

VRIS UPDATE

Transition Chapter – Target Population and Students Testing Out of Special Education Effective February 11, 2008 Number 139

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

1. A policy change clarifies that our target population for the Transition Program is students with disabilities who will likely be eligible for the Employment Program.
2. The policy change also clarifies that when targeting the population of students under a 504 plan, there must be evidence of a disability. Often students who have tested out of special education are put on a 504 plan so the school can continue to provide services. However, if there is no evidence of a disability, these students cannot be served in our Transition Program.
3. There is a policy change regarding students who have tested out of special education. If a student in our TR Program tests out of special education, the student is not eligible for the Employment Program, unless there is another non-special education disability. This change also clarifies that students with a verification of Mental Handicap – Mild, with an IQ in the 76 – 80 range (without evidence of another disability) cannot be served in either the TR or Employment Program.

Note: If a student has been determined eligible for the Employment Program and tests out of special education after the eligibility determination has been made, the student continues to be eligible for the Employment Program and services should continue. There is no process to reverse an eligibility decision.

VRIS POSTING

The updated Transition Chapter has been posted to VRIS.

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The Program Director for Transition will monitor when conducting TR case reviews.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

This update should be reviewed during team meetings.

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