

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 795o to 795r were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 795o, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 636, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, related to collection of client information.

Another prior section 795o, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 636, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1836, related to collection of client information, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795p, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 637, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, contained savings provision. See section 795m of this title.

Another prior section 795p, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 637, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1837, contained a savings provision not prohibiting a State from carrying out post-employment services leading to supported employment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795q, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 638, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, authorized appropriations.

Another prior section 795q, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 638, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1837; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 207(h), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314; Pub. L. 102-52, § 7(c), June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 262, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1987 to 1992, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795r, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 641, formerly § 622, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, § 201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2994; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, § 103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 207(c), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3313; renumbered § 641 and amended Pub. L. 102-569, title I, § 102(p)(39), title VI, § 612(a)(2), (3), (b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4361, 4438, related to business opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

SUBCHAPTER VII—INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

CODIFICATION

Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, comprising this subchapter, was originally added to Pub. L. 93-112 by Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, § 701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443, and amended by Pub. L. 103-73, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 718. Title VII is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1217, without reference to those intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of title VII by Pub. L. 105-220.

PART A—INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES

SUBPART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 796. Purpose

The purpose of this part is to promote a philosophy of independent living, including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society, by—

(1) providing financial assistance to States for providing, expanding, and improving the provision of independent living services;

(2) providing financial assistance to develop and support statewide networks of centers for independent living; and

(3) providing financial assistance to States for improving working relationships among State independent living rehabilitation service programs, centers for independent living, Statewide Independent Living Councils established under section 796d of this title, State vocational rehabilitation programs receiving assistance under subchapter I, State programs of supported employment services receiving assistance under subchapter VI, client assistance programs receiving assistance under section 732 of this title, programs funded under other subchapters of this chapter, programs funded under other Federal law, and programs funded through non-Federal sources, with the goal of improving the independence of individuals with disabilities.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1217; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 471, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1685.)

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A prior section 796, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, § 701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, § 114(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 728, related to purpose of program to 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).

AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-128 substituted “subchapter VI” for “part B of subchapter VI” and inserted before period at end “, with the goal of improving the independence of individuals with disabilities”.

§ 796-1. Administration of the independent living program

There is established within the Administration for Community Living of the Department of Health and Human Services, an Independent Living Administration. The Independent Living Administration shall be headed by a Director (referred to in this section as the “Director”) appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Director shall be an individual with substantial knowledge of independent living services. The Independent Living Administration shall be the principal agency, and the Director shall be the principal officer, to carry out this part. In performing the functions of the office, the Director shall be directly responsible to the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Secretary shall ensure that the Independent Living Administration has sufficient resources (including designating at least 1 individual from the Office of General Counsel who is knowledgeable about independent living services) to provide technical assistance and support to, and oversight of, the programs funded under this part.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701A, as added Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 472, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1685.)

§ 796a. Definitions

As used in this part:

(1) Administrator

The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) Center for independent living

The term “center for independent living” means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency for individuals with significant disabilities (regardless of age or income) that—

(A) is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities; and

(B) provides an array of independent living services, including, at a minimum, independent living core services as defined in section 705(17) of this title.

(3) 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, in terms of the management, staffing, decisionmaking, operation, and provisions of services, of the center.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §702, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1218; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §473, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1685.)

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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).

AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (1). Pub. L. 113-128, §473(4), added par. (1). Former par. (1) redesignated (2).

Pub. L. 113-128, §473(1)(A), inserted “for individuals with significant disabilities (regardless of age or income)” before “that—” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1)(B). Pub. L. 113-128, §473(1)(B), inserted “, including, at a minimum, independent living core services as defined in section 705(17) of this title” before period at end.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 113-128, §473(3), redesignated par. (1) as (2). Former par. (2) redesignated (3).

Pub. L. 113-128, §473(2), inserted “, in terms of the management, staffing, decisionmaking, operation, and provisions of services, of the center” before period at end.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-128, §473(3), redesignated par. (2) as (3).

§ 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.)

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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 Administrator, and obtain approval of, a State plan developed and signed in accordance with paragraph (2), containing such provisions as the Administrator may require, including, at a minimum, the provisions required in this section.

(2) Joint development

The plan under paragraph (1) shall be joint—

(A) developed by the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, and the directors of the centers for independent living in the State, after receiving public input from individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders throughout the State; and

(B) signed by—

(i) the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, acting on behalf of and at the direction of the Council;

(ii) the director of the designated State entity described in subsection (c); and

(iii) not less than 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living in the State.

(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 independent living services in the State;

(B) the development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living; and

(C) working relationships and collaboration between—

(i) centers for independent living; and

(ii)(I) entities carrying out programs that provide independent living services, including those serving older individuals;

(II) other community-based organizations that provide or coordinate the provision of housing, transportation, employ-