

OVR Referral Process for Employment Related Services

Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and Office of
Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

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ODP/OVR Joint Bulletins

- On February 14, 2019, OVR and ODP released Bulletin 00-19-01 outlining the OVR referral process for ODP employment related services
- July 1, 2019, the procedures were changed when OVR closed the Order of Selection. On this date, OVR and ODP issued Bulletin 00-19-02: *OVR Referrals During a Period When OVR's Order of Selection is Closed*

Opening of the Closed Order of Selection

- OVR opened the closed Order of Selection effective July 1, 2021.
- The Order of Selection is open for all eligible individuals in the Most Significantly Disabled (MSD) priority category.
- There is no longer a waiting list for these individuals.

ODP Announcement 21-050

- On June 28, 2021, ODP released Announcement 21-050: OVR Referral Process for Employment-Related Services effective July 1, 2021.
- ODP and OVR are informing all stakeholders that effective July 1, 2021, processes stipulated in Bulletin 00-19-01 to refer individuals to OVR must be followed.

Bulletin 00-19-01

The current version of Bulletin 00-19-01 (and its attachments) can be found on the employment page of MyODP:

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1444>

Small Group Employment

- Bulletin 00-19-01 includes the need for a referral to OVR when an individual requests Small Group Employment.
- Because OVR does not offer Small Group Employment, that guidance is no longer accurate. A person may receive ODP-funded Small Group Employment without a referral to OVR being made.

Community Participation Support

- Procedures for referrals to OVR for individuals under 25 years old requesting prevocational services that pay subminimum wage are not changed.
- These procedures were not changed when the Order of Selection was closed.
- Individuals who are age 25 and older are not required to be referred to OVR prior to receiving prevocational services that pay subminimum wage.

Transition Period

- Individuals with ODP-funded Supported Employment, Advanced Supported Employment or Education Support Services authorized in their Individual Support Plan (ISP) prior to July 1, 2021, may continue to receive these services through ODP without a referral to OVR.
- Individuals whose supports coordinators requested one of these services on their ISP and submitted the request to the County I/D Program/Administrative Entity prior to July 1, 2021, may receive these services through ODP without a referral to OVR (once authorized in the ISP).
- Individuals who meet these criteria may need to be referred to OVR if their employment circumstances change on or after July 1, 2021, in accordance with Bulletin 00-19-01.

Trainings

Training on Bulletin 00-19-01 for Supports Coordination Organizations can be found here:

Part I

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1144§ion=15>

Part II

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1144§ion=14>

Training on Bulletin 00-19-01 for County ID Programs/Administrative Entities can be found here:

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1185§ion=13>

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