# PART C, CHAPTER 2.1: OVERVIEW OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

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## PROCEDURES

### Authorizing Services Prior to an IPE

TWC-VR goods or services may be authorized before the service is included in the IPE and the IPE is signed by both the customer and the VR Counselor only if—

* The good or service is necessary for the customer to participate in assessments that are required to determine eligibility or develop the IPE;
* Participation in the assessment cannot occur without the provision of the good or service; and
* Comparable benefits for the good or service are not readily available.

Goods or services purchased with TWC-VR funds prior to completing the IPE must be authorized in advance with a service justification case note and a service authorization.

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**REVIEW**

The Policy Planning and Statewide Initiatives Team, or designee, is responsible for reviewing this policy and these procedures and will update the Document History log if necessary.

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| 07/01/2025 | Revised | Clarified authorizing purchases before IPE by adding word ‘service justification to the service authorization’ verbiage. |