

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

RSA TRANSMITTAL #19-07

TO: RSA Managers, VR Specialists, Supervisory VR Specialists

CC: State Rehabilitation Council

FROM: Darryl Evans, RSA Deputy Director

DATE: 02/25/2019

RE: Services and Authorizations Policy

Today the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS) releases the Services and Authorizations Policy, 2019-RSA-POL006. This policy supersedes RSA Policy Section VI-Services (2010).

Below are highlights of key changes, but please do review the revised Policy carefully:

- The policy includes two (2) new services:
  - o Customized Employment
  - o Extended Services for Youth
- For Supported Employment services, the implementation of WIOA required the following changes:
  - Timeframe for receiving Supported Employment Services increased from 18 months to 24 months.
  - For youth (up to age 25) extended services may be funded using Title VI Part B or Title I funds. This is the only case in which RSA may fund the provision of extended employment services.
- The policy clarifies that comparable benefits and cost participation apply to Supported Employment Services.

RSA thanks the State Rehabilitation Council Policy Subcommittee for reviewing and providing feedback on this Procedure.

