400.1216 Assistance programs for temporarily and long-term unemployed workers; development; scope; implementation and duration of programs.

Sec. 16. (1) The Michigan public service commission shall develop assistance programs for temporarily and long-term unemployed workers in this state. The programs shall include all of the following:

(a) An outreach program designed to advise newly unemployed workers of assistance available through provider utilities. The outreach program shall provide informational material to newly unemployed workers through the Michigan employment security commission.

(b) Cyclical budget payment plan options for unemployed workers.

(c) Specialized home energy analysis programs designed to advise newly unemployed workers of low-cost and no-cost weatherization and energy conservation measures.

(d) Deferred payment options for long-term unemployed workers who are not recipients of general assistance or aid to families with dependent children, which shall not include an option in which the deferred amount becomes an obligation of the state if the individual becomes an assisted household.

(2) The programs developed under this section shall be implemented by provider utilities and shall not be in effect after September 30, 1988.