

**Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)
DSU Update
Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS)
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

- Performance Update:
 - PowerPoint attached.
 - Performance Chart by PY Quarters:

PY 2024 Quarters 1- (July-March)	
PTA New Referrals	2,213
Application	12,357
Eligibility	10,518
Service (IPE)	8,645
Exit Employed	5,178
Total Cases	42,016

- Bureau Updates:
 - Staffing summary
 - As of **04/23/24** there are:
 - 516 active staff
 - 68 positions in process
- Sigrid Adams:
 - House Sub Appropriations
 - Pre-ETS/Proposal for Change (PFC) - Federal Level
- **MRS Division Action Items/Feedback Required from Council:** (Duties specific to State Council)
 - None at this time.
- FY25 MRS Quarterly Hearing Outcomes Summary:
 - Request(s) submitted and/or decisions completed: 1/1/2025 – 4/9/2025

Dispute:	Hearing Request Received:	Hearing Date:	Hearing Outcome Date:	Summary/ Outcome:
Case Closure	9/12/2025	2/4/2025	3/3/2025	<p>MRS received a hearing request to appeal MRS' decision to close the individual's case.</p> <p>Outcome: MRS properly closed out the case given Petitioner's failure to participate and its decision to do so must be affirmed.</p>
Authorization for Services	9/25/2024	2/6/2025	Awaiting Decision	<p>MRS received a hearing request for MRS' determination that it is prohibited from authorizing payment for the costs associated with a post-graduate certificate program.</p> <p>Update: Closing briefs submitted 4/4/2025</p>
IPE/Employment Outcome	11/15/2024	3/11/2025	Withdrawn	<p>MRS received a hearing request to appeal MRS' decision denying an individual's choice of an employment outcome on the individual's IPE.</p> <p>Update: On February 14, 2025, Petitioner submitted a withdrawal of the request for hearing. Given that the request for hearing has been withdrawn, a hearing is no longer necessary, and this matter should be dismissed. MRS hadn't denied the employment outcome. The IPE was completed.</p>
Pre-Employment Transition Services	11/21/2024	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	<p>MRS received a hearing request regarding MRS' decision that it will not and/or that it cannot provide a specific pre-employment transition services of work-based learning experiences or any other pre-employment transition services for the specified individual.</p> <p>Update: MRS will provide Pre-ETS under a PTA case type. Hearing withdrawn 3/10/2025.</p>
IPE Service	12/18/2024	To be determined	Pending hearing	<p>MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS' determination that it will not amend the individual's IPE to include costs for the vehicle purchased in connection with the rehabilitation technology in the IPE.</p>
IPE Outcome and Service	1/7/2025	4/15/2025	Withdrawn	<p>MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS's determination that it will not approve customer's chosen employment outcome and 2) MRS's determination that it will not include in the IPE advanced training needed to achieve the employment outcome.</p> <p>Update: On April 3, 2025, Petitioner submitted a withdrawal of the request for hearing. Given that the request for hearing has been withdrawn, a hearing is no longer necessary, and this matter should be dismissed. IPE completed. Dismissed 4/9/2025</p>

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IPE Outcome and Service	1/16/2025	To be determined	To be determined	MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS' determination that it will not approve an employment outcome of small business and denial of advanced training needed to achieve the employment outcome of small business.
IPE Service	2/18/2025	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS' determination denying ASL interpreter for initial interviews. Update: Petitioner submitted a signed withdrawal of the hearing request. Petitioner's request for hearing has been dismissed. MRS and Petitioner informally resolved the matter.
IPE Service	2/24/2025	To be determined	Pending hearing	MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS' determination denying financial support for graduate school and requesting a specific diagnosis to be removed from MRS records as the individual stated not having the specified diagnosis.
IPE Development	3/13/2025	To be determined	Pending hearing	MRS received a hearing request appealing MRS' determination to extend the development of Individualized plan for employment without consultation with the customer. This is more than 270 days since being determined eligible for services.

- Budget Update:

Federal Grants:				
<i>Vocational Rehabilitation*:</i>				
FFY25				\$53,824,328
<i>Assistive Technology*:</i>				
FFY25				\$347,766
<i>Independent Living* - Title VIIB</i>				
FFY25				\$246,622
<i>Disability Innovation Funds: FFY22-FFY26</i>				\$ 15,825,520

Pre-Employment Transition Services*:				
FFY25 (15% of Current VR Award)				\$ 8,073,649
*Current Notice of Awards				

- Any Questions?