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services specified in the veteran's plan; and

(iii) Is within reasonable commuting distance; or

(2) The veteran wishes to train at a suitable facility in another area, even though training can be provided at a suitable facility in the area in which the veteran resides. See §§21.120, 21.370, 21.372.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(d) *Courses not available.* If suitable educational and training courses are not available in the area in which the veteran resides, or if they are available but not accessible to the veteran, other arrangements may be made. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Relocation of the veteran to another area in which necessary services are available, or

(2) Use of an individual instructor to provide necessary training as provided under §21.146 of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b))

EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF REHABILITATION POTENTIAL

§21.6140 Evaluation and improvement of rehabilitation potential.

(a) *General.* The services described in paragraph (d) of this section may be used to:

- (1) Evaluate rehabilitation potential;
- (2) Provide a basis for planning:

(i) A program of services and assistance to improve the veteran's potential for vocational rehabilitation; or

(ii) A vocational training program; and

(3) Reevaluate the vocational training potential of a veteran participating in a rehabilitation program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(a))

(b) *Periods during which evaluation and improvement services may be provided.* Services described in paragraph (d) of this section may be provided during:

- (1) An evaluation or reevaluation;
- (2) Rehabilitation to the point of employability;

(3) Employment services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(c) *Duration of services.* The duration of services needed to improve rehabilitation potential, furnished on a full-time basis either as a preliminary part of the period of rehabilitation to the point of employability or as the total program, may not exceed 9 months. If these services are furnished on a less than full-time basis the duration will be for the period necessary, but may not exceed the equivalent of 9 months of full-time training. See §21.6310.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(d) *Scope of services.* Evaluation and improvement services include:

- (1) Diagnostic services;
- (2) Personal and work adjustment training;
- (3) Medical care and treatment;
- (4) Independent living services indispensable to pursuing a vocational training program;
- (5) Language training, speech and voice correction, training in ambulation, and one-hand typewriting;
- (6) Orientation, adjustment, mobility and related services; and
- (7) Other appropriate services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(e) *Applicability of chapter 31 rules.* The provisions of §21.140 of this part are not applicable to this temporary program. The provisions of §21.142 through §21.156 of this part are applicable, subject to provisions of this section.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

§21.6160 Independent living services.

(a) *Services must be part of a vocational training program.* Independent living services may be provided as a part of a veteran's IWRP when such services are indispensable to the achievement of the vocational goal, but may not be provided as the sole program of rehabilitation for the veteran, since a vocational training program for the veteran must be found reasonably feasible before the IWRP is prepared.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))