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14 April 2005

TO: All Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers, Self-Insurers, Third Party Administrators, Qualified Rehabilitation Providers and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Reginald L. Watkins, Chief
Bureau of Rehabilitation & Reemployment Services

RE: Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services Bulletin –

This Bulletin contains information regarding amended administrative rules for Chapter 6A-22, Reemployment Services-Workers' Compensation which are effective February 22, 2005 and March 1, 2005.

The full text for these rules can be assessed at web-site link:

<http://www.firm.edu/doe/rules/rules.htm>

Attachment

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**REHABILITATION & REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES
BULLETIN**

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The rules under Chapter 6A-22, F.A.C. are amended to do the following:

■ 6A-22.002, F.A.C. - Rehabilitation Provider Qualifications – Effective 2/22/05:
Specifies that only rehabilitation workshops conducted or provided by the department will be acceptable to meet the rule requirement for attendance at a rehabilitation provider workshop.

Deletes the provisions which exempts employees of public and private agencies that receive federal or state funds to provide reemployment services from submitting an application and a \$25.00 application fee for listing in the directory of qualified rehabilitation providers. Employees of the department are exempt from the requirements of Rule 6A-22.002(2) and (3), Florida Administrative Code (substantive change).

■ 6A-22.004, F.A.C. – Notice Requirements – Effective 3/1/05:
Specifies that the entitlement to payment of temporary total disability benefits payable while participating in a training and education program are subject to the overall limitations of one hundred and four (104) weeks of temporary total disability benefits payable in a workers’ case with a date of accident which falls on or after October 1, 2003 (substantive change).

Corrects the central office telephone number and address for injured workers to contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services for a Screening (technical change).

■ 6A-22.008, F.A.C. – Reemployment Services and Programs – Effective 3/1/05:
Restricts the Department to approving training and education programs for dates of accidents October 1, 2003 and forward to only community colleges as designated in s. 1000.21(3), Florida Statutes and vocational-technical schools established under s.1001.44, Florida Statutes. Injured employees with dates of accidents before October 1, 2003 will not be affected (substantive change).

■ 6A-22.009, F.A.C. – Employee Responsibilities – Effective 3/1/05:
Specifies under what circumstances an injured employee would be considered to have refused training and education benefits and thus forfeit entitlement to further training and education benefits by the department as well as the additional payment of loss wages under Chapter 440, Florida Statutes (substantive change).