INVENTORY

I. Policy Summary

The Vision Rehabilitation Specialist (VRS) must track items received from a vendor and dispensed to clients. This ensures all adaptive aids purchased with program dollars are accounted for.

II. Procedures for Maintaining Inventory

- When items are received from the supplier, the VRS must track the items received with a label that contains, at the very least, the authorization number and a description of the item.

- When the VRS is dispensing the adaptive aid, it must be recorded on an inventory log to the client and the date it was issued. Client information must be safeguarded either on a secure computer or in a locked cabinet.

- If the client returns an adaptive aid, the VRS must follow section IV of this policy.

III. Procedures for Ordering Supplies

- If a supply can be ordered by a state contract, such as batteries, it should be ordered through the contract versus an North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation (NDVR) approved provider.

- All other supplies must be purchased from an NDVR approved provider.

IV. Returned Items

All items purchased with program funds must be accounted for.

- If the VRS receives an item returned in good working condition, the item can be re-issued to another client following the Financial Expenditures Policy NDVRS OP 22-01.

- If the VRS receives an item returned broken, or in poor condition, the VRS must complete a Surplus Transfer Request. If the item is broken, record “broken/unusable self-dispose” in the comments section. Prior to disposing of the item, it must be approved by the human service center representative.
V. Existing Inventory

- If the VRS has current inventory that will not be used, the VRS must place the item on the 30-Day Excess List. After 30 days, if the item is unclaimed, the VRS must complete a Surplus Transfer Request.

VI. Warranty

- If inventory items are under warranty and do not work, the VRS must contact the vendor for replacement.

VII. Monitoring

Inventory tracking sheets will be reviewed during the case review process.

VIII. Items not required to Inventory

- 20/20 Pens
- Bump Dots
- Batteries
- Signature Guides
- Bold-Lined Paper
- Cards
- Light Bulbs

If you have questions, please contact the State office.