

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESTORATION SERVICES

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; RSM 1513-1523, 34 CFR 361.5(b)(40), 361.48(e), 361.5(b)(10), 361.46, 361.50, 361.5(b)(6), and 361.42(f) .

II. POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE:

The Office of Rehabilitation Services provides physical and mental restoration services which are likely, within a reasonable time period, to enable individuals with disabilities to eliminate, reduce, or modify functional limitations which present barriers to employment. Such services must be needed to achieve an employment outcome or for extended evaluation to determine employability. These services are provided to the extent that financial support is not readily available at the time needed from other sources (such as other federal, state or local public agencies, health insurance or employee benefits.) The services may be provided upon the recommendations of the appropriate clinical consultant.

All physical and mental restoration services are contingent upon availability of funds.

A. Definitions

1. Physical Restoration – diagnostic and corrective or therapeutic services prescribed and provided by qualified personnel in accordance with state licensing laws, in which service is likely to correct or substantially modify the limitations arising from a stable or slowly progressive physical disability to enable the individual to achieve an employment outcome. Physical restoration may include, but is not limited to, the following: physical therapy, occupational therapy, pain treatment, corrective surgery, speech therapy, cognitive therapy, prosthetics or orthotics, dental work, visual services, renal, other medical or medically related rehabilitation services, or necessary treatment arising from the provision of physical restoration services.
2. Mental Restoration – diagnosis and treatment for emotional or mental disorders prescribed and provided by qualified personnel in accordance with state law (psychiatrist, psychotherapist, certified mental health counselor, licensed social worker) to enable an individual to achieve an employment outcome. Examples of Mental Restoration services include but are not limited to the following: counseling, psychotropic medications, behavioral modifications, etc.
3. Durable Medical Equipment - equipment prescribed by a physician with a shelf life of more than a year designed to overcome the functional limitations imposed by a disability. Examples are: manual and power wheelchairs, orthotics, prosthetics, electric scooters, hearing aids, etc.