

**West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services  
Summary of Comments and Responses  
Public Meeting, March 8, 2010**

A Public Meeting was conducted on Monday, March 8, 2010, to discuss policy changes proposed by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). The responses below apply only to written comments submitted during the meeting or during the public comment period prior to and immediately following the meeting, and only to those written comments which pertained to the proposed policy changes at issue. Comments and responses are as follows:

**Comment:**

In regards to the proposed policy changes I noticed that prosthetic breast implants will not be covered. Even in the event of mastectomy as a treatment course for breast cancer? I think that a policy provision should be taken into consideration for breast reconstructive surgery.

**Response:**

In the event the DRS Counselor and client together determine that that this is an impediment to employment, the Counselor can request an exception to the policy through supervisory channels from the DRS Field Services Assistant Director.

**Comment:**

Client Assistance Program (CAP) noticed that under the paragraph C of section 2504.5 Visual Impairments, the Case Services Manual specifies that progressive disease be verified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. However, paragraphs A, B and D do not specify how visual acuity, visual field limitation or cortical impairments will be verified.

CAP recommends DRS add to their policy how all visual impairments will be verified. This could be done in the first paragraph of the section by inserting "as verified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist" after "... the applicant must experience one of the following conditions..."

**Response:**

DRS appreciates this comment and has incorporated this recommendation into the final policy.