

ORDER OF SELECTION

Description of Order of Selection

The Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation implemented an Order of Selection within its VR program effective 12/5/1994. In October 2012, the process was revised.

Based on a functional assessment in each of the seven areas of life functioning, eligible individuals are assessed according to the significance of their disability, as defined in the Rehabilitation Act, section 7(21)(A):

...the term "individual with a significant disability" means an individual with a disability -

- (i) who has a severe physical or mental impairment which seriously limits one or more functional capacities (such as mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, work tolerance, or work skills) in terms of an employment outcome;
- (ii) whose vocational rehabilitation can be expected to require multiple services over an extended period of time; and
- (iii) who has one or more physical or mental disabilities resulting from [list] ... or another disability ... to cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

DVR Policy on Order of Selection

At any time that DVR resources do not permit all eligible consumers to be served, an order of selection for services shall be implemented. First priority will be given to consumers with the most significant disabilities. Second priority shall be given to consumers with significant disabilities. Third priority will be given to other eligible consumers.

Category Definition

Category 1

A consumer has a **most significant disability** if a mental or physical impairment exists that seriously limits four or more functional capacities in terms of an employment outcome and whose vocational rehabilitation requires multiple services over an extended period of time.

Category 2

A consumer has a **significant disability** if a mental or physical impairment exists that seriously limits one to three functional capacities in terms of an employment outcome and whose vocational rehabilitation requires multiple services over an extended period of time.

Category 3

Other eligible consumers who do not have a disability that seriously limits one or more functional capacities and **do not** require multiple services over an extended period of time. Also included in this category are all consumers who may have an disability that seriously limits one or more functional capacities, but who **do not** require multiple services over an extended period of time.

Terminology Definitions

Extended period of time: Six months or more.

Multiple services: Requiring two or more primary services.