

WAC 296-19A-040 What vocational rehabilitation services require authorization?

(1) All vocational rehabilitation services must be preauthorized. For state fund claims, the department may make one or more of the following type of referrals: Vocational recovery; ability to work assessment ("AWA" or "assessment"); plan development; plan implementation; forensic services; or stand alone job analysis. Self-insurers may also make any of the listed referrals and/or provide any other services they consider appropriate to address priorities listed in RCW 51.32.095(3). Each referral is a separate authorization for vocational rehabilitation services.

(2) Option 2 vocational services are considered authorized for state fund and self-insured claims once the department accepts the worker's election of Option 2. However, the services can only be provided upon request from the worker to the vocational provider.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, 51.32.096, and 51.32.250. WSR 24-23-082, s 296-19A-040, filed 11/19/24, effective 1/1/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, 51.36.100, and 51.36.110. WSR 19-21-149, § 296-19A-040, filed 10/22/19, effective 1/1/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030 and 2015 c 137. WSR 17-19-089, § 296-19A-040, filed 9/19/17, effective 10/20/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, 51.32.099 and 51.32.0991 (2007 c 72). WSR 08-06-058, § 296-19A-040, filed 2/29/08, effective 3/31/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, 51.36.100, 51.36.110. WSR 03-11-009, § 296-19A-040, filed 5/12/03, effective 2/1/04; WSR 00-18-078, § 296-19A-040, filed 9/1/00, effective 6/1/01.]