

WAC 296-19A-627 If the worker has more than one open claim and is approved for vocational retraining, can the worker pick Option 1 on one claim and Option 2 on the other? No. If a worker has more than one open claim and is found to be eligible for plan development services based on the effects of all injuries or illnesses related to the claim(s), the assigned vocational provider will develop one plan for the worker that takes into account the restrictions caused by all of the worker's accepted conditions. Once the department approves that plan, the worker will be given an option election form that allows the worker to choose to perform the plan that was developed for the worker (Option 1) or to choose Option 2. The worker's election of an option on that form will apply to all the claims under which the retraining plan was developed, regardless of whether the claim(s) are state fund or covered under a self-insured employer.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030 and 2015 c 137. WSR 17-19-089, § 296-19A-627, filed 9/19/17, effective 10/20/17.]