

Pre-ETS Standardization: Request for Proposals

DORS is standardizing the provision of 4 of the 5 Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). The standardization will result in consistent provision of services, costs, and learning outcomes for students. The four (4) Pre-ETS being standardized are: Job Exploration Counseling, Counseling on Post-Secondary Education, Work-Readiness Training, and Instruction in Self-Advocacy. Each service has nationally recognized Pre-ETS Learning Objectives which students are anticipated to achieve upon completion of the service. Additionally, each service will have a set fee and a set number of hours.

The planned start date for implementing standardized Pre-ETS is July 1, 2024. Addendums to current Cooperative Agreements are to be completed by July. Providers which do not have this standardized Pre-ETS Addendum to their Cooperative Agreement by July, will not be able to provide Pre-ETS until a standardized service proposal is approved. Providers will be kept informed of any changes to this planned start date.

Beginning January 4, 2024, DORS will accept proposals from current Pre-ETS providers and Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP) interested in starting Pre-ETS. Providers must utilize the "Pre-ETS Standardization: Proposal Checklist" to ensure necessary information is included in the proposal. The "Pre-ETS Standardization: Proposal Checklist" also includes the standardized fees and hours for each service. Proposals will be reviewed as they are received. To be approved, proposals must demonstrate that at least four (4) of the Learning Objectives will be met for that service.

DORS recognizes that many currently approved Pre-ETS already meet some or all of the learning objectives, and that a total overhaul of the provider's Pre-ETS curriculum may be unnecessary. However, new proposals are required to continue the provision of Pre-ETS

If you are not currently an approved DORS provider, please contact Ms. Kate Drake, catherine.drake@maryland.gov or Ms. Tamla McDowell-Omodho, tamla.mcdowell-omodho@maryland.gov for information and requirements on the approval process.

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Thank you.