

VRIS UPDATE

Discover the Job that Works for You Booklet Effective: July 7, 2008 Number 169

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The Discover the Job that Works for You Booklet has been revised. There have been a number of formatting updates as well as grammatical corrections. The following content has been revised:

The Table of Contents has been revised to reflect the changes made in Step 4, Get the Resources You Need.

Page 14, Job Skills has been revised. This section now includes a section for Animal Care. This was recommended by staff.

Page 23, Support Network has been totally revamped and renamed. It is now the Family & Support Network. A section has been added for family members. Since Rule 72 eliminates mandatory cost sharing the Family Information and Cost Sharing Worksheet will no longer be used. Therefore, an alternative way to collect the family composition information was necessary.

Page 24, Support Network has been revised. At staff request a telephone number was added to the support section for other individuals who would provide support to the consumer.

Page 28, Career Exploration has been revised. The User Name for the Nebraska Career Information System (NCIS) has been updated. Additionally Community Based Assessment has been renamed. It is now On The Job Evaluation (OJE). Since this is the common nomenclature in the field the previous title was confusing.

Page 30, Make Sure This Job is Right for You has been revised. The Work Considerations section has been reworded to emphasize the work restrictions are to be directly related to the disability. Staff felt there needed to be more emphasis on disability related issues.

Page 31, Factors I Need to Consider Before I Get This Job has been revised. The section has been reworded. The rewording emphasizes that although these factors were previously discussed regarding past employment it is important these same factors be considered regarding the job the consumer and VR have agreed to. Under Job Seeking Factors a question regarding can the consumer pass a drug screening has been added. Additionally, Transportation has been moved from Daily Living Factors to Job Seeking Factors and now includes drivers license, insurance, and vehicle.

Page 34, Resources has been renamed. It is now Where Do I Find the Resources I Need. This is to avoid confusion since Services and Benefits has been renamed Resources.

Page 35, Services and Benefits has been renamed Resources and reformatted. This section now includes information previously found on the Family Information and Cost Sharing Worksheet. Since Rule 72 eliminates mandatory cost sharing it was necessary to develop a means to collect data required for Federal reporting purposes. This section now includes the consumer's income information.

Page 43, the IPE Job Goal has been revised. This revision was necessary to comply with the new Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act. These regulations go into effect July 21, 2008.

Under the old Rule if a State VR agency elected to be paid under the cost reimbursement payment system, the beneficiary's ticket had to be assigned to the State VR agency in order for the agency to be paid through that system. Under the new Regulations a beneficiary will be considered as "using a ticket" if they are receiving services from a State VR agency that elects the cost reimbursement option. There no longer is a need for the ticket to be assigned. The period of "using a ticket" begins on the effective date of the IPE and ends 90 days after the State agency closes the case. While "using a ticket" the beneficiary has protection from initiation of CDRs without any other action being completed.

The new language appears above the signature line.

Page 48, IPE Terms has been revised. In the VR Cost Sharing section "Allowance" has been renamed "Cash Advance" to be consistent with the new Rule 72 language.

Also in the VR Cost Sharing section "Your Cost Sharing" has been removed as there is no longer a mandatory cost share. The "Your Cost Sharing" section has been replaced with "Sharing in the Cost of Your Plan". This section emphasizes VR expects the consumer to share in the cost of their plan. This section informs the consumer that VR staff will ask how they will share in the cost of their plan.

Page 51, IPE Terms has been revised. The Post-Secondary Training section has been reworded to correspond to the language in the new Rule 72. This section informs the consumer about having an IPE containing post-secondary training approved at least sixty days prior to the date training will begin. It also identifies the need to have the registration for the upcoming term provided no later than 5 business days before the start of the term. This section also explains in order to receive VR financial assistance the consumer must provide VR with the financial aid award information no later than 5 business days before the start of the term. Finally, the consumer must provide VR with a copy of their grade report for the previous term as soon as it is available from the school.

VRIS POSTING

The cover page of the Booklet has been placed on VRIS. There is no electronic version of the Booklet.

The self-standing IPE Job Goal with the new Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act language has been placed on VRIS. The self-standing IPE Job Goal dated 04/2007 has been removed from VRIS. **All of the self-standing IPE Job Goal forms dated 04/2007 must be destroyed.**

The self-standing IPE Terms with the revisions to the VR Cost Sharing and Post-Secondary Training has been placed on VRIS. **All IPE Terms dated 10/2007 must be destroyed.**

The Family Information and Cost Sharing Worksheet has been removed from VRIS. **All copies of this form must be destroyed.**

The Information Sheet for Booklet Exceptions has been removed from VRIS. It has been replaced with the Information Packet for Booklet Exceptions. The Packet includes the Data Collection, Values, Family & Support Network, and Resources worksheets. This change was necessary to ensure all QUEST data elements are collected when a consumer is in an exempt category identified in the Booklet Exception Manual Chapter on VRIS.

All Discover the Job that Works for You Booklets dated 10/2007 must be destroyed.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office Directors should discuss the revisions made to the Booklet at their next Team Meeting. Office Directors should ensure that the old Booklets, Family Information and Cost Sharing Worksheets, IPE Job Goal and IPE Terms are destroyed.

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