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To: All Interested Parties

From: Omar Hernandez, Senior Judge & Erin Muschette, Director, Office of

Education & Vocational Rehabilitation (OVER)

Re: DIA Form 116B Amendment to Lump Sum Agreement - Revision

Date: September 20, 2023

The Department of Industrial Accidents Form 116B – Amendment to Lump Sum Agreement Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 398, §75 of the Acts of 1991, has been revised in order to provide more clarity and accurately reflect the injured worker's status. **The revised Form 116B will go into effect on October 16, 2023.**

The current form has four boxes to be completed describing the Vocational Rehabilitation status of the injured worker. However, the boxes do not apply when the client was found suitable but was unable to continue with Vocational Rehabilitative Services due to a worsening of their medical condition. Other instances include cases where a client was found suitable, but is now uncooperative, therefore resulting in case closure. To accommodate these circumstances and others not relevant to the existing box choices, the DIA has added a fifth box, "Other" checkbox with space for further explanation.

<u>Please note that when the "Other" box is checked on the new Form 116B, an explanation is required.</u>

A copy of the revised Form 116B is available at, Form 116B – Revised 10/2023