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**From:** Barbara Brundage, Director *BB*  
Regulatory Affairs Unit

**Date:** September 15, 2014

**Re:** Final Regulations – Pathway to Employment Fee Adjustment

**Originally Effective: July 1, 2014**  
**Permanently Adopted Effective: September 24, 2014**

**Suggested distribution:**

Agency Administrators  
Agency Financial Officers

**Purpose:**

Effective September 24, 2014, OPWDD is permanently adopting regulations that make changes to requirements concerning the new Pathway to Employment service. These same regulations have been in effect as emergency regulations since July 1, 2014. There are no changes in the final regulations compared to the emergency regulations.

The regulations adjust Region 3 fees for delivery of the Pathway to Employment service, add transportation (staff with individuals) as an allowable activity, and make other minor technical changes to requirements concerning the new service.

The full text of the final regulations can be accessed on the OPWDD website at [www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov). Look under “Regulations and Guidance.”

OPWDD is also planning to issue an Administrative Memorandum on the Pathway to Employment service, which will include further information on all requirements pertaining to this service, and the necessary compliance activities for providers that opt to provide this service.

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For any questions about requirements and compliance activities concerning the Pathway to Employment service, please contact Ceylane Meyers-Ruff via telephone at (518) 473-9697 or email at [ceylane.meyersruff@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:ceylane.meyersruff@opwdd.ny.gov).

Thank you.