## P-2280 Reach Ahead Pilot Program (continued)

## P-2280B Reach Ahead Pilot Program Months (24-16)

Households can remain on the Reach Ahead Pilot program for a total of 24 consecutive months (one month after the other with no break in between). A household's Reach Ahead Pilot program start date, Pilot month count, and available Pilot months can be found in PERS-D-HIST.

- All families will start at a count of 0 months when entering the Reach Ahead Pilot program as of July 1,2023 or when entering the program during the 2 years of the Pilot.
- Reach Ahead Pilot months begin counting once the household is active on Reach Ahead. The months are not based on how long the household has been working for their current employer.
  - <u>Example</u>: A Reach Ahead Pilot household becomes active on March 1, 2024. March 2024 will be month 1 for this household. April 2024 will be the household's 2<sup>nd</sup> month if there is no break in benefits.
  - Example: An eligible member of the Reach Ahead household has been working the same job for the last 6 months. The household applies for the Reach Ahead Pilot on March 1, 2024. The household is approved the same month and Reach Ahead becomes active as of March 2024. The household will have 1 month in March 2024.
- All families will return to a count of 0 months whenever there is a break in Reach Ahead benefits. A break in benefits for Reach Ahead means that a household did not receive a Reach Ahead benefit for a full month.
  - <u>Example</u>: A household has 6 Reach Ahead Pilot months as of March 1, 2024 and their Reach Ahead closes on March 10, 2024. The household reapplies for the Reach Ahead Pilot program on May 1, 2024. When the household reopens in May 2024, May will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reach Ahead Pilot month due to the break in benefits.
- Reach Ahead Pilot program months in ACCESS are shown in "real time." The
  count is based on the actual date you look in ACCESS not the reporting period
  being looked in. The months will not show retroactively or in the future.
  - <u>Example</u>: It is March 2024 and an active household has 5 Reach Ahead Pilot months. PERS-D-HIST for period 03-24 will show 5 Reach Ahead Pilot months. PERS-D-HIST for periods 02-24, 04-24 and so forth will also show 5 Reach Ahead months.

- Reach Ahead Pilot months, both current and available, coincide with the Reach Ahead Pilot start date listed in ACCESS.
- ACCESS automatically populates the Reach Ahead Pilot start date and the household's month count.
  - <u>Example</u>: A household enrolled in the Reach Ahead Pilot program in January 2024 and today is March 1, 2024. PERS-D-HIST will show a Reach Ahead Pilot start date (RA START DT) of January 2024 and there will 3 Reach Ahead Pilot months listed.
- A household's Reach Ahead Pilot start date does not have to coincide with ESD program dates shown in CASE-D.
  - Example: A household enrolled in the Reach Ahead Pilot in September 2023 and they have not completed their 6-month review for March as of adverse action. The household submits verification on March 28, 2024 and Reach Ahead Pilot is re'appled. CASE-D will show the RA application date as 03-01-24, whereas the household's Reach Ahead Pilot start date will be listed as September 2023.
- Reach Ahead Pilot months are attached to the household and will not transfer
  if a new household is set up. See <u>Reach Ahead rule 2503B</u> for additional
  information around months for two parent or blended households.

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A household's Reach Ahead Pilot start date (RA START DT), Reach Ahead Pilot month count (RA PILOT MONTHS), and how many Reach Ahead Pilot months remain available (RA PILOT MONTHS LEFT) can be viewed in the upper right corner of PERS-D-HIST.

