

**Article - Labor and Employment**

9-671.

(a) If required by the Commission, [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL who provides vocational rehabilitation services under this title in the State shall register with the Commission AS PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 6A OF THIS TITLE.

(b) [A person] AN INDIVIDUAL who is required under subsection (a) of this section shall register on the form required by the Commission.

(c) [A person] AN INDIVIDUAL who fails to register with the Commission under subsection (a) of this section may not receive payment for providing vocational rehabilitation services.

SUBTITLE 6A. REHABILITATION PRACTITIONERS.

9-6A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF REHABILITATION PRACTITIONERS.

(C) "STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES" MEANS THE STATE AGENCY DESIGNATED TO ADMINISTER THE PUBLIC VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROGRAM.

(D) "REGISTRATION" MEANS THE AUTHORIZATION OF A REHABILITATION PRACTITIONER TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(E) (1) "REHABILITATION PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(2) "REHABILITATION PRACTITIONER" INCLUDES:

(I) A NURSE CERTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AS A NURSE CASE MANAGER;

(II) A REHABILITATION COUNSELOR; AND

(III) A VOCATIONAL EVALUATOR.

(F) "VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-670 OF THIS TITLE.

9-6A-02.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FIELD AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO BETTER REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.