

CHAPTER 51

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

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Subchapter 11, Physical Facilities, was recodified to Subchapter 13, and a new Subchapter 11, Program Requirements, was recodified from Subchapter 8 by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

Subchapter 12, Community Relations, was recodified to Subchapter 14, and a new Subchapter 12, Staff Requirements, was recodified from Subchapter 9 by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

Subchapter 13, Professional Advisory Committee, was recodified to Subchapter 15, and a new Subchapter 13, Physical Facilities, was recodified from Subchapter 11 by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

Subchapter 14, Grants, was recodified to Subchapter 16, and a new Subchapter 14, Community Relations, was recodified from Subchapter 12 by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

Subchapter 15, State Plan, was repealed, and a new Subchapter 15, Professional Advisory Committee, was recodified from Subchapter 13 by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(a).

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Subchapter 20, Standards to Vend Supported Employment Services, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.564, effective December 16, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4045(a), 28 N.J.R. 5209(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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