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Operator: Good day and welcome to the Quarterly All VR Call. Today's conference is being recorded.

At this time, I would like to turn the conference over to Mr. Rob Pfaff. Please go ahead. Sir.

Rob Pfaff: Thank you very much and good afternoon and or good morning to those of you who have joined us. We're thankful for your time and participation in today's quarterly VR call. I will open with two brief announcements and then turn it over to Jamie Pendergraft. First announcement is I wanted to give you a status on the employment summit summary report. I have mentioned this previously, I think perhaps in other calls I mentioned that this would probably be done around this time. We are very close, we're in the final stages of reviews and edits for the document but we do project that this will be finished during the next few weeks and should be ready to be made available. We will notify you via gov delivery when the final document has been released to the public.

The second item I wanted to talk about briefly was payment for pre-employment services we are discussing internally. And when I say internally not just within OES in the Office of Employment Support but within the agency about the legalities of us making payment for pre-employment services. We've been asked about this from other VR agencies. We've had quite a bit of back and forth with our general counsel in this. We are still working on some logistics about this issue and when we have something finalized that we can share with folks we will certainly do so. We may engage with some VR agencies and request that we or that if you could send to us some examples of dollar amounts if you have this information available. Perhaps dollar amounts that SSA would have paid on cases that you submitted for cost reimbursement that would've included, preemployment services payments, some kind of estimate or ballpark amount that would've been received over a timeframe whether one or two or three fiscal years that kind of information. But all

of this is preliminary at this point I want to emphasize that. If we get to that point we will reach out, we will ask you for information or help or support that will help us figure this piece out. It's complicated but I just wanted to let you know that we're working on these things currently. So, without further delay, I'm going to go ahead and turn it over to Jamie Pendergraft from our Ticket Program Manager. Jamie.

Jamie Pendergraft: Hi everyone. Thank you so, much Rob. My name's Jamie Pendergraft and I'm the Director of Communications and Outreach for the Ticket Program Manager. This afternoon I'm going to share a couple of different pieces of information with you starting with an announcement about the federal communication commission of Affordable Connectivity Program or ACP. So, what is the ACP? It's a federal communications commission benefit program that helps ensure households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare, and more. This benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 a month a service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month [inaudible] plan. These eligible households can also, receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, a desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 towards the purchase price. The ACP is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

How do people become eligible or how do we know folks are eligible for the ACP? A household is eligible for the ACP if the household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or if a member of the household meets at least one of several criteria, including receiving SSI. For a full list of these criteria please visit fcc.gov/acp. We are sharing this today to encourage you to familiarize yourselves with these programs so, you can inform eligible ticket holders about the ACP. The FCC has an outreach toolkit you can use to share with your community. The toolkit includes a newsletter [inaudible], social media graphics and guidance on how to use these materials. That's also, available fcc.gov/acp along with more details about the affordable connectivity program, how to use the outreach toolkit, and a bunch of different materials and resources that you can use to share information about the program.

Switching gears a little bit. I'm going to talk for a couple minutes about some of our ticket program, outreach initiatives, and activities. I wanted to share a little bit about what we do on a regular basis. It has been a very long time since I presented on this call so, I wanted to make sure that you're all aware of some of our ongoing activities, how you can participate or join with us and share our announcements and different resources, and how we can help you engage with some of our social media and other resources. So, every month we host something called a Work Incentive Seminar Event or WISE Webinar and these are online events designed to explain the ticket program and other work incentives. They are fully accessible learning opportunities and they are typically on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Another regular outreach channel that we use is obviously social media. If your agency or you yourself don't follow us on social media, I encourage you to go to choosework.ssa.gov/contact where you'll find a list of all of our social media accounts. We also, publish a variety of success stories, fact sheets and blog posts on our choose work website which is choosework.ssa.gov. And if you ever have any questions about how to use any of these resources or how to promote a webinar you can feel free to contact us socialmediaatchoosework.ssa.gov. And we hope that you find that some of these tools are able to provide information to ticket holders on a large broader scale so, that you can then answer some more specific questions or provide case by case information as you meet with individuals/ All of our resources serve as a way to get an introduction to the ticket program and we're trying to help you all kind of get general information out as easily as possible. And at that time, I believe it is time to open up for questions. Paula can you open it up please?

