VRIS UPDATE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT OPTION August 18, 2009 Number 227

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The Supported Employment Manual Chapter has been revised.

Under the Conditions and Criteria section of the Manual Chapter language has been added to the Transition to Extended Services section to clarify that the consumer should be moved into Employment Followup in QUEST when the consumer is stabilized on the job and is transitioned to extended services. The clarification was felt necessary as this has been interpreted differently from office to office.

Under the Types of Supported Employment Placements a section titled Community Supports Program (CSP) Placements has been added. This section describes the Community Support Program (CSP) supported employment option through Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities. This option allows a consumer to select and hire their own provider, such as a family member, neighbor, or other trusted person in the community to provide the initial job coaching and necessary ongoing supports. VR is going to collaborate with the CSP to fund the provider for the supported employment services.

VRIS POSTING

The revisions are found in the <u>Supported Employment Manual Chapter</u> located in the Community Services section of the Program Manual.

The Community Support Program Packet which is provided to the CSP job coach is also posted on VRIS: Materials: Case Service Forms: Community Support Program Packet

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office Directors should contact Jack Shepard or Dennis King to schedule a time when one of them could attend a Team Meeting and discuss this Supported Employment option in more detail.

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