

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY (P&A) VOTING ACCESS APPLICATION AND ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Executive Directors, State Protection and Advocacy Systems
Chairperson, State Developmental Disabilities Councils
Executive Directors, State Developmental Disabilities Councils
Directors, University Centers of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities
Directors, Designated State Agencies

<p>SUBJECT: Availability of Fiscal Year Funds under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), P.L. 107-252 Payments for Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As).</p>
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PURPOSE: The purposes of this Program Instruction are: 1) to set forth the conditions placed upon the Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) receiving funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), and 2) to require P&As to agree to the assurances in writing prior to receiving funds.

LEGAL AND RELATED REFERENCES: Title II, Subtitle D of HAVA 42 U.S.C. 15461; Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act) (42 U.S.C. 15002)); and Section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (29 U.S.C. 794e).

PART II: PAYMENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

There is no application kit; the P&As application may be in the format of its choice addressing the four areas in which the fund should be used. Funds for the P&As are used to provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process in four different areas.

The four areas include:

Area 1

- ❖ To ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities
 - Activities may include, but not limited to registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

Area 2

- ❖ To provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day.

Area 3

- ❖ Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around HAVA implementation efforts in their State or Territory.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to participation on HAVA State Planning Committee, subcommittee or coalition efforts regarding the State Plan, and review, advocacy, and education concerning the enactment of HAVA State Legislation.

Area 4

- ❖ Training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers.

The application must be signed by the P&As Executive Director or the designated representative, and contain the assurances as outlined in the Program Instruction.

The P&As' designated representatives may signify their agreement with the conditions/assurances by signing and returning the assurance document Attachment B, found in the Program Instruction. The assurance document signed by the Executive Director of the P&A, or other designated person, should be submitted with the application to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

Submission by Mail and/or Hand Delivery.