



TANF 103-6 Voter Registration

Supersedes: TANF 103-6 (1/1/06)

Reference: National Voter's Registration Act of 1993; MCA 13-2-221

Overview: The National Voter's Registration Act (NVRA) and §13 2-221, MCA, require DPHHS to offer voter registration assistance to individuals who apply for public assistance, seek redetermination or who change an address.

VOTER REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE:

The law requires DPHHS to offer the following voter registration assistance:

1. The opportunity to register to vote;
2. Assistance in completing a Montana Voter Registration Application (MT-VRA); and
3. Collecting complete MT-VRA's from clients.

The law requires DPHHS to provide individuals who do not decline voter registration:

1. Blank MT-VRA form;
2. Assistance in completing the MT-VRA; and
3. Collecting completed MT-VRA forms.

DPHHS is also required to:

1. Provide specific notices to individuals regarding their NVRA rights;
2. Accept and submit completed MT-VRAs to the election administrator in the individual's county of residence; and
3. Report information to the Montana Secretary of State regarding the actions DPHHS undertakes to fulfill its duties under the NVRA and § 13-2-221, MCA.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES:

No DPHHS employee may:

1. Seek to influence an applicant's political preference or decisions;
2. Display on State property any political preference or party allegiance;
3. Make any statement or take any action to discourage an applicant from registering to vote;

4. Make any statement or take any action that leaves an applicant with the impression that a decision to register or not register has any bearing on eligibility for, or receipt of, any program benefit; or,
5. Disclose the identity of any applicant for public assistance to the public or the voter registration agency.

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