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MEMORANDUM

June 5, 2012

To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge 

Subject: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

In consultation with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ("DVRs"), we are discontinuing workers' compensation judge referrals to DVRs. Specifically, the record indicates that very few petitioners who are referred to DVRs by workers' compensation judges accept DVRs assistance. Pursuant to federal law and regulations applicable to DVRs services, once an individual declines DVRs services there is no further action to be taken by DVRs. The current process has not been effective in expediting claim resolution. It is also noted that there are private entities that perform employability evaluations that may be utilized as appropriate.

Petitioners can of course voluntarily avail themselves to DVRs services.

Therefore, Confidential Referral to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation form (WC-37 DO) should no longer be utilized.

This memorandum will supersede prior memoranda concerning DVRs services.

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