

111—7.11(216D) Placement and performance evaluation. The staff of the business enterprises program will complete a periodic performance evaluation of each vendor based on criteria developed by the staff and the state committee of blind vendors. Vendors in provisional status will be evaluated every three months and vendors in permanent status will be evaluated annually.

7.11(1) *Placement in provisional status.* When a vendor is appointed for the first time, the vendor will be placed in provisional status. The vendor will be provided with the rating criteria for performance evaluation as a part of the operating agreement (defined in 111—7.12(216D)). A vendor cannot remain in provisional status for longer than two years.

7.11(2) *Placement in permanent status.* When the vendor has received satisfactory ratings on at least two consecutive performance evaluations, the vendor will be placed in permanent status. Failure to achieve permanent status within 12 months shall result in the provisional operator being placed on probation.