provide assistance for independent living for individuals with severe disabilities, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105–220.

Another prior section 796, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §701, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2995, provided Congressional statement of purpose of former subchapter VII, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, §701(1).

#### § 796a. Definitions

As used in this part:

#### (1) Center for independent living

The term "center for independent living" means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency that—

- (A) is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities; and
- (B) provides an array of independent living services.

#### (2) Consumer control

The term "consumer control" means, with respect to a center for independent living, that the center vests power and authority in individuals with disabilities.

(Pub. L. 93–112, title VII, §702, as added Pub. L. 105–220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1218.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796a, Pub. L. 93–112, title VII, §702, as added Pub. L. 102–569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443, defined terms "center for independent living" and "consumer control", prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105–220.

Another prior section 796a, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, \$702, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, \$301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2995; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, \$103(d)(2)(A), (C), title VIII, \$801, title X, \$\$1001(g)(1), 1002(h), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1837, 1843, 1844; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, \$208(a), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, provided eligibility requirements and definition of "comprehensive services for independent living", prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, \$701(1).

# § 796b. Eligibility for receipt of services

Services may be provided under this part to any individual with a significant disability, as defined in section 705(21)(B) of this title.

(Pub. L. 93–112, title VII, §703, as added Pub. L. 105–220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1218.)

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796b, Pub. L. 93–112, title VII, §703, as added Pub. L. 102–569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4444, related to eligibility for receipt of services, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105–220.

Another prior section 796b, Pub. L. 93–112, title VII, §703, as added Pub. L. 95–602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2996; amended Pub. L. 99–506, title X, §1001(g)(2), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1843; Pub. L. 100–630, title II, §208(b), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, related to State allotments for comprehensive services for independent living, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–569, §701(1).

# § 796c. State plan

# (a) In general

### (1) Requirement

To be eligible to receive financial assistance under this part, a State shall submit to the Commissioner, and obtain approval of, a State plan containing such provisions as the Commissioner may require, including, at a minimum, the provisions required in this section.

# (2) Joint development

The plan under paragraph (1) shall be jointly developed and signed by—

- (A) the director of the designated State unit; and
- (B) the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, acting on behalf of and at the direction of the Council.

#### (3) Periodic review and revision

The plan shall provide for the review and revision of the plan, not less than once every 3 years, to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and comprehensive basis, needs in the State for—

- (A) the provision of State independent living services;
- (B) the development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living; and
  - (C) working relationships between—
  - (i) programs providing independent living services and independent living centers; and
  - (ii) the vocational rehabilitation program established under subchapter I of this chapter, and other programs providing services for individuals with disabilities.

### (4) Date of submission

The State shall submit the plan to the Commissioner 90 days before the completion date of the preceding plan. If a State fails to submit such a plan that complies with the requirements of this section, the Commissioner may withhold financial assistance under this part until such time as the State submits such a plan.

## (b) Statewide Independent Living Council

The plan shall provide for the establishment of a Statewide Independent Living Council in accordance with section 796d of this title.

### (c) Designation of State unit

The plan shall designate the designated State unit of such State as the agency that, on behalf of the State, shall—

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this part based on the plan:
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under subpart 2, and a program under subpart 3 in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 796f–2 of this title;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Commissioner finds to be necessary with respect to the programs; and
- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Commissioner may require with respect to the programs.

## (d) Objectives

The plan shall—

(1) specify the objectives to be achieved under the plan and establish timelines for the achievement of the objectives; and