

PART 11. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESTORATION SERVICES

612:10-7-98. General guidelines for physical and mental restoration services [AMENDED]

(a) To the extent that assistance is not readily available from a source other than DVR or DVS, diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental impairments may be provided to contribute directly to the individual's employment outcome. This can be either job retention or job placement. Physical or mental restoration services are provided only when the condition is stable, or slowly progressive. A slowly progressive condition is one in which the client's functional capacity is not expected to diminish so rapidly as to prevent successful completion of vocational rehabilitation services, and/or employment for a reasonable period of time. The individual is liable for services he or she arranged which were not planned and initiated under the auspices of DVR and DVS. DVR and DVS will not pay for hospitalization or treatment occurring prior to initiation of an IPE. DVR and DVS will not pay for emergency hospitalization or treatment needed at the time of referral. However, diagnostic examinations or information may be paid from DVR and DVS funds for use in eligibility determination, priority group placement, or determination of vocational rehabilitation needs. Physical and/or mental restoration services will be purchased only from licensed or board certified health professionals. Payment will be made in accordance with the established fee schedule of the Department.

(b) Temporary conditions with sudden onset do not fall within the definition of impairment for eligibility purposes. Emergency treatment of remediable conditions will not be purchased by DVR and DVS except under intercurrent illness policy. When the staff is in doubt as to the effect of such a condition upon the outcome of the IPE objectives, a medical consultation may be requested.

(c) Some individuals have stable or slowly progressive conditions of long duration. These conditions affect the client's ability to remain in or enter remunerative competitive employment and cannot be expected to heal without medical intervention. DVR and DVS do not provide long-term or ongoing physical or psychological treatment. DVR and DVS funds can not be used to initiate treatment that is reasonably anticipated to last more than three months unless supervisory approval has been obtained for a three month extension. Additional three month extensions may be approved only if client maintains reasonable progress toward achieving the vocational goal. Persons needing long-term or ongoing treatment are to be referred to the Department of Human Services' Medical Assistance Program other medical assistance

44 sources if available. DVR and DVS funds may be used to pay the costs for
45 treatment of stable, or at worst, slowly progressive conditions when the
46 conditions in (1) and (2) of this Subsection are met.
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48 (1) The individual's employment is endangered or the client has lost
49 employment due to the condition requiring treatment.
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51 (2) Payment from DVR and DVS funds may be planned and authorized
52 only after applicable third party pay sources provide verification of the
53 expense they will cover, and not cover, associated with the physical or
54 mental restoration services in question. When DVR and DVS funds are
55 used to supplement a third party pay source, planned services and the
56 authorization will be limited to those expenses that fall within the scope of
57 the program and that do not exceed the difference between what the third
58 party pay source will pay and the Department's established payment
59 schedule.
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61 (d) Individuals with chronic disabilities that can be removed with little or no
62 residual limitations will not be eligible for purchase of services other than
63 those related to the required treatment.