Operator: Certainly, thank you. To signal for a question please press star one on your telephone keypad. Also, if you are using a speakerphone please make sure that your mute button is turned off to allow your signal to reach our equipment. Once again, it is star one. At this time for questions and we'll pause to give everyone the opportunity to signal. And first, we'll go to Eugenia with state of Oregon.

Hi, this is Eugenia from Oregon. Hey, Rob, you had mentioned pre-employment services Eugenia:

are you meaning to say post-employment services because pre-employment services are direct

services?

Rob Pfaff: Hi Eugenia? To my knowledge it's pre-employment services so, I hope that helps this is

getting into an area that I admit I know much less than everyone on this call knows about. But does

that help at all?

Jamie Pendergraft: Well, we've got assessment services after they apply for services so, and that's pre-

plan then they sign the plan, and then they're getting direct services from us. And when you say

pre-employment those are direct costs. Those are the services we actually provide them during

their plan during the services. Then they go into employment status and then it's considered post-

employment after that and then enclosure. I mean there's been questions about post-employment

being after closure and that's been talked about with RSA for clarification. But if it's the post-

employment services which actually in the SSA handbook talks about post-employment after

closure and RSA just clarified that that isn't the case. Post-employment services are between the

employment status and the closure of the VR case so, I'm thinking that you're meeting post-

employment services.

Shada Roper: Hi Eugenia this is Shada. Post-employment services we do already pay for in our gross

payment period so, we've been doing that's actually in our regulations that we pay for post-

employment services. So, a few years ago and you were given a 15% to take off the top to deal

with these issues having to deal with youth and youth services and the homeless and so, forth

those things having to do with the new information with Briola we then got question about that could

you be reimbursed for that? So, that's where we're [inaudible].

Eugenia:

You're talking about [inaudible].

Shada Roper: For ETS? Yes.

Eugenia: So, you're talking about Pre-Eds[?] which is pre-education all the money that we're spending before they even come into the [inaudible] services?

Shada Roper: Yeah. So, therefore even before they've actually made SGA so, then that became an issue that can you have reimbursement for that?

Eugenia: Yeah. So, I think the question is we have to pay what's for what's called Pre-ETS, which is the Pre-Employment Transition but some of those people don't even come to VR for services I think there probably needs to be a further conversation about this for clarification for everybody. Because we're supposed to be spending 15% of our grant dollars on students that may not even come into VR services but we are having to help everybody throughout the state. So, I think like I said, we probably need to have further on the whole Pre-ETS concept which isn't part of pre-employment with any cases that we have I don't think that that's the question it has to do with the youth transition. So, I mean, maybe it would be a good idea for everybody to get together and talk about this just for clarifying the expenditure I didn't know that anybody was even thinking about paying us for those services.

Rob Pfaff: So, thank you Shada. And-

Shada Roper: I'm sorry, Rob. So, yes we have had several VRs to ask about this and [inaudible] and other things so, that's where the conversation starts.

Eugenia: Cool. Okay.

Rob Pfaff: Yep. And it gets complicated and I don't want to take us down what would be I'm sure an interesting conversation about all the ins and outs of this but we'll circle back, you know, to get more information from VRs and we'll certainly touch base Eugenia when we're ready to do so. I think at this point we're trying to figure all of the ins and outs of this and it gets pretty complicated.

Jamie Pendergraft: Yeah. And we keep all those stats on the Pre-ETS[?] dollars because we have to report it to RSA. So, yeah I mean those would be easy numbers to come up with if you needed them.

Rob Pfaff: Thank you.

Operator: And once again, star one for any questions. Again, we'll pause for just a moment. And next we'll go to David with [inaudible].

David: Hi, thanks. Just real quick on that idea of the idea of Pre-ETS[?] stuff I know at least in Virginia we have many cases that are Pre-ETS[?] but are receiving Pre-ETS[?] services prior to 18 and that in many cases they have converted to a VR plan prior to 18. So, it's exciting and I know we're going to start looking at how we can try to quantify what those are for you. Thank you very much.

