

the information needed to identify your interests, capabilities, strengths and rehabilitation needs.

Your counselor will do a financial status determination based on your income and financial resources before any services are provided. The purpose is to find out if you will need to share the cost of some services. Some services are available to all **eligible** individuals without charges – for example, evaluations or other diagnostic assessments used to determine eligibility and rehabilitation needs; vocational counseling and guidance; information and referral to other sources; job search; on-the-job training and placement. Your counselor can provide a list of other services available to you at no charge. Those receiving Social Security disability benefits do not have to share costs for their rehabilitation programs.


After you and your counselor sign the **IPE**, you will get a copy. The plan will be provided in large print, braille, electronic file, CD, or audio tape at your request. To the maximum extent possible, the plan will be provided in your native language or method of communication, or that of your family member or other person representing you.

At least once each year, you and your counselor will review your financial status and the IPE to be sure it is still the best plan for you. If your needs change while you are in **vocational rehabilitation**, your plan may need to be changed. You may ask for a review of your plan at any time.

The IPE is like a road map of **VR** services to help you prepare for, obtain, keep or return to suitable employment in a career based on your interests, strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities and capabilities. Please feel free to ask questions. Your participation in planning and carrying out your VR program is critical to your success.

Step 5: Receiving VR services

Many different services are available to help consumers reach their employment goals. Your VR services will probably be different from those received by other **consumers** because the services outlined in IPEs are based on individual needs and goals.

 **Medical and psychological assessments** are used to determine eligibility and review consumers' backgrounds, abilities, disability-related barriers to employment and rehabilitation needs.