"SUITABLE GAINFUL 'EMPLOYMENT" MEANS EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING SELF–EMPLOYMENT, THAT RESTORES THE DISABLED COVERED EMPLOYEE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AT THE TIME THAT THE DISABILITY OCCURRED.

> REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 101, § 36(8)(a)(ii), except as it related to factors to be considered in determining whether employment is suitable gainful employment.
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> The reference to a "disabled" covered employee is substituted for the former reference to an "injured" covered employee, to conform with § 9–672 of this Part XI of this subtitle, which requires a covered employee to be disabled to qualify for vocational rehabilitation services. Similarly, the word "disability" is substituted for the former word "injury".

Defined term: "Covered employee" § 9–101

(C)   VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT.

"VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS:

(1)   COLLECTING AND ANALYZING EACH OF THE ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL, LEGAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL, AND VOCATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF A DISABLED COVERED EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING THE PRESENT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABILITY OF THE COVERED EMPLOYEE TO PARTICIPATE IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND

(2)   DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES REASONABLY NECESSARY TO RETURN THE DISABLED COVERED EMPLOYEE TO SUITABLE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.

> REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 101, § 36(8)(a)(iii).
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> In the introductory language of this section, the former words "the process of" are deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Covered employee" § 9–101
          "Vocational rehabilitation services" § 9–669

(D)   VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(1)   "VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES" MEANS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REASONABLY NECESSARY DURING OR AFTER OR BOTH DURING AND AFTER MEDICAL TREATMENT TO ENABLE A DISABLED COVERED EMPLOYEE, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, TO SECURE SUITABLE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.

(2)   "VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES" INCLUDES:

(I)   COORDINATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES;