

BLIND AND VISUALLY DISABLED PERSONS (EXCERPT)
Act 260 of 1978

393.354 Services to assist persons with visual disability; fee; duties of commission generally.

Sec. 4. (1) The commission shall maintain a program of services to assist persons with a visual disability to overcome vocational disabilities and to obtain the maximum degree of self-support and self-care. Services provided for under this section may be furnished to clients from other agencies of this or other states for a fee which shall not be less than the actual costs of the services.

(2) The commission shall:

(a) Furnish diagnostic evaluation to determine the nature and scope of services to be provided.

(b) Provide physical restoration to eliminate or minimize the effects of the disability.

(c) Provide for special education or training in the professions, businesses, or trades under a vocational rehabilitation plan. The commission may furnish living maintenance during the period of the education or training within or without the state.

(d) Provide services to blind persons in accordance with the rehabilitation act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, 29 U.S.C. 701 to 707, 709 to 718b, 720 to 750, 753 to 753a, 760 to 762, 765, 770, 771a to 777b, 777d to 777f, 780, 781 to 785, 791 to 794e, 795 to 795r, 796 to 796f-6, 796j to 796l, and 797 to 797b.

(e) Establish, construct, or maintain rehabilitation centers, training centers, or workshops to teach persons with visual disabilities to prepare for and maintain trades or occupations when the training is feasible and will contribute to the efficiency or support of the persons with visual disabilities.

(f) Provide teacher-counselor services and teaching of subjects which will assist persons with visual disabilities in the ease and enjoyment of daily living.

(g) Place persons with visual disabilities in jobs or business enterprises in accordance with the abilities and interests of the applicant.

(h) Teach persons with visual disabilities trades or occupations which may be followed in their homes and to assist them in whatever manner may seem advisable in disposing of the products of their home industries.

(i) Aid individual persons with visual disabilities or groups of persons with visual disabilities to engage in gainful occupations by furnishing materials, equipment, goods, or services to them, by providing financial assistance as necessary to encourage and equip them to reach an objective established with them by the commission.

(j) Provide rehabilitation services for blind persons who are senior citizens so that they may reside within a community.

(k) Provide other rehabilitative goods and services as appropriate to each individual circumstance.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of the commission for the blind from the family independence agency, or its director, to the department of labor and economic growth, or its director, by Type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of commission for the blind to bureau of services for blind persons within department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2012-5, compiled at MCL 445.2033.

For the transfer of powers and duties of the bureau of services for blind persons and the commission for blind persons and its directors from the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to the department of labor and economic opportunity, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.