garding the extent to which the center is in compliance with the standards set forth in subsection (b); and

(14) an independent living plan described in section 796c(e) of this title will be developed unless the individual who would receive services under the plan signs a waiver stating that such a plan is unnecessary.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §725, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1234; amended Pub. L. 105-332, §5(c), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3127; Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §483, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1693.)

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796f-4, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §725, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4462; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(l), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 731, related to standards and assurances for centers for independent living, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

### AMENDMENTS

2014-Subsec. (b)(1)(D). Pub. L. 113-128, §483(1), substituted "access for" for "access of" and ", within their communities," for "to society and". Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-128, §483(2), substituted "Ad-

ministrator" for "Commissioner" wherever appearing.

1998—Subsec. (c)(7). Pub. L. 105-332 substituted "man-agement;" for "management, including making arrangements for an annual independent fiscal audit, notwithstanding section 7502(a)(2)(A) of title 31;".

### §796f-5. "Eligible agency" defined

As used in this subpart, the term "eligible agency" means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §726, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1237.)

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796f-5, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §726, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4464, defined "eligible agency", prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105 - 220.

## §796f-6. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart \$78,305,000 for fiscal year 2015, \$84,353,000 for fiscal year 2016, \$86,104,000 for fiscal year 2017, \$88,013,000 for fiscal year 2018, \$90,083,000 for fiscal year 2019, and \$91,992,000 for fiscal year 2020.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §727, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1237; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §484, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1693.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796f-6, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §727, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4464, authorized appropriations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105 - 220.

Prior sections 796g to 796i were repealed by Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443.

Section 796g, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §731, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 3000; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(h)(2), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1811; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §208(h), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, provided for grants to States to establish systems to protect and advocate for rights of individuals with severe handicaps.

Section 796h, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §732, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 3000; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, related to affirmative action on part of recipients of assistance to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with handicaps.

Section 796i, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §741, formerly §731, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 3001; renumbered §741 and amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, 172(a)(1), (b), Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 32; Pub. L. 99-506, title VIII, §806, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1840; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §208(i), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3315; Pub. L. 102-52, §8, June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 262, provided for appropriations.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014-Pub. L. 113-128 substituted "\$78,305,000 for fiscal year 2015, \$84,353,000 for fiscal year 2016, \$86,104,000 for fiscal year 2017, \$88,013,000 for fiscal year 2018, \$90,083,000 for fiscal year 2019, and \$91,992,000 for fiscal year 2020." for "such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003."

PART B-INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND

### §796j. "Older individual who is blind" defined

For purposes of this part, the term "older individual who is blind'' means an individual age 55 or older whose significant visual impairment makes competitive employment extremely difficult to attain but for whom independent living goals are feasible.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §751, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1237.)

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796j, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §751, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §703(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4464, defined "older individual who is blind", prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

### §796j-1. Training and technical assistance

### (a) In general

From the funds appropriated and made available to carry out this part for any fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2015, the Commissioner shall first reserve not less than 1.8 percent and not more than 2 percent of the funds to provide, either directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, training and technical assistance to designated State agencies, or other providers of independent living services for older individuals who are blind, that are funded under this part for such fiscal year.

# (b) Survey

The Commissioner shall conduct a survey of designated State agencies that receive grants under section 796k of this title regarding training and technical assistance needs in order to determine funding priorities for such training and technical assistance.

### (c) Application for grant

To be eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract or cooperative agreement under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such manner,