

One Disbursement 150-299 Clock Hours Submitted by Jeff Arthur

“I propose inserting the following language into §690.90, after paragraph (b), as new paragraph

(c)

‘For eligible workforce programs of fewer than 300 clock hours, the Federal Pell Grant may be disbursed in a single disbursement, notwithstanding §668.4 or any other provision requiring multiple disbursements.’

This change aligns the disbursement structure with the accelerated nature of these programs and reduces unnecessary administrative burden.”

ED should have the statutory authority to do this. There is a precedent where institutions with <15% CDR can make one disbursement for students whose final award year is less than one payment period.

Upfront costs incurred by students are better supported (tools, computer, other learning resources)

This avoids conflict with 300-600 hour program regs and policies.

Aligns with existing payment period logic.

Students do not receive loans, so no issue with unnecessary debt burdens.

Does not affect consumer protections.