

DVR Order of Selection (OOS)
Effective November 1, 2017

This Notice is provided for Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) and Independent Living (IL) Contractors – as well as any potential or interested contractors:

Order of Selection (OOS) assures that DVR prioritizes resources to serve individuals with the most significant disabilities who face the greatest barriers to employment, which is a fundamental requirement of the federal Rehabilitation Act. An OOS is implemented when a State VR Agency does not have sufficient resources to serve all of the individuals eligible for their services, and a waiting list must be established. The majority of State VR Agencies across the country have implemented Orders of Selection.

Open contract enrollment for CRP-IL Services remains available to eligible contractors during OOS:

The current open contract enrollment period through December 31, 2018 is not affected by OOS. Contracts will be awarded to all contractors who are deemed eligible, meet the minimum requirements, and provide the required documentation.

However, OOS **WILL** decrease the volume of DVR customers who are referred for CRP or IL services:

DVR will use the following priority categories to serve all customers who are determined eligible for services after November 1:

- Priority Category 1 – Eligible Individuals with the Most Significant Disabilities
- Priority Category 2 – Eligible Individuals with Significant Disabilities
- Priority Category 3 – All Other Eligible Individuals with Disabilities

DVR anticipates having sufficient resources to serve all customers in Priority Category 1 continuously throughout Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018). However, we do not anticipate serving any customers in Priority Categories 2 and 3 during this period. DVR will assign these cases to a waiting list and refer the individuals to WorkSource and our other workforce system partners while they wait for DVR services. We hope to begin serving at least some of the customers in Priority Categories 2 and 3 during FFY 2019 if resources are available.

DVR will refer fewer total customers for CRP or IL services and they will be primarily individuals with the most significant disabilities. Specifically, we expect a decrease in the number of customers referred for CRP Community Based Assessments Levels 1 and 2, CRP Job Placement Levels 1 and 2, CRP Job Retention All Levels, IL Evaluations, and IL Skill Training.

We expect referrals for CRP Community Based Assessments Level 3, CRP Job Placement Level 3, and CRP Intensive Training All Levels to remain at their current volume (or gradually increase) as the majority of our caseloads become individuals with the most significant disabilities. This is because many of these customers will require the more intensive levels of CRP services to achieve supported employment outcomes.

Thank you for your partnership and collaboration in serving the employment needs of Washingtonians with disabilities. Together – we transform lives!