VRIS UPDATE

Age of Majority Revision Effective 4/22/10 Number 266

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

Upon further review by NDE Legal Office of LB 226 passed by the Legislature with an emergency clause and signed by the Governor on March 3, 2010, a re-determination has been made that the final provisions of this bill do not change the age of majority as defined in state statute.

Consequently, 19 years of age will again be the age at which an individual who does not have a guardian can sign an (1) application for services, (2) IPE Plan or Amendment,

(3) Release of Information, (4) Background Screen Information Release, (5) Transition Consent,
(6) Consent for Paid On the Job Evaluation or On the Job Training Placement, (7) Consent for Non-paid On the Job Evaluation or Training Placement, or (8) the ESN/SSA 3288 Consents.

VRIS POSTING

Five chapters that reference age of majority have been revised to reflect 19 as the age of majority. Those chapters are as follows.

- <u>Application and Transfer to the Employment Program</u>
- <u>Consumer Background Screening</u>
- Individualized Plan for Employment
- Order of Selection
- Waiver of Parent Signature

The <u>Transition Chapter</u> will shortly be revised for other reasons and that revision will eliminate the only reference in the chapter to an age of majority.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Be sure that all staff are aware that the policy on what age an individual must be in order to sign the forms noted in the second paragraph of this VRIS Update has now been changed back to 19.

Action Required: For any individual since March 3 who was under the age of 19 and did not enter the Transition Program, or was in the Transition Program but whose parent or guardian had not signed a blue Transition Consent form and subsequently signed an Employment Program application, release, or consent form, you will now need to obtain the signature of a parent or guardian.

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