

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To: ACCES-VR Staff **Date:** December 30, 2013
From: Frank Coco 
Subject: Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE)

Please be advised that effective immediately ACCES-VR will use only Case Service Code 052X Functional Appraisal (Comprehensive) to purchase Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE) services.

An FCE must be completed by a physical or occupational therapist holding a valid license in New York State, or other current licensed provider qualified by scope of practice.

An FCE is used to:

- Determine the level of safe maximal function at the time of maximum medical improvement;
- Provide a pre-vocational baseline of functional capabilities to assist in the vocational rehabilitation process;
- Objectively set restrictions and guidelines for return to work;
- Determine whether specific job tasks can be safely performed by modification of technique, equipment, or by further training;
- Determine whether additional treatment or referral to a work hardening program is indicated;
- Assess outcome at the conclusion of a work hardening program.

FCEs are purchased off contract;

FCEs are authorized by the hour up to a maximum of 5 hours;

The statewide rate for an FCE is \$136/hour for a maximum of \$680.

Please contact District Office Administration at 518-473-1626 if you have questions.

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