# **VRIS UPDATE**

## IPE Terms Revised and Employment and IPE Chapters Revised Effective 11-05-2014 Number 402

## **SUMMARY OF UPDATES**

The following changes have been made to more accurately reflect the Federal Rehabilitation Act.

Change No. 1 - The IPE Terms have been revised. The new terms have been shortened and renamed to only reflect what is required in the Federal Rehabilitation Act. They are now named IPE-Important Information for You. The IPE-Important Information for You is still considered the third section of the IPE and required to provide clients when signing their IPE. The IPE Terms have been updated for the stand alone copy and also in the Discover the Job That Works for You booklet.

Change No. 2 - The original IPE terms also reflected details on how a client could write their own IPE. This information has been removed and identified on a separate document. This new document has been named IPE-Important Information You Need to Know When Writing Your Own IPE. This document is only given to clients when choosing to write their own IPE without the assistance of a VR Specialist.

Change No. 3 - The Employment Discussion chapter has been updated to verify the VR Release of Information is completed with each client when the client applies for services. The Federal Rehabilitation Act requires each client is made aware of the following information currently on the VR Release of Information.

"In general, Nebraska VR will only release information about me according to my written consent below. However, VR will release information *without my consent*, according to federal regulations, in response to a court order, or if a law, the need to protect me or others, or an investigation for law enforcement, fraud, or abuse requires release. VR will only use this release to obtain information that is necessary and relevant to my vocational rehabilitation process."

#### **VRIS POSTING**

The Individual Plan for Employment chapter revisions has been posted to VRIS. Program Manual: Case Services Chapters: IPE – Individual Plan for Employment - <u>Individual Plan for Employment</u>

The Employment Discussion chapter revisions have been posted to VRIS. Program Manual: Case Services Chapters: Referral to Eligibility – Employment Discussion - Employment Discussion

## FORMS REVISED

IPE-Terms is now named, <u>IPE-Important Information for You</u> New Document: IPE-Important Information You Need to Know When Writing Your Own IPE

# **TEAM COMMUNICATION**

Office Directors should review this VRIS Update at their next team meeting. Staff can continue using their current supply of stand alone IPE Terms and the terms in the Discover the Job that Works for You booklets until their supplies have been depleted.

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