

WAC 296-15-4314 What must the self-insurer do if the vocational rehabilitation plan is not successfully completed? When a vocational rehabilitation plan ends before successful completion, the vocational rehabilitation provider will submit a closing report to the self-insurer.

(1) **Plan not completed due to causes outside the worker's control.** Within ten working days of receiving the vocational closing report, the self-insurer must:

(a) Continue time-loss benefits; and

(b) Submit a Self-Insurance Vocational Reporting Form to the department. The form must include:

(i) The total cost and time expended for the approved plan;

(ii) The total time-loss compensation benefits paid during the plan implementation;

(iii) The total vocational services costs and time-loss days paid since the date the worker was found eligible for services; and

(iv) A closing report with a copy to the worker or the worker's representative. The closing report must meet the requirements in WAC 296-19A-120(2).

(2) **Plan not completed due to worker's actions.** Within ten working days of receiving the vocational closing report, the self-insurer must:

(a) Submit a request for suspension of benefits with supporting documentation.

(b) Submit a Self-Insurance Vocational Reporting Form to the department. The form must include:

(i) The total cost and time expended for the approved plan;

(ii) The total time-loss compensation benefits paid during the plan implementation;

(iii) The total vocational services costs and time-loss days paid since the date the worker was found eligible for services; and

(iv) A closing report with a copy to the worker or the worker's representative. The closing report must meet the requirements in WAC 296-19A-120(2).

(3) **Worker is employable.** When the worker is employable based on an assessment of the training completed to date, the self-insurer must:

(a) Notify the worker or the worker's representative of the time-loss termination as required in WAC 296-15-420(9).

(b) Submit a Self-Insurance Vocational Reporting Form to the department within five working days of the date time-loss benefits ended.

(c) The Self-Insurance Vocational Reporting Form must include:

(i) The total cost and time expended for the approved plan;

(ii) The total time-loss compensation benefits paid during the plan implementation;

(iii) The total vocational services costs and time-loss days paid since the date the worker was found eligible for services; and

(iv) A closing report with a copy to the worker or the worker's representative. The closing report must meet the requirements in WAC 296-19A-120(2).

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