

**CHAPTER 51**

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**

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rules, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4054(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

Chapter 51, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, was readopted as R.2002 d.119, effective March 22, 2002. See: 33 N.J.R. 4091(a), 34 N.J.R. 1726(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**12:51-1.1 Scope and purpose**

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to define the criteria for operation of a program which is eligible to vend specific services to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and to ensure the provision of quality services to persons with disabilities. The basic rationale for the development of these standards of operations consists of the following:

1. With the increased growth and diversification of organizations in the vocational rehabilitation field, there is a need to establish standards of operations for organizations offering rehabilitation services.

2. Established, recognized standards give evidence of a professional discipline, help organizations provide the consumer with quality services, and establish accountability of operations.

3. Standards for rehabilitation organizations are necessitated by the enactment of State and Federal legislation to help establish and improve rehabilitation programs. These standards will be utilized as a minimum basis for establishing the approval of assistance grants under the Federal Rehabilitation Act and other legislation, and for the use of such rehabilitation services by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. They shall also be applicable to the purchase of services and the payment of fees to the rehabilitation program by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

(b) The standards of performance and service for vocational rehabilitation organizations, unless specified otherwise, are applicable to community rehabilitation programs such as sheltered workshops, psychiatric rehabilitation centers, supported employment providers, and similar types of organizations which provide rehabilitation services.

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Rewrote section; (b) incorporates parts of former N.J.A.C. 12:51-2.1.

SUBCHAPTER 2. ADOPTION BY REFERENCE

**12:51-2.1 Adoption by reference**

(a) The standards maintained by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and published in the most recent Employment and Community Services Standards Manual and other accrediting bodies, such as the Council on Accreditation, The Joint Commission and other State agencies for whom documentation is provided indicating that they meet or exceed CARF standards are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as standards for the operation of vocational rehabilitation programs in New Jersey.

(b) The standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Audit Guide for audits of voluntary Health and Welfare Organization, as amended and supplemented, are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as standards for rehabilitation organization accounting systems. The requirements of the Single Audit Act, Federal OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-profit Organizations," as amended and supplemented are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as standards for the conduct of audits for rehabilitation organizations.