

281—56.28 (259) Purchasing.**56.28(1) *General purchasing principles.***

a. The division shall purchase only those items/models that allow a client to meet the client's vocational objective. The division shall not pay for additional features that exceed the requirements to meet a client's vocational objective or that serve primarily to enhance the client's personal life.

b. The division shall purchase the most economical item/model that meets the client's vocational needs.

c. The division shall seek out the most economical alternatives to meet the client's vocational needs.

d. The division shall encourage all clients to develop strategies and savings programs to pay for replacement items/models or upgrades.

e. Items purchased for a client become the property of the client but may be repossessed by the division, subject to reimbursement to the client for the client's share of the purchase price, if the client does not attain employment prior to case closure.

56.28(2) *Client-specific purchasing principles.* When considering what item/model to purchase for a specific client, the division shall in all cases consider the following factors:

a. Whether the item/model truly is needed for the client to be able to perform the essential functions of the client's job.

b. Whether a more economical item/model is available to permit the client to perform the essential functions of the client's job.

c. Whether other parties or entities may be responsible for providing or contributing to the costs of an item.