

612:10-7-1. Overview of Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services

(a) ~~This Subchapter discusses services within the scope of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services programs. Generally, these services are referred to as vocational rehabilitation services or VR services. Vocational rehabilitation services are provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Visual Services. Vocational rehabilitation services are provided to help eligible individuals achieve employment outcomes that are consistent with the unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice of each eligible individual. To the maximum extent appropriate, VR services are meant to result in competitive employment in an integrated setting. Vocational rehabilitation services include services for individuals and services to groups of individuals.~~

(b) Vocational rehabilitation services for individuals include:

(1) an assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs by qualified personnel, including, if appropriate, an assessment by personnel skilled in rehabilitation technology;

(2) counseling and guidance, including information and support services to assist an individual in exercising informed choice;

(3) referral and other services to secure needed services from other agencies through cooperative agreements if such services are not available from DVR or DVS;

(4) job-related services, including job search and placement assistance, job retention services, ongoing services, and extended services;

(5) vocational and other training services, including the provision of personal and vocational adjustment services, books, tools, and other training materials, except that no training services provided at an institution of higher education shall be paid for with funds under this title unless maximum efforts have been made by DVR or DVS staff and the individual to secure grant assistance, in whole or in part, from other sources to pay for such training;

(6) to the extent that financial support is not readily available from a source (such as through health insurance of the individual or through comparable services and benefits) other than DVR or DVS, diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental impairments, including:

(A) corrective surgery or therapeutic treatment necessary to correct or substantially modify a physical or mental condition that constitutes a

- 45 substantial impediment to employment, but is of such a nature that such
46 correction or modification may reasonably be expected to eliminate or
47 reduce such impediment to employment within a reasonable length of
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- 50 (B) necessary hospitalization in connection with surgery or treatment;
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- 52 (C) prosthetic and orthotic devices;
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- 54 (D) eyeglasses and visual services as prescribed by qualified personnel
55 who meet State licensure laws and who are selected by the individual;
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- 57 (E) special services (including transplantation and dialysis), artificial
58 kidneys, and supplies necessary for the treatment of individuals with end-
59 stage renal disease; and
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- 61 (F) diagnosis and treatment for mental and emotional disorders by
62 qualified personnel who meet State licensure laws;
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- 64 (7) maintenance for additional costs incurred while participating in an
65 assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs or
66 while receiving services under an Individualized Plan for Employment;
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- 68 (8) transportation, including adequate training in the use of public
69 transportation vehicles and systems, that is provided in connection with the
70 provision of any other service described in this section and needed by the
71 individual to achieve an employment outcome;
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- 73 (9) on-the-job or other related personal assistance services provided while an
74 individual is receiving other services described in this section;
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- 76 (10) interpreter services provided by qualified personnel for individuals who
77 are deaf or hard of hearing, and reader services for individuals who are
78 determined to be blind, after an examination by qualified personnel who meet
79 State licensure laws;
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- 81 (11) rehabilitation teaching services, and orientation and mobility services, for
82 individuals who are blind;
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- 84 (12) occupational licenses, tools, equipment, and initial stocks and supplies;
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- 86 (13) technical assistance and other consultation services to conduct market
87 analyses, develop business plans, and otherwise provide resources, to the
88 extent such resources are authorized to be provided through the statewide

- 89 workforce investment system, to eligible individuals who are pursuing self-
90 employment or telecommuting or establishing a small business operation as
91 an employment outcome;
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- 93 (14) rehabilitation technology, including telecommunications, sensory, and
94 other technological aids and devices;
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- 96 (15) transition services for students with disabilities, that facilitate the
97 achievement of the employment outcome identified in the Individualized Plan
98 for Employment;
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- 100 (16) supported employment services for individuals with the most significant
101 disabilities that need ongoing support services from a job coach to obtain and
102 maintain employment;
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- 104 (17) employment and retention services for individuals with significant
105 disabilities who require short term job coach support to obtain and maintain a
106 successful employment outcome;
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- 108 (18) transitional employment services for individuals with the most significant
109 disabilities due to mental illness who have little or no successful work history
110 and need work adjustment/trial work experience;
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- 112 (19) job placement services for individuals with disabilities who are job ready;
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- 114 (20) services to the family of an individual with a disability necessary to assist
115 the individual to achieve an employment outcome; and
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- 117 (21) specific post-employment services necessary to assist an individual with
118 a disability to, retain, regain, or advance in employment.
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- 120 (c) Vocational rehabilitation services for groups of individuals include:
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- 122 (1) in the case of any type of small business operated by individuals with
123 significant disabilities the operation of which can be improved by
124 management services and supervision provided by DVR or DVS, the
125 provision of such services and supervision, along or together with the
126 acquisition by DVR or DVS of vending facilities or other equipment and initial
127 stocks and supplies;
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- 129 (2) services that contribute to the rehabilitation of a group of individuals not
130 related to an IPE, including:
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- 132 (A) the establishment, development, or improvement of community
133 rehabilitation programs, including, under special circumstances, the
134 construction of a facility. Such programs shall be used to provide services
135 that promote integration and competitive employment; and
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- 137 (B) the provision of other services, that promise to contribute substantially
138 to the rehabilitation of a group of individuals but that are not related
139 directly to the individualized plan for employment of any one individual
140 with a disability;
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- 142 (3) the use of telecommunications systems (including telephone, television,
143 satellite, radio, and other similar systems) that have the potential for
144 substantially improving delivery methods of activities described in this section
145 and developing appropriate programming to meet the particular needs of
146 individuals with disabilities;
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- 148 (4) special services to provide nonvisual access to information for individuals
149 who are blind, including:
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- 151 (A) the use of telecommunications, Braille, sound recordings, or other
152 appropriate media;
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- 154 (B) captioned television, films, or video cassettes for individuals who are
155 deaf or hard of hearing;
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- 157 (C) tactile materials for individuals who are deaf-blind; and
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- 159 (D) other special services that provide information through tactile,
160 vibratory, auditory, and visual media.
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- 162 (5) technical assistance and support services to businesses that are not
163 subject to Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [42 USC 12111
164 et seq.] and that are seeking to employ individuals with disabilities; and
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- 166 (6) consultative and technical assistance services to assist educational agencies in
167 planning for the transition of students with disabilities from school to post-school
168 activities, including employment.