



Division of Rehabilitation Services

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To our Community Rehabilitation Partners:

As you have already been made aware in previous guidance (June 18, 2020), DORS encourages the continued provision of Virtual Career Assessment Services (Investigative Assessment), Virtual WAT/EDS, and Pre-ETS (Explore Work and WBLE). DORS also continues to support in-person services when possible and encourages providers to implement appropriate CDC measures as necessary.

Since the implementation of virtual services, DORS has noted many benefits such as an individual's ability to choose between virtual and in-person services, as one type of service may more closely align with the needs and informed choice of the individual. Additionally, through the provision of virtual services, DORS continues to reach more individuals who previously were unable to participate due to disability and/or geographic distance.

It is DORS expectation that these services will continue for the foreseeable future. This guidance advises providers who have been approved for the virtual services noted above including PreETS (Explore Work and WBLE) services, **you may continue to provide them until your cooperative agreement is updated.** At that time, if you wish to continue to provide virtual services, language regarding approved virtual programs, including PreETS, will be added to the agreement.

On a related note, due to DORS' need to meet CDC COVID guidelines, providers that typically rely on using space in the local DORS offices should begin to make plans to provide services in alternate locations. Please check the DORS website (<https://dors.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>) for future updates regarding DORS office locations and changes.

Questions about the services you are approved to provide may be directed as outlined below:

- VR services (Virtual Career Assessment - Investigative Assessment, and Virtual WAT/EDS) may be directed to Toni Cobb Cannon (latonya.cannon@maryland.gov) or Kate Drake (Catherine.drake@maryland.gov).
- Questions regarding the approval of virtual PreETS may be directed to: Derick Serra (derick.serra@maryland.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership,

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