My main points are here below:

1. Quality Career advice is a key determinant of well-being at work and in the success of return-to-work programs.
2. Provision of any career advice should be provided by qualified & experienced practitioners.
3. Qualified Career Practitioners should form part of a person’s mental health treatment plan when education and employment are considered as goals of the Plan and they should be funded by Medicare.
4. Videoconferencing is also an effective way to communicate between the individual and Qualified Career Practitioners in cases where low to moderate intensity care is required.
5. Qualified Career Practitioners should also form part of the person-centred pathway of coordinated care when education, training and employment are goals of the plan.
6. Qualified Career Practitioners should be engaged in return-to-work plans for mental health related worker compensation claims as part of the first 6 month ‘no liability’ agreement.

I am keen to help raise our CDAA profile here and my background is in this area:

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