# **CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

# ATP/VR PARTNERSHIP EFFECTIVE November 1, 2006

#### **CHANGES**

The new ATP/VR Manual Chapter that went into effect October 1, 2006 has been revised. Revisions have been made based on recommendations from staff. An expedited process has been developed when the assistive devises are prosthetics, hearing aids, or eyeglasses. For these items VR staff will submit supporting evaluations along with the ATP Referral Form. ATP will expedite funding coordination for these items while the ATP Technology Specialist works with VR staff and the consumer to identify any other needs for assistive technology. This will allow for the immediate purchase of these devices.

The other change is VR staff will mail the Service Authorization directly to the vendor. A copy of the VR Service Authorization will be sent to the ATP Funding Coordinator.

The VR/ATP Referral Form has been revised. The consumer's Social Security Number, amount of consumer shared cost, and private insurance information have been added to the Form.

#### VRIS UPDATE

The ATP/VR Partnership Manual Chapter has been placed on VRIS. The revised VR/ATP Referral Form has been placed on VRIS.

## FORMS REVISED

The revised ATP/VR Referral Form has been placed on VRIS in the Printed and Marketing Materials under the Case Service Forms and Worksheets. The Referral Form is a print or data entry accessible document.

## **TEAM COMMUNICATION**

Office Directors should review the ATP/VR Partnership Manual Chapter with all staff at their Team Meeting to assure they understand the changes in procedures.

Mark Schultz has agreed if requested to meet with offices to answer questions and provide further explanation of the procedures

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