

Administrative Rule Analysis



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Vocational Rehabilitation

Department: Health and Human Services
Agency: Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Rule Set No.: 2014-79 HS

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BACKGROUND & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES SUBMITTED TO JCAR

The Michigan Rehabilitation Services program works with eligible individuals and employers to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for individuals with disabilities. Vocational rehabilitation services are provided to individuals based specifically on the individual's disability, their related functional limitation(s), and the basic job functions of a particular position. The proposed changes to the current rules are necessary because of changes that have been made to federal guidelines and regulations. The proposed rule changes provide necessary revisions to update the language, align the rules with the requirements under federal law, and remove obsolete language.

The recommended rule changes would rescind the current rule set and would then redevelop the rule set. The following rules, which are considered obsolete and/or outdated, would be rescinded:

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| · R 395.1 | · R 395.8 | · R 395.32 |
| · R 395.3 | · R 395.21 | · R 395.33 |
| · R 309.4 | · R 395.22 | · R 395.34 |
| · R 395.5 | · R 395.23 | · R 395.35 |
| · R 395.6 | · R 395.24 | · R 395.41 |
| · R 395.7 | · R 395.31 | · R 395.42 |

These rescinded rules would be replaced with a new 41-rule rule set (R 395.51 through R 309.90) that would provide a clear foundation for describing the rehabilitation process in a manner that is consistent with Federal law and MRS policies.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rules, 2014-79-HS, would not increase costs to the state; the Department is already following the federal regulations with regard to what is required of eligible individuals for the program. These proposed rules would also have no significant fiscal impact on local units of government.

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