

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), hereafter referred to as MI VR, will review and certify the curriculum qualifications of Customized Employment (CE) training entities as well as certify individual vendors using a transparent process consistent with MI VR policies.

Currently, Griffin-Hammis Associates (GHA) is the only training entity and service delivery model that can provide all three components required to meet the high-quality service delivery standards for MI VR to pay qualified individual vendors for this service. MI VR will not approve the authorization or payment of CE services unless they are provided by appropriately certified individuals who demonstrate the following:

- ACRE training with an Emphasis on CE (received in 2016 or later)
- Performance-based/mentoring standards (received in 2019 or later)
- Fidelity Scales for Discovery, Job Development, and Consultative Employment Training and Supports (CETS) (acceptable score received in 2019 or later)

Individual vendors participating in MI VR Cohorts I & II can continue delivering CE services while they work toward obtaining their credential. Cohort I include East Region for BSBP; and Detroit Renaissance, Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Districts for MRS. Cohort II include West, Central, and Lower Northern Regions for BSBP; and West Central Michigan and Mid-Michigan Districts for MRS.

MI VR determined that a rate of \$68.82 per hour is appropriate compensation for Discovery, Job Development/Placement, and CETS Services. As of February 1, 2022, MI VR implemented the revised fee schedule to fund CE services under new service authorizations. Existing authorizations would be fulfilled under the previous rate.