Operator: And it appears there are no questions or comments at this time. [inaudible]

Speaker: Thanks again. Thank you. I believe I'll hand it back over to Katie.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you.

Katie Striebinger: Hi, good afternoon everyone. This is Katie Striebinger I have a few items and I'm just going to kind of go through them and then at the very end of the call we'll have Q&A. o if you have questions please just hold on to them until after I talk. So, the first item is the backlog status. We are processing claims from January of 2022. The status of the current FY 2022 cost formula I know we have many questions and I'm sure you're all wondering where we are with that since we haven't sent out anything for you yet. We are still working on this internally and there are not going to be any timely filing claim denials based on the fact that we don't have it ready for you and if you have submitted any claims that would be affected by this we are just holding them. So, please just continue to hold on and we will, you know, provide you with the information when we are ready with it. But we do not have any updates for you at this point so, please just keep hanging in there we are working on it.

We've been getting questions about TPM reaching out about ticket on assignments. When beneficiaries call the ticket help line to request a ticket. On assignment both TPM and SSA do everything they can to assist the ticket holder. The current process is that TPM encourages the ticket holder to reach out to the state via our agency first to resolve the ticket on assignment. If the

ticket holder is unsuccessful TPM does reach out to check on the status and we'll then reach out to the VR agency before assigning the ticket. Recently we have seen an increase on the number of beneficiary requested ticket on assignment we've received. So, we do plan to fine tune this process and we will be reaching out to VR agency's later this month requesting some feedback so, we can work on a better business process. It used to be here and there we request, you know, one here, one there and we would kind of on an adhoc basis deal with each ticket holder. But we are getting the impression based on things that have been occurring recently that we need to come up with a clear business process so, that everyone involved knows the steps that we're going to follow to help out with our ticket holders. So, you look out for an email from us later this month.

This is a reminder that at the last and this is about [inaudible] the unique entity identifier. This is just a reminder that [inaudible] out on both March 8th and March 29th, announcing the transition of federal agencies from the DUNS number to the Unique Entity Identifier which is the UEI for VR payments. Effective April 4th, SSA started using the new UEI number to pay VR agencies and as was last mentioned SSA will continue to use that DUNS number for reference and identification purposes. So, you will see this number in the ticket portal, you are not going to see your UEI list anywhere unless you go look for it on your UEI directory information in the portal. This is something we are just storing internally to be able to pay you correctly but because the number it's easy to remember as that nine digit number we're going to continue to use the DUNS number for reference purposes. If you have any questions I would say go back to look at those [inaudible] first that does identify the process where you can go to find your UEI and any questions you might have.

And then the final item is another reminder from another blast we sent out. On March 10th we announced the end of the extension period for expired diaries. Starting this Monday, May 16th, I should say will be in denying cases that had been in diary for more than 30 days where we have not received the requested additional information from VR agencies these claims will be denied using code 650. You will not receive an email reminder that you have something that's more than 30 days old. So, starting Monday we will begin denying cases so, please, you know, the next couple days go look in the portal, go see what we have that's awaiting your attention and please

get us that documentation in. If there's something that you know, you have it and you can't get it by Monday please do reach out to us and we can work with you on those handfuls of cases maybe but overall we are not looking to give anybody more extensions we are done giving extension period for expired diaries. And that's all I have and like I said I'll be here at the end for any questions anyone may have and I'm going to hand it over to Raquel.

Raquel Donaldson: Thank you, Katie. Good afternoon, everyone. And just to piggy back off of what Katie was just saying about the claims placed in diary. If anyone has any questions sometimes the notes that are left by the technicians may be a little off or confusing so, please feel free to email me at the VR help desk. If you have any questions in regards to the diary, if you can't get into the office things like that, email the help desk and we will try to work with you. But like Katie was saying the policy went out and we have things that have been placed in diary since 2019, 2020 so, we're definitely looking to get all of that cleaned up.

