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SUBJECT: Clarification of Individual Placement and Support Services Billing in Conjunction with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Milestones

To help beneficiaries with disabilities maximize opportunities for employment, including career advancement, the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) offers vocational rehabilitation services that include:

- job search and placement assistance;
- job retention services and vocational recovery; and
- follow along support.

To ensure the provision of vocational rehabilitation services, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires DVRS and NC Medicaid to have an interagency agreement. As a result, LME/MCO contracted Individual Placement and Support (IPS) providers must refer beneficiaries to DVRS for eligibility determination of employment services when initiating services.

If the beneficiary is determined eligible for vocational rehabilitation services, the IPS provider and DVRS will collaborate with the beneficiary on employment services. IPS providers will bill DVRS for milestone payments for services provided by the Employment Support Professional (ESP).

A Medicaid or state funded beneficiary may receive peer services and benefits counseling during the vocational rehabilitation milestones. IPS providers should bill H2023U4 for Medicaid and YP630 for State-Funds for services provided by the Employment Peer Mentor (EPM) and the Benefits Counselor (BC).

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LME/MCOs are responsible for ensuring that billing during vocational rehabilitation milestones reflect only services provided by the EPM and BC.

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