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1. Parties Affected

This policy applies to the Division of Employment and Training Services (DETS) staff and recipients of Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Older Americans Act Title V funds administered through DETS.

2. Background

SCSEP, known in Alaska as Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training (MASST), is a program administered by the U. S. Department of Labor that serves unemployed low-income persons who are 55 years of age and older and who have poor employment prospects. Participants are provided part-time community service assignments which helps them develop skills and experience to facilitate their transition to unsubsidized employment. In 2006, an amendment to Title V of the Older Americans Act was enacted which included a durational limit for SCSEP participants. This durational limit for participation in the SCSEP program is 48 months total with breaks excluded.

3. Policy

Eligible participants may participate in the SCSEP for a maximum duration of 48 months in the aggregate (whether or not consecutive), from the date of the participant’s date of enrollment. There are no waivers or exceptions to the 48 month limit.

DETS staff and/or subrecipient staff must:

- a. Inform eligible participants of the limit, in writing, at the time of enrollment by using the **Alaska SCSEP Durational Limits Form**.
- b. Provide for a system to transition participants to unsubsidized employment or other assistance before the maximum enrollment duration has expired. Provisions for transition must be reflected in the participant’s individual employment plan.

Alaska MASST/SCSEP Durational Limits

Participant Statement of Understanding

I, _____, have been determined eligible to enroll in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). I understand that participation in SCSEP has a lifetime limit of 48 months as defined in federal statute. [See Older American's Act 2006 Amendment Section 518(a)(3)(B)].

I understand that the months I participate in SCSEP do not need to be consecutive to be included. Participation prior to July 1, 2007 and authorized breaks do not count towards the total limit. All financial eligibility and programmatic requirements remain and I can be terminated prior to the end of the 48 months if I do not meet those requirements (see Termination Policy and §641.580 of the SCSEP Final Rule).

I acknowledge that as part of my individualized employment program, every effort will be made to help me obtain unsubsidized employment. However, if I have not successfully obtained unsubsidized employment prior to the end of my 48 months, I will be required to exit the program.

I have read and understand the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Durational Limits Statement of Understanding and by signing below, I acknowledge that my participation in the program is limited to 48 months.

Participant's Signature

Date