Next topic is the tri annual reviews. So, I received a great question in regards to the new SSA tri annual assessment process and I think the question came as a result of a recent annual security reminder from the SSA Data Exchange Coordinators, DEC they sent to all the state agencies the data exchange partners noting the new assessment process. If you have any questions about this and you want to follow up then please feel free to email me if you do not know who your DEC which is your Data Exchange Coordinator. This is the person that you speak with any questions in regarding to the State Verification Employment, SVES anything like that. Email the help desk and I will provide you with who your contact is and you can ask any questions you want to in regards to the tri-annual review.

And lastly just a quick reminder in regards to the 590 denials. So, we've created the policy as most of you all know, we're just trying to hold the VRS accountable for submitting legitimate claims where the beneficiary actually has the required 9 out of 12 months or three out of four quarters of earnings that meet SGA and or blind SGA not an OR. For some of you there's always a question of whether the person is actually blind. If you have those questions please feel free to email me at the VR help desk in regards to that. So, sometimes you're looking for blind SGA and you don't know it so,

you're submitting the claim with regular SGA and it gets the 590 denial so, if we can stop that early we'll do so.

Also, on the remarks tab, if there are no remarks on the remarks tab comments in regards to whether you're using VERSA[?] or you actually have the wages showing then you will be denied the 590 as well. So, we're looking for one or the other. One step further with VERSA[?] even if you're putting the remark VR SEA we're going to look just to make sure that VERSA[?] is actually showing three hours of four quarters of earnings as well. So, those are the reminders that I have for you. Again, any questions everyone knows how to reach me at the VR help desk. And at this time, we are going to go ahead and open it up for any Q&A.

Operator: Thank you. And once again it is star one at this time for questions. As a quick reminder please make sure your mute button is turned off to allow your signal to reach our equipment. And once again star one for any questions or comments. And we'll go to Kim with Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Kim: Hi. I have a couple questions actually. I've got a couple of these where a claim was denied because it says an [EN payment was received for the same beneficiary like back in 2010, I'm just looking at one of them right now. And so, it's saying if they can't receive a payment for the same beneficiary on both programs. And I thought it was if we assigned a ticket as cost reimbursement then we could not and were paid on that or I don't know if we even have to be paid on but if we assigned it as cost reimbursement initially like the first time we held the ticket the next time it would have to be cost reimbursement also. But if a ticket was signed as an EN ticket that we would be able to list that as cost reimbursement and I've got a couple of these denials on that and I guess I'm just kind of confused as to the procedure on that.

Katie Striebinger: This is Kate. Can you repeat the scenario one more time for me please to make sure I understand it?

Kim: Yeah. We've got a couple denials, like if we held a ticket for a customer initially one time as an EN[?] ticket and then the next time like this is, you know, 12 years later we've got a ticket, new IPE

and everything. Every time we open a new case it's a new IPE but it was denied because it said

an EN[?] payment was received for this same beneficiary back in 2010. But then later on in the

email, she had told me that if there is a new IPE then we could list it as cost reimbursement.

Anytime we open a new case we're assigning a new IPE so, I'm confused as to her response. I

thought [inaudible] I'm sorry go ahead.

Katie Striebinger: No. I just want to make sure we make a distinction here right there's the idea of a ticket

right? That a beneficiary can get more than one ticket it is possible it does happen, right? And

under one single ticket right there are rules about how the payments work. I your example you

were talking about IPEs just because you have a new IPE doesn't mean you have a new ticket.

So, perhaps, you know, you may need to reach out for the help desk for that specific example

because without that in front of me I can't tell you right looking at the record. But it sounds to me

like the you're requesting a payment for the same ticket you may have a new lke but it's the same

ticket and if you already got paid under an EN program for that ticket that's the only choice you

have for that same ticket unless the beneficiary had a new ticket. So, I would encourage you in

that example to reach back out with that specific example. Without it in front of me I can't really

give you the best answer but I can give you the [inaudible] IP ticket.

Kim: Yeah. Because I thought I mean we always have to unassigned any prior tickets. Say we had a

ticket back in 2010 with this beneficiary before we could assign the new one because if I try to

assign it, you know, via the portal when I try to assign the new one it'll come back with a rejection

saying the ticket is already assigned to us. So, we usually unassign the first ticket, the prior ticket

so, the ticket would've been unassigned but then we're assigning a new ticket but we're assigning

it as cost reimbursement so, I mean [inaudible].

