

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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To: DBVI Services Division

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From: Pam Cato, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation and Workforce Services

RE: Vocational Rehabilitation Policy Chapter 7.7 Transition Services

This Policy and Procedures Directive (PPD) serves to inform staff that guidance regarding the policy and procedure listed below has been updated.

VR Policy and Procedure Manual - Chapter 7.7: Transition Services

Guidance has been added to this chapter specific to the provision of Orientation and Mobility Services for students in secondary education.

VR staff are strongly encouraged to review this section of Chapter 7.7 in the VR Policy and Procedure manual. The new guidance is provided below.

Guidance: *When serving students still enrolled in secondary education the VRC is required to consider all comparable benefits first. For example, it is the public school's responsibility to provide general Orientation and Mobility (O&M) services for the student. In most cases, the DBVI VR program only provides O&M for students who are still in secondary school if the services are specific and necessary to access a Pre-Employment Transition Service. The VRC may need to provide additional guidance and information for the student/parent regarding ways to work with the school system in effectively requesting and advocating for necessary services. For more information regarding services VR can provided a student to access Pre-Employment Transition services see Chapter 12: Transition Services and Pre-Employment Transition services.*