IC 22-3-12

Chapter 12. Vocational Rehabilitation

IC 22-3-12-1

Entitlement to vocational rehabilitation services

Sec. 1. An injured employee, who as a result of an injury or occupational disease is unable to perform work for which the employee has previous training or experience, is entitled to vocational rehabilitation services necessary to restore the employee to useful employment.

As added by P.L.218-1989, SEC.1.

IC 22-3-12-2

Report of injury; copy to central office

Sec. 2. When any compensable injury requires the filing of a first report of injury by an employer, the employer's worker's compensation insurance carrier or the self-insured employer shall forward a copy of the report to the central office of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services, rehabilitative services bureau at the earlier of the following occurrences:

(1) When the compensable injury has resulted in temporary total disability of longer than twenty-one (21) days.

(2) When it appears that the compensable injury may be of such a nature as to permanently prevent the injured employee from returning to the injured employee's previous employment.

As added by P.L.218-1989, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.2-1992, SEC.741; P.L.4-1993, SEC.258; P.L.5-1993, SEC.271.

IC 22-3-12-3

Report of injury; copy to local office

Sec. 3. Upon receipt of a report of injury under section 2 of this chapter, the office of vocational rehabilitation shall immediately send a copy of the report to the local office of vocational rehabilitation located nearest to the injured employee's home.

As added by P.L.218-1989, SEC.1.

IC 22-3-12-4

Explanation of services; eligibility determination; plan implementation

Sec. 4. (a) The local office of vocational rehabilitation shall, upon receipt of the report of injury, immediately provide the injured employee with a written explanation of:

(1) the rehabilitation services that are available to the injured employee; and

(2) the method by which the injured employee may make application for those services.

(b) The office of vocational rehabilitation shall determine the eligibility of the injured employee for rehabilitation services and, where appropriate, develop an individualized rehabilitation plan for the employee.

(c) The office of vocational rehabilitation shall implement the rehabilitation plan. After completion of the rehabilitation program, the office of vocational rehabilitation shall provide job placement services to the rehabilitated employee.
As added by P.L.218-1989, SEC.1.

IC 22-3-12-5
Construction of chapter; employee's benefits

Sec. 5. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to affect an injured employee's status regarding any benefit provided under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-7.
As added by P.L.218-1989, SEC.1.