

~~21-306.~~

[(a) (1) The Injured Workers Rehabilitation Committee shall advise the State Workers' Compensation Commission about the rehabilitation of each injured worker, whether or not the worker is eligible for workers' compensation.

(2) Acting through the Committee, the medical adviser to the Division of Rehabilitation Services may advise the State Workers' Compensation Commission on the effectiveness of the treatment given to any injured worker who has been referred by the rehabilitation program.]

~~[(b)]~~The State Workers' Compensation Commission:

(1) Shall establish a rehabilitation program; ~~AND~~

(2) May employ the necessary rehabilitation counselors and clerical staff to review all reports and claims~~;~~

(3) Shall select from the reports and claims filed with it those for which rehabilitation services appear to be appropriate;

(4) After proper investigation ~~and within 60 days after the injury occurred or as soon as possible after that~~, shall refer all appropriate cases to the Division of Rehabilitation Services;

(5) On request of the Division of Rehabilitation Services, shall make available to the Division a complete medical evaluation, including a prognosis of work potential of any worker whose case it refers to the Division; and

(6) Shall pay the salaries of the employees of the workers' compensation rehabilitation program and all necessary expenses incurred:

(i) In investigating and reviewing all reports and claims; and

(ii) For supplies, furniture, and office space~~;~~.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 21-307 and 21-308, respectively, of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 21-306 and 21-307, respectively.

~~SECTION 2.3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved April 26, 1993.