

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Consent Item**

March 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendments to Rules Relating to Vocational Rehabilitation: Rule 6A-22.001, Definitions; Rule 6A-22.002, Rehabilitation Provider Qualifications; Rule 6A-22.003, Reemployment Status Review; Rule 6A-22.004, Notice Requirements; Rule 6A-22.006, Screening Process; Rule 6A-22.008, Reemployment Services and Programs; Rule 6A-22.009, Employee Responsibilities; Rule 6A-22.010, Reporting Services and Costs: Qualified Rehabilitation Provider and Employer or Carrier Responsibilities; Rule 6A-22.011, List of Forms; and Rule 6A-22.012, Expenditures from the Workers' Compensation Administrative Trust Fund

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 440.491(1)(b), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose and effect of these rule amendments is to:

- (a) mandate the electronic submission of DWC-21 (Reemployment Services Billing Form) and DWC-22 (Reemployment Status Review Form) data from the carriers to the Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services, resulting in increased workers' compensation system efficiencies;
- (b) require qualified rehabilitation providers to have a business e-mail address thereby increasing efficiencies in the workers' compensation system;
- (c) allow for on-the-job training that is temporary, thereby expanding the opportunities for injured employees to receive training;
- (d) clarify various Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services procedures for screening cases under section 440.491(6), Florida Statutes;
- (e) provide for cost containment, capping all services provided by qualified rehabilitation providers to the Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services at \$55.00 per hour; and
- (f) permit certain vocational assessments to be conducted by certified rehabilitation counselors or certified disability management specialists.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule Amendments: Rule 6A-22.001, Definitions; Rule 6A-22.002, Rehabilitation Provider Qualifications; Rule 6A-22.003, Reemployment Status Review; Rule 6A-22.004, Notice Requirements; Rule 6A-22.006, Screening Process; Rule 6A-22.008, Reemployment Services and Programs; Rule 6A-22.009, Employee Responsibilities; Rule 6A-22.010, Reporting Services and Costs: Qualified Rehabilitation Provider and Employer or Carrier Responsibilities; Rule 6A-22.011, List of Forms; and Rule 6A-22.012, Expenditures from the Workers' Compensation Administrative Trust Fund

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