

VRIS UPDATE

VR/NCBVI Cooperative Agreement Effective 3/6/09 Number 211

SUMMARY OF UPDATES:

The cooperative agreement between VR and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been revised to clarify the responsibilities of each agency. Individuals with multiple impairments will first be seen by the Commission if one of their impairments is visual. They will determine eligibility for their services. If the individual is not eligible for their services, VR staff may assess the individual for eligibility based on other impairments they might have.

In addition, VR staff may provide consultative services to staff from the Commission for individuals they are working with. VR would not open a case but could provide consultation when requested. Commission staff may ask advice about working with individuals who have impairments they are not familiar with.

VRIS POSTING

The revised agreement is found on VRIS in the program manual – operations – cooperative agreements.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

1. The revised agreement should be discussed with the team in a team meeting.
2. Office directors should invite Commission staff to attend an upcoming office staff meeting to discuss the agreement. In offices with more than one team this should be a combined meeting. When the meeting date has been set email Don Crouch with the date. A state office representative from both VR and the Commission will attend if possible.

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