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Appendix A

Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status and Documentation Required For Visual Aids – High Technology

Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application for processing

Authorizers who completed Mohawk College Vision Aids Technology Certificate Program:

- 1) Must work for an ADP-designated Regional Assessment Centre (RAC).
- 2) Must submit a proof of completion of the Mohawk College Vision Aids Technology Certificate Program (courses ADT10-ADT50).

Note: State clinic number of ADP-Designated RAC you are employed at on application form.

New authorizers:

- 1) Must work for an ADP-designated Regional Assessment Centre (RAC).
- 2) Must submit a letter from an established (active) ADP registered CCTV authorizer who has fulfilled the role of mentor and advisor to the applicant in achieving the qualifications and can verify that the applicant has achieved the requirements listed below.
 - ✓ At least 2 years experience working with people with physical disabilities, preferably those who are visually impaired or blind.
 - ✓ Knowledge of eye conditions resulting in serious vision loss as well as resources and services available to assist blind and visually impaired persons.
 - ✓ Ability to work collaboratively with other professionals who perform assessments, recommend visual aids and/or provide training to the visually impaired or blind within and outside of the scope of ADP.
 - ✓ Knowledge of low technology and optical aids as alternatives or enhancements to high technology devices.
 - ✓ Sound working knowledge of and experience with current adaptive sight enhancement and sight substitution technology for the visually impaired and blind including: software for the blind and visually impaired (e.g., screen reading, screen magnification and braille translation software), hardware speech synthesizers, optical character recognition (OCR) software and hardware, note takers/personal information managers, braille embossers,

refreshable braille displays, playback machines for digital audio books (e.g., DAISY readers) and optical enlargement systems/closed circuit television systems (CCTVs).

- ✓ Experience installing, testing and demonstrating computer or other high technology sight enhancement/substitution equipment to people of differing age, capability and background.
- ✓ Ability to analyze pre-assessment information; identifying needs and problems related to different daily tasks carried out in different environments such as: home; school; work, community/leisure; and recommending the most appropriate and cost effective technology solutions.
- ✓ Ability to prepare written assessment reports and recommendations for clients in appropriate/accessible format.
- ✓ SEEPAC training on CCTV assessment protocols and CCTV ordering system.
- ✓ For temporary High Technology authorizer status: hands on experience with five (5) CCTV assessments, 5 high technology sight enhancement assessments and five (5) high technology sight substitution assessments.
- ✓ For permanent High Technology authorizer status: minimum 80 hours of practical hands on experience performing assessments in the ADP high technology sight substitution and sight enhancement visual Regional Assessment Centre.

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