

**Clarification 11:
Transitioning Individuals from ACCES-VR Intensive Services at a Non-PROS Agency to
Employment Support Services at a PROS Agency**

Clarification concerning the transition of individuals from Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) Intensive services to Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) ongoing employment support services.

Guidelines

Historically, agencies that have provided ACCES-VR Intensive services have also been funded by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to provide **extended services**, more commonly referred to as Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment (OISE). With the advent of PROS, OISE funding is often replaced by supports provided by the PROS program.

When an individual receiving ACCES-VR Intensive services becomes employed, the ACCES-VR provider should insure that a local PROS provider is engaged with the individual. Thus, a relationship may be fostered between the individual and the future provider of employment support services. If the individual was referred to the ACCES-VR provider by the PROS provider, it would be assumed that the individual and the PROS provider already have a relationship. In either case, an effort should be made to promote positive and recurring contacts between the individual and the PROS provider so that the eventual transition to employment support services may be as seamless as possible.

An individual may be co-enrolled in ACCES-VR Intensive services and PROS. However, during the time that the individual is receiving ACCES-VR Intensive services, the PROS program may not provide or bill for any similar employment-related service. Examples of such service include training for a specific job, job search activities and IR services like Goal Acquisition related to employment. The PROS program, when appropriate, may provide and bill for other services, somewhat related to employment, such as Basic Living Skills Training (e.g., learning to be consistent with Activities of Daily Living-ADL's or learning to use the public transportation system) and Community Living Exploration (e.g., develop an understanding of specific job opportunities and demands). In addition, the program may provide and bill for Intensive Rehabilitation (IR) services (e.g., Family Psychoeducation).

At the point of job stabilization, the individual may begin to receive employment support services from the PROS program. At the start of a relationship between the individual and ACCES-VR, the individual should sign the appropriate consent forms to allow the two providers to maintain regular contact in order to insure that the ACCES-VR provider receives information about the individual's progress.