

## Rehabilitation Services Accreditation Information

- 1) CARF-RSC Crosswalk: This is a collaborative effort between RSC and CARF to determine which accreditation areas should be accepted for which of the VR service categories. Providers can provide all VR services if they are accredited in at least one of the areas on the Crosswalk. Providers determine the area that they are or will become accredited in on their own. (OAC 3304-1-12 (A) (1)) Vendors are only required to be accredited in a specific area if they intend to sub-contract that service out to another person or provider (OAC 3304-1-12 (A) (2))

Each year RSC and CARF review the Crosswalk to determine if the areas listed are appropriate and to evaluate if other areas should be included. In 2011, RSC and CARF discussed and compared the areas of Case Management/Service Coordination (CM) from the Behavioral Health Manual and Community Service Coordination (CSC) from the Employment & Community Services Manual to determine if they were compatible. Community Service Coordination is currently accepted as an accredited area for Personal Adjustment. Based on the review of the Manuals it was determined that the areas are compatible and the area was added to the Crosswalk. Therefore if a Vendor is accredited in the area of Case Management/Service Coordination (CM) which correlates to Personal Adjustment then they are eligible to provide all VR services (including Community Based Assessment, Vocational Evaluation, Personal Adjustment, Work Adjustment, Job Coaching, & Job Placement) under OAC 3304-1-12 (A).

- 2) Joint Commission Accreditation: Providers who are accredited in the Behavioral Health Section by the Joint Commission are eligible to provide all six of the VR areas (Community Based Assessment, Vocational Evaluation, Personal Adjustment, Work Adjustment, Job Coaching, & Job Placement) under OAC 3304-1-12 (B).

VR does not currently recognize any other areas of accreditation through the Joint Commission.

Here is an outline of the process/timeline to enroll as a Community Rehabilitation Program with VR:

- Must submit a Fee Schedule for approval under OAC 3304-1-12 (G) before providing VR services to Consumers. RSC has a form that Providers can use with service definitions.
- Provider must submit a W-9 and Declaration of Non-Material Assistance/Support to Terrorist Organizations.
- RSC has 30 days to review, approve, and add a Vendor's Fee Schedule. (Though we try to do it before then.)
- Once approved the Fee Schedule will be posted on the VR Intranet for Counselors/Coordinators (VR Staff) to begin authorizing from. VR Staff may only purchase VR services listed on an approved Fee Schedule. Vendors can add new services at a later time if they missed something or there is a need.