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To: All Staff **Date:** May 1, 2015
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Subject: VR Services for Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS
Technical Assistance Brief (May 2015)

This memo is to inform you that the Technical Assistance Brief (TAB) for VR Services for Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS (May 2015) replaces the Disabilities Related to HIV Infection TAB (September 1996).

This TAB has been updated to reflect current information about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Much has been learned about the virus, its implications and treatment options since 1996. This TAB provides an updated overview of HIV/AIDS, the medical advances in diagnosis and treatment, eligibility considerations and vocational implications for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Attention is given to federal and state statutes which provide protection from discrimination, confidentiality, reasonable accommodations and resources for counselors working with this population.

Training about this TAB will be provided over the next few months to provide staff with the resources necessary to provide the highest quality vocational rehabilitation services to the individuals we serve while assisting them in achieving successful employment outcomes.