**Section 590.820 Justification of Need for Supported Employment**

Prior to the provision of supported employment services, the rehabilitation counselor shall provide a written justification of the need for supported employment. The justification shall include an evaluation of the individual's needs, and must establish all four of the following conditions:

a) the individual, including youth, is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 553.20, and has a most significant disability, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 553.140;

b) due to the nature and severity of the individual's disability, Competitive Integrated Employment has not historically occurred, or Competitive Integrated Employment has been interrupted or intermittent and intensive supported employment services and Extended Services are needed in order to perform the work involved;

c) supported employment has been identified as the appropriate employment outcome based on a comprehensive assessment of rehabilitation needs and an evaluation of rehabilitation, career and job needs; and

d) the individual has the ability to work in a supported employment setting.

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