

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective at close of Sept. 30, 1978, see section 504 of Pub. L. 95-478, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 3001 of this title.

**§ 3030c. Audit; request for information**

(a) The Assistant Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records that are pertinent to a grant or contract received under this subchapter.

(b) State agencies and area agencies on aging shall not request information or data from providers which is not pertinent to services furnished pursuant to this chapter or a payment made for such services.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title III, §313, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §103(b), Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1535; amended Pub. L. 98-459, title III, §311, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1779; Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990.)

## AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-459 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-459 effective Oct. 9, 1984, see section 803(a) of Pub. L. 98-459, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

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Section effective at close of Sept. 30, 1978, see section 504 of Pub. L. 95-478, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 3001 of this title.

**§ 3030c-1. Rights relating to in-home services for frail older individuals**

The Assistant Secretary shall require entities that provide in-home services under this subchapter to promote the rights of each older individual who receives such services. Such rights include the following:

(1) The right—

(A) to be fully informed in advance about each in-home service provided by such entity under this subchapter and about any change in such service that may affect the well-being of such individual; and

(B) to participate in planning and changing an in-home service provided under this subchapter by such entity unless such individual is judicially adjudged incompetent.

(2) The right to voice a grievance with respect to such service that is or fails to be so provided, without discrimination or reprisal as a result of voicing such grievance.

(3) The right to confidentiality of records relating to such individual.

(4) The right to have the property of such individual treated with respect.

(5) The right to be fully informed (orally and in writing), in advance of receiving an in-home service under this subchapter, of such individual's rights and obligations under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title III, §314, as added Pub. L. 102-375, title III, §311, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat.

1237; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §§2(11), 3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1989, 1990.)

## AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 struck out “(a) PROMOTION.—” before “The Assistant” and substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

**§ 3030c-2. Consumer contributions****(a) Cost sharing****(1) In general**

Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), a State is permitted to implement cost sharing for all services funded by this chapter by recipients of the services.

**(2) Exception**

The State is not permitted to implement the cost sharing described in paragraph (1) for the following services:

(A) Information and assistance, outreach, benefits counseling, or case management services.

(B) Ombudsman, elder abuse prevention, legal assistance, or other consumer protection services.

(C) Congregate and home delivered meals.

(D) Any services delivered through tribal organizations.

**(3) Prohibitions**

A State or tribal organization shall not permit the cost sharing described in paragraph (1) for any services delivered through tribal organizations. A State shall not permit cost sharing by a low-income older individual if the income of such individual is at or below the Federal poverty line. A State may exclude from cost sharing low-income individuals whose incomes are above the Federal poverty line. A State shall not consider any assets, savings, or other property owned by older individuals when defining low-income individuals who are exempt from cost sharing, when creating a sliding scale for the cost sharing, or when seeking contributions from any older individual.

**(4) Payment rates**

If a State permits the cost sharing described in paragraph (1), such State shall establish a sliding scale, based solely on individual income and the cost of delivering services.

**(5) Requirements**

If a State permits the cost sharing described in paragraph (1), such State shall require each area agency on aging in the State to ensure that each service provider involved, and the area agency on aging, will—

(A) protect the privacy and confidentiality of each older individual with respect to the declaration or nondeclaration of individual income and to any share of costs paid or unpaid by an individual;

(B) establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for cost share payments;

(C) use each collected cost share payment to expand the service for which such payment was given;

(D) not consider assets, savings, or other property owned by an older individual in de-