

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**Rhode Island Department of Human Services,**  
**Office of Rehabilitation Services**  
**and**  
**Department of Health**

**Term:** January 1, 2007- December 31,2010

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to formalize the partnership between the Department of Human Services Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) and the Department of Health (HEALTH) in relation to the elimination of the health and disability-related barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities enrolled in the Rhode Island Vocational Rehabilitation program (VR). ORS and HEALTH have successfully implemented a health and wellness initiative for vocational rehabilitation clients. This agreement will broaden the HEALTH and ORS partnership through collaborative identification of the health and disability related needs of VR clients and development and implementation of evidenced-based strategies to address the identified need.

**Responsibilities:**

***Department of Health***

HEALTH will perform all responsibilities required as the lead agent which include:

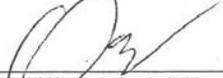
- . Identify health and disability-related needs of VR clients through a systematic collection of feedback from both VR clients and counselors and monitor over the course of this agreement period.
- . Complete the health and wellness section of the three-year VR needs assessment report.
- . Provide surveillance and data support to monitor and evaluate health outcomes and challenges for VR clients.
- . Develop, implement, evaluate, and provide direct management of health interventions for VR clients.
- . Provide ORS leadership and counselors with regular status updates on VR clients participating in health and wellness interventions.

***Office of Rehabilitation Services***

Office of Rehabilitation Services will:

- . Assign representatives with decision-making ability to participate in planning, development, and oversight of the health and wellness initiatives.
- . Provide HEALTH with aggregate Vocational Rehabilitation Program data in compliance with ORS' s statutory requirements.
- . Assist HEALTH with recruitment of individuals for participation in health and wellness initiatives.
- . Distribution of health education and resource materials to VR clients.

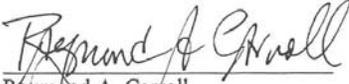
Signatures of Agreement:

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