Shawna Dixon: This is Shawna Dixon.

Kim:

Hi Shawna.

Shawna Dixon: How you doing? And I believe I sent you the response if this is the same case [inaudible]

I'm not a hundred percent sure, sure, right. And I wish you would've reached back out to me if you

Page | 10 Ref 4805769 10.05.2022 didn't, you know, fully understand we could have gone over it in more detail but for your specific case this was the same ticket, same IPE so, you didn't have a situation. But if you would like to talk about this in, you know, further I would definitely go over this with you again so, that you can get a better understanding. But if your situation for the case that you submitted the payment request that you submitted you weren't eligible for the payment because that beneficiary had already received an EN[?] payment for the same IPE on the same ticket and you can't receive a payment for both programs.

Kim: Okay. I think that's what's confusing me because like I said I'll have to go back in and look at that one but usually before we can even assign another ticket we have to unassign the first one. So, that's what's confusing me I'll have to go back into that particular person and see the situation. But yeah I think we kind of went back and forth a little bit and then I was going back and forth with my supervisor and he thought it was the cost reimbursement. If it's cost reimbursement then you couldn't assign a ticket I said, "Yeah, but this one's in reverse it was ticket and then cost reimbursement." So, [inaudible].

Shawna Dixon: [Inaudible] based on policy on that as well I sent the most current policy so, that, you know, you could see exactly why it was written that way and what happened and the whole situation when that decision occurred. But we can definitely go through this again just email me and let me know when you're available and if we need to [inaudible] then we can do that as well.

Kim: Okay. And I had one other question not in regard to that. Is there anything further or have we heard anything further on the cost formula? When we'll be hearing anything on that? I don't know who that

Katie Striebinger: This is Katie. So, we don't have anything for you yet we're working on it internally and we will send something out as soon as we have it ready.

Kim: Okay. All right. Great. Thank you.

Operator: And once again star one for any questions or comments and we'll return to Eugenia with

state of Oregon.

Eugenia: Hello. I just wanted to thank the TPMs for trying to come up with procedure for unassigned

tickets with the State Bureau Agency. Because, you know, the confusion was we would get these

phone calls from people we didn't know and just asking us to unassign a ticket. And we're really

sensitive about talking to anybody about any clients so, I suggested that maybe somebody sent an

email from the TPM to let us know that the call was coming just any pre-warning. But I do want to

thank you for coming up with a procedure for this because like I said we're very cautious with the

state VR agencies on that kind of thing.

And also, to answer the last lady's question and I'm not sure what state it is. I do a training on cost

reimbursement and we talk about the ticket and it really comes down to if you assign a ticket cost

reimbursement 20 years ago and then you don't get paid on it you can assign the ticket under ticket

now and vice versa. If you assigned a ticket 20 years ago with a ticket and you didn't get paid on

it you can change back to cost reimbursement. But if you picked a payment ticket or cost

reimbursement and you actually got paid on it you have to stick with that payment type and that

applies to either cost reimbursement or ticket. And correct me if I'm wrong anybody from SSA but

that is the rule as far as I've known for the last 16 years. If you get paid on any of the payment

systems to start with that is your payment system from then forward. At least with like she had

mentioned if they get a new ticket then it's a whole new ballgame at that point that's it. Does that

sound correct?

Speaker:

Yes. That's correct.

Speaker:

Yes. That's correct.

Eugenia:

So, yeah. You have to stick with it once you get the whole thing happens if you get paid

on it that's what you have to stick with. Thank you.

Operator:

And next we'll hear from Hannah with State of Wisconsin Vocational Rehab.

Hi. I just had a question when you were talking about making sure that is something in the Hannah:

remarks box. We've had quite a few claims come back as denied saying that there wasn't proper

wage documentation but in the remarks box we had listed the UI wage information. Does that need

to be faxed in separately in order to get approved?

