



Public Hearing

Your Participation is Requested

in the annual
Department of Rehabilitation Services
Public Hearings on Proposed Policy Changes

Monday, February 4, 2008

Department of Rehabilitation Services
3535 N.W. 58th St., Second Floor, Oklahoma City
4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Great Plains Technical Center
4500 SW Lee Blvd, Bldg 600, RM 655
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Total Source for Hearing-Loss and Access (TSHA)
8740 E. 11th, Conference Room, Tulsa
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

This is an opportunity for citizens to be involved in providing feedback through public hearings on the proposed policy for the agency. The proposed policy changes can be found at the DRS Web Site <http://www.okrehab.org/whatsnew.html> or by email policycomment@drs.state.ok.us or by letter to the Policy Development Unit, attention Ray Leard, Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3535 N.W. 58th, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 or by calling (405) 951-3406 – Toll free 1-800-845-8476. You can also call Theresa Hamrick, Program Manager of the ORC at 405-951-3579 in OKC or 800-569-7974.

If you would like to comment but are unable to attend, written comments may be sent to the attention of Ray Leard, Policy Development, Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3535 NW 58th, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, OK 73112-4804. Written comments must be received no later than February 6, 2008.

Proposed Policy Changes Affecting Client Services

612:10-7-58 Closed Rehabilitated

(3) the employment outcome is in ~~the most an~~ an integrated setting possible, consistent with the individual's informed choice;

612:10-7-131 Transportation

(2) Private transportation. Mileage for use of a private vehicle is ~~reimbursed paid~~ paid at a negotiated rate up to 100 percent 50% of the rate allowed by the state Travel Reimbursement Act and is authorized directly to the client. In these instances, mileage will be restricted to the most direct route and the least possible number of trips. A payment of mileage reimbursement as is a supportive service to enable the client to receive diagnosis, evaluation or other rehabilitation services ~~is intended to cover the cost of fuel, routine maintenance, and repairs.~~ Case narrative documentation is required explaining how the amount was determined.

612:10-7-181 Integrated Settings

~~The employment should provide daily contact in the immediate work setting with other employees and/or the general public who do not have substantial disabilities. Individuals who provide ongoing support services do not meet the daily contact requirement.~~

Counselors should not decide that an employment situation is not an integrated setting based on just the name of the employer. Jobs should be viewed on a case by case basis if there is question of integration. A determination of whether an individual's employment within a Community Rehabilitation Program meets the "integrated setting" requirement for an "employment outcome" shall be based on an individual determination that:

- (1) The individual is employed in a type of job available and open to the general public.
- (2) The individual is employed under the same working conditions as others without a disability in similar positions.
- (3) The individual has ongoing interaction with other workers, supervisors and the general public to the same degree as workers without disabilities in the same or comparable occupations.
- (4) The general working conditions reflect integration with other workers rather than separation/segregation.

612:10-7-230.3 Self-Employment/Business Plans

(7) Specific listing of needed start-up costs and equipment, not including assistive technology devices.

612:10-7-230.5 DRS Monitoring

(b) ~~Once it has been established that the consumer is earning at least minimum wage for a period of 90 days, the counselor and the consumer will begin planning for case closure~~ State in the IPE, this case would be agreed upon as a successful closure, after 90 days, when the client is able to perform activities required for maintaining self-employment. At the time of case closure, title for all goods purchased by the agency will be released to the consumer.