

281—56.23(259) Miscellaneous or auxiliary services.

56.23(1) *Family member services.* If necessary to enable an applicant or client to achieve an employment outcome as defined in these rules, the division may provide any service to a family member that it is legally able to provide to a client, as long as the purpose of the service is to assess the ability of the client to benefit from a program of vocational rehabilitation, prepare for, enter, and be successful in employment, or participate in a program of independent living services. Excluded are programs designed to prepare a family member to enter employment that will allow the family member to make money to support the applicant or client. A family member is an individual who either (a) is a relative or guardian of an applicant or client or (b) lives in the same household as an applicant or client and has a substantial interest in the well-being of the applicant or client.

56.23(2) *Interpreter and note taker.* If deemed necessary by the division to enable a client to engage in all parts of the vocational rehabilitation or independent living program process, interpreter services or note taker services shall be provided to such client, unless provision of such services is the statutory responsibility of an institution or organization.

Interpreter services are those special communications services provided by persons qualified by training and experience to facilitate communication between division personnel and persons unable to communicate verbally in English. Persons receiving services include deaf and hard-of-hearing persons who communicate using signs and finger spelling, as well as lip reading, writing, gestures, pictures, and other methods. Persons not fluent in the English language who could benefit from having any part of the vocational rehabilitation process translated into their major language are included. The division shall purchase sign language interpreter services, including transliterating services, from appropriately licensed interpreters only.

Note taker services are services provided to make written notes and summaries of orally presented material. The notes may be made from a live presentation, such as a classroom lecture, or from materials that have been taped. These services are only purchased when the law states that the presenter or institution is not statutorily responsible.

56.23(3) *Other goods and services.* Other goods and services include anything that is legal and necessary to the completion of the client's IPE or independent living (IL) services plan. Under no circumstances may real estate be purchased or built with division funds. Services designed to decrease the need for future IL services can only be provided directly to IL clients.