VRIS UPDATE

Borderline Intellectual Functioning and Mental Handicap Effective 4/23/10 Number 267

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

Following the RSA monitoring visit a few years ago, the agency was informed that Borderline Intellectual Functioning was no longer considered an impairment. After realizing other VR agencies continued to serve individuals with this impairment, NE VR sent a request to RSA for clarification. The agency was recently informed by RSA that the agency may resume considering Borderline Intellectual Functioning as an impairment. Staff must still consider the extent to which the borderline intellectual functioning presents an impediment to employment for an individual and their priority group placement.

There is also language in the chapter around the diagnosis of Mental Handicap which would be found on MDTs and school psychology reports.

Note the guidance and illustration in the chapter of how Borderline Intellectual Functioning and Mental Handicap is to be documented on the Impairment Screen in QUEST.

The Transition chapter is undergoing a little more extensive revision. When that revision is completed, it will contain the same language around Borderline Intellectual Functioning and Mental Handicap.

VRIS POSTING

The chapter is posted to VRIS: Program Manual: Employment Program: Eligibility

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