

WAC 296-19A-060 What reports does the department require when vocational recovery services are provided at its request? (1) The vocational provider must engage the worker to develop a vocational recovery plan. The vocational recovery plan should include the needs and goals of the worker and steps or strategies to address these. The plan may change as appropriate for the worker's needs and goals. A copy or copies of the vocational recovery plan must be provided to the worker and to the department. Every thirty days, the vocational provider must provide to the department and to the worker a brief summary of steps taken since the last update to address the worker's needs and goal(s). Examples include, but are not limited to, progress in resolving the worker's concerns and barriers to returning to work such as meetings with an employer or employers, meetings with the worker's attending provider, helping the worker understand the claim and vocational processes, and engaging the worker in community resources and/or Work-Source.

(2) Closing reports. The vocational provider must submit a vocational recovery closing report at the conclusion of services unless advised otherwise by the department. In the report the provider must include or address:

(a) Whether a return to work outcome was achieved and, if so, whether the return to work is considered temporary, permanent, modified, or transitional;

(b) If a return to work outcome was not achieved, an outline of the vocational provider's efforts as required in WAC 296-19A-050(4).

(3) The provider must notify the department orally and in writing within two working days after learning of an unsuccessful return to work by the injured worker.

(4) The provider must notify the department orally and in writing within two working days after learning of a return to work by the injured worker.

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