

NC DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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Other goods and services means those services that are essential to the successful completion of the eligible individual's Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) (On-Line DSB-4005b-VR Individual Plan for Employment with instructions), which is achievement of the employment outcome and are any required services which are not else where defined.

Other Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) goods and services are subject to Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) established purchasing Policies and Procedures, comparable benefits and Financial Responsibility/Economic Need Requirements (On-Line DSB-4040-VR Economic Need Survey with instructions), except when needed to access approved diagnostic and evaluation services.

DSB gives preference for in-state vendors. The individual may choose an out-of state vendor that may be at a higher or lower cost than an in-state vendor. If either the out-of-state or in-state vendor will meet the individual's rehabilitation needs, DSB will not be responsible for those costs in excess of the cost of the in-state vendor. However, if the individual chooses an out-of-state vendor at a cheaper cost than an in-state vendor and both vendors will meet the need, the individual may choose the out-of-state vendor. Any exceptions should be reviewed and approved by the Area Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor or his/her designee, as appropriate.

Duration of services is based upon individual needs; services should substantially contribute to the individual's program and must be reflected in the individual's IPE.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor shall document in the case notes the need for the service or item. Case documentation must include how the service is necessary to enable the individual to achieve an employment outcome. Without these services, the individual would be unable to begin or continue the IPE, which may result in delayed employment or unachievable employment.