Raquel Donaldson: Hi Hannah, this is Raquel. No. It doesn't. If so, if you find that that's happening to you

email me at the VR help desk just provide me with the claim information and I'll be more than happy

to go through and review those for you.

Hannah:

Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

Raquel Donaldson: You're welcome.

Operator: And once again, it is star one for questions or comments. Next we'll go to Kristen with New

Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation.

Kristen: Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you very much. If we could just circle back around to the diary

entries two part question. First, can you remind us of how we received that notification? Is it an

email or is it US mail? And then if we wanted to go in and check ours to see if we had any entries,

would we be only looking at our pending payments in like that column of like if there's a diary entry

or is there something further I should be looking at?

This is Katie. Right, you should be looking at your pending payments in the ticket portal Katie Striebinger:

and then there's [inaudible]. I was going to say [inaudible] in diary, right? So, you want to select

those cases and it will actually give you dates so, you should know how old something is from

there. And then the diary should have a comment of what is missing or what we need. And if you

do have any questions about a specific case you can reach out to the VR help desk.

Perfect. Thank you. And then can you remind me for future if we get notifications it's US Hannah:

mail that we get that notification through that something is needed correct it's not email?

Katie Striebinger:

No, it's not email.

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Thank you.

Operator:

And a final reminder, star one for questions or comments. We'll pause for just a moment. And next we'll go to Shelly, Minnesota VRS.

Shelly: Hello everyone. My question is about the diary and I have I believe a couple of them in there that are diary because they're waiting for the cost formula to come through. So, if they hit that 30 days is someone going to be able to reset that so, that they're not deleted or removed and they're in the diary?

Raquel Donaldson: Hi Shelly it is Raquel. Katie, did you want to go? I'm sorry.

Katie Striebinger: I was saying Raquel you can give her even more information you go ahead.

Raquel Donaldson: Hi Shelly. So, anything that's placed in diary? Can you hear me?

Shelly: Yes.

Raquel Donaldson: Okay. Anything that's placed in diary never ever gets deleted. In regards to the cost formula, the technician or the analyst will go in once the diary expires and just update it so, any [inaudible] you're welcome. As Katie mentioned earlier anything dealing with the cost formula you don't have to worry about because we know what's going on with that and no VR will receive untimely filing for those unless the SDA[?] period it just happens to be years ago that's the only way.

Shelly: Thank you.

Raquel Donaldson: You're welcome.

Operator:

We'll return with Eugenia State of Oregon.

Eugenia:

Hello. Raquel may have already mentioned this but going back to diaries when I go in there to look sometimes there's nothing under the comments and I have to email her to find out

what it is because if I waited for the actual paper document to come to let me know it's a couple

weeks before we see it. And now that the deadline is in place again, you know, we're losing time

because I know sometimes the diary isn't a request from the VR agency to get information

sometimes it's just notes and stuff. Is there any way that can be like standard that we know what

is, you know, comments and if something is required why can't we see it in the comments like

justification or a TPR or something like that? I mean, not TPR, prepayment of validation audit.

Raquel or any suggestions?

Raquel Donaldson: Yeah. That's actually something we are working on now. Katie has a report that she

does now that comes out daily for us to review the diaries and see what comments and notes are

being placed in there. Now that we have the contractors working on the claims it's something new

for them and we're discovering when I get a ton of emails from the VR help desk that a lot of stuff

is confusing to the VRS. But again, if there's anything that you have guestions on like Eugenia

you'll reach out to me and ask me about it. The sooner the better for everyone no one should be

waiting last minute anyway everyone should be reviewing their pending list once a day, once a

week, you know? So, I can get the information back to you as soon as possible if there's something

that's missing, if there's something that you don't understand, if you think it's internal, you know

that's what the VR help desk is here for.

Eugenia:

Okay. Thank you.

Raquel Donaldson: You're welcome.

