

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Rule 6A-22.002 Rehabilitation Provider Qualifications, Florida Administrative Code

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve proposed changes to Rule 6A-22.002, Florida Administrative Code.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 440.491(7), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-22.002, Florida Administrative Code specifies the requirements for being listed in the Directory of Qualified Rehabilitation Providers which the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services is mandated to maintain pursuant to subsection 440.491(7) of the Florida Workers' Compensation Law. Specific changes include:

- (1)(a)6. Expands the acceptable credentials for listing as a rehabilitation nurse in the Directory of Rehabilitation Providers to include the Certified Case Manager (CCM) credential.
 - (1)(e)1. Clarifies that rehabilitation companies employ only qualified rehabilitation providers for the purpose of providing all services under Section 440.491, Florida Statutes.
 - (1)(e)3. Requires companies to list each business location providing Medical Care Coordination or Reemployment Services under Section 440.491, Florida Statutes in the Directory of Rehabilitation Providers.
 - (2)(a) Clarifies that an applicant for initial listing in the Directory of Rehabilitation Providers or an applicant for renewal whose Provider number has expired may not provide services until they receive notification of an assigned provider number or renewal.
 - (3) Requires facilities to provide a listing of providers who provide services under Section 440.491, Florida Statutes for the company or facility at the time of initial listing or renewal.
 - (4) Specifies the period of time (six months) for which the Department will revoke approval for listing in the Directory of Rehabilitation Providers.
 - (4)(c) Allows the Department to revoke approval for listing in the Directory of Rehabilitation Providers when a provider allows a non-qualified provider to report and bill for services under their provider number.
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Supporting Documentation Included: Copy of Section 440.491, Florida Statutes

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