EN or State VR agency and is no longer assigned, you are eligible for an extension period of up to three months to reassign your ticket. You are eligible for an extension period if your ticket is in use and no longer assigned because—

(1) You retrieved your ticket because you were dissatisfied with the services being provided (see §411.145(a)) or because you relocated to an area not

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served by your previous EN or State VR agency; or

(2) Your EN went out of business, is no longer approved to participate as an EN in the Ticket to Work program, or is no longer willing or able to provide you with services as described in §411.145(b), or your State VR agency stopped providing services to you as described in §411.145(b).

(b) During the extension period, the ticket will still be considered to be in use. This means that you will not be subject to continuing disability reviews during this period.

(c) Time spent in the extension period will not count toward the time limitations for the timely progress guidelines.

(d) The extension period—

(1) Begins on the first day on which the ticket is no longer assigned (see §411.145); and

(2) Ends three months after it begins or when you assign your ticket to a new EN or State VR agency, whichever is sooner.

(e) If your extension period began during the initial 24-month period, and you reassign your ticket to an EN or State VR agency (other than the EN or State VR agency to which the ticket was previously assigned), you will have a new initial 24-month period when you reassign your ticket. This initial 24-month period will begin with the first month beginning after the day on which the reassignment of your ticket is effective under §411.150(c).

(f) If you do not assign your ticket by the end of the extension period, the ticket will no longer be in use and you will once again be subject to continuing disability reviews.

§411.225 What if I reassign my ticket after the end of the extension period?

(a) *General.* You may reassign your ticket after the end of the extension period under the conditions described in §411.150. If you reassign your ticket after the end of the extension period, you will be reinstated to in-use status beginning on the day on which the reassignment of your ticket is effective under §411.150(c).

(b) *Time limitations for the timely progress guidelines.* Any month during

which your ticket is not assigned, either during or after the extension period, will not count toward the time limitations for the timely progress guidelines. See §411.180(b)(1) and (2).

(c) *If your extension period began during the initial 24-month period.* If your extension period began during the initial 24-month period, and you reassign your ticket to an EN or State VR agency (other than the EN or State VR agency to which the ticket was previously assigned), you will have a new initial 24-month period when you reassign your ticket. This initial 24-month period will begin with the first month beginning after the day on which the reassignment of your ticket is effective under §411.150(c).

(d) *If your extension period began during any 12-month progress review period.* If your extension period began during a 12-month progress review period and you reassign your ticket after the end of the extension period, the period comprising the remaining months in that 12-month progress review period (see §411.180(b)(2)) will begin with the first month beginning after the day on which the reassignment of your ticket is effective under §411.150(c).

Subpart D—Use of One or More Program Managers To Assist in Administration of the Ticket to Work Program

§411.230 What is a PM?

A program manager (PM) is an organization in the private or public sector that has entered into a contract to assist us in administering the Ticket to Work program. We will use a competitive bidding process to select one or more PMs.

§411.235 What qualifications are required of a PM?

A PM must have expertise and experience in the field of vocational rehabilitation or employment services.

§411.240 What limitations are placed on a PM?

A PM is prohibited from directly participating in the delivery of employment services, vocational rehabilitation services, or other support services to beneficiaries with tickets in the