

VRIS UPDATE

Revised Application and New Nebraska VR ABI Screen Forms Effective August 3, 2015 Number 425

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

1. Application – Check the box of any cash benefits you receive – we added lines for clients to enter amounts.
2. Application – **new field**: In your lifetime (including childhood) have you ever injured your head, face, neck..... If the client answers “yes or not sure” then follow up with the new Nebraska VR ABI Screen form.
3. Application Rights (flip side) – Revised the “Develop your Plan” section.
4. Sources and Services is now stapled to the Application form.
5. Nebraska VR ABI Screen – new form replacing HELPS TBI Screening Tool and HELPS Follow-up Questionnaire.

VRIS POSTING

The new VR Application includes a pre-screening question for acquired brain injury (ABI) that the applicant can answer "yes", "no" or "not sure".

The attached Nebraska VR ABI Screen is designed for use with the new VR Application forms that include the screening question, **OR** it can be used independently at any point in the VR process if warranted. If a new applicant checks “yes” or “not sure” on the application, staff are directed to complete a Nebraska VR ABI Screen by interview with the individual, probing for all incidents or illnesses that may have occurred at any age. Individuals answering "no" on the application do not need to be screened.

There is no “positive” or “negative” score for the new screen. Staff will need to determine the vocational impact of the listed incidents/illnesses based on the information gathered in the challenges checklist portion of the screen and agree on appropriate next steps with the applicant/client.

The *Nebraska Brain Injury Information, Referral and Resource Facilitation Services* brochure mentioned on the form will be available on VRIS on or around August 10th. The VRIS manual guidance will be updated shortly as well.

FORMS REVISED/NEW

1. Application - **Revised**
2. Nebraska VR ABI Screen – **New**
3. HELPS TBI Screening Tool and HELPS Follow-up Questionnaire - **Destroy** all copies of

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MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Please discuss at your Team Meetings the use of the revised Application and the New Nebraska VR ABI Screen form.

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