



SNAP 103-6 APPLICATION PROCESSING Voter Registration

Supersedes: SNAP 103-6 (06/01/2016)

Reference: National Voter's Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) 42 USC 1973gg, et seq., §13-2-221, MCA

Overview:

The NVRA and § 13-2-221, MCA, require DPHHS to offer the following voter registration assistance to individuals who apply for, recertify, or renew public assistance or who notify DPHHS of a change of address:

1. The opportunity to register to vote to.
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 or assistance in completing forms:

1. A MT-VRA.
2. Assistance in completing the MT-VRA; and
3. Collecting completed MT-VRA's from clients.

DPHHS is also required to:

1. Provide specific notes to individuals regarding their NVRA rights.
2. Accept and submit completed MT-VRA's 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.

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 to 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, a 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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