Katie Striebinger: And this is Katie. I do want to chime in. So, you know, a lot of the diaries there are

several reasons to pick a diary and the screen in the portal should actually indicate right request

justification for late filing request explanation for long SGA period right? On the screen you should

see something like that that should lead you to the reason [inaudible] diary. The only diaries we're

having a little bit of a sticky point with right now because of the transition is the diary for other SBR

information that is the only diary when we select it doesn't trigger a notice. So, we've been using

that for internal purposes and like Raquel mentioned we've been trying to clean those up. So, it

isn't confusing that we aren't typing something in there because you're doing your due diligence, right? Checking those things in diaries and it says other SBR information so, you think that's something that needs my attention. We are working on getting another diary reason in there that makes it very clear that there is nothing you need to do. [inaudible] it for internal purposes but there is nothing you need to do we are working on coming out with that in the next month or so, so, that you can feel confident that you've checked it, you've done your due diligence. But the things that, you know, require your attention should say things like request information for direct other costs and that will come with the notice. So, you should be able to tell by the, you know, if you go and check the actual diary information in the portal you should see that at least and that should let, you know, that yeah that case was diary and a notice was sent to you and you at least know the subject of what we're looking for if not the specific details.

So, we are trying to, you know, work out a process that works for everybody. So, thank you for your patience with that and as Raquel said we are trying to clean everything up so, that you don't see things that are confusing in the comments because we realize that's creating a problem where you see something that you don't understand. So, we started not putting anything in there right? We're living it blank so, at least you're not confused and I can see how that's then creating confusion while it's blank what do I do now? So, perhaps we'll come up with some other language maybe something like, you know, no action needed by VR or something in the comments so, that you know that there is nothing you need to do and it's all in us. So, we're going to work on tightening that up so, we can all have clarity in our communications. But like Raquel said, if you ever have any questions please do reach out to the VR help desk and we can make sure we clarify everything for you.

Operator: And we do have a follow up from David with the [inaudible].

David: I got to remember next time to put our whole name in there that just sounds weird. Katie my follow up was really I don't know if this is possible but if there would be a way that we could know from that main part of the portal if the diary entries were for VR or if they were internal. I think that would

be a really helpful tool rather than having to go into each case and then get confused. I don't know

if that's possible but that was really my question is there a way to delineate or separate those out?

Katie Striebinger: I will put that on the wish list right now the diaries kind of accessing [inaudible] payment

to, you know, something goes in the diary you have to check. I can definitely put it on the wish list

for thinking through how that might look for something eventually in the portal I can definitely see

the use for it.

David: Okay. So, again, just as we're talking through this I know it's come up here at times and, you know,

it might help aid in both sides in terms of minimizing confusion that's all. Thank you for considering

it.

Katie Striebinger: If we could make changes on the portal in a second I think of an idea we would

definitely try on this part to come up with solutions that we can [inaudible] as quickly as possible

so, we'll go back we're still trying to think of ways to make this diary process clearer for everyone.

But yeah, you know, our ultimate goal would be to make an enhancement and something that, you

know, things for your attention ideally the portal will show you something right that needed your

attention as soon as you [inaudible]. Ideally the portal would go, Hey, I need to do this today we'll

get there eventually.

David: Yeah. That would actually be great if in that notification section when we log in how great would

that be if Virginia you need to address these four things?

Katie Striebinger: Yep. I agree. I know I definitely have some ideas for things that I wish I could do like

I said we have a [inaudible] long wonderful wish list and we would like to make this more efficient

for everyone.

David: Yeah. Great. Thank you very much.

Katie Striebinger: Well, thank you for your partnership. I appreciate it.

Page | 17 Ref 4805769 10.05.2022 Operator: And once again, star one for any questions or comments we do have a follow up from Shelly with Minnesota VRS.

Shelly: I got a little button happy that was not a call sorry.

Operator: Okay. Thank you. Okay. And as a final reminder, star one at this time for any questions or comments and it appears there are no further questions or comments at this time. I'll turn it back to our presenters.

Speaker: Thank you. I just want to thank everyone for taking the time out for attending the call or calling in. A quick reminder that our next call we're back on schedule so, it will be in July. It will be Tuesday, July 12th at 1:00 PM Eastern standard time. So, look for the agenda, the email that you normally receive about a week beforehand and that's all we have. Thank you for your time. Have a good one.

Operator: Thank you. And once again, that does conclude today's call. We'd like to thank everyone for their participation, you may now disconnect.