

(B) ACCEPTANCE OF ASSISTANCE NOT REQUIRED.

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION IF ACCEPTANCE WOULD VIOLATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES.

(C) RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION.

AN ORGANIZATION FUNDED UNDER THE FIP MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, RELIGIOUS BELIEF, OR REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A RELIGIOUS PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL'S RECEIPT OF SERVICE UNDER THE FIP.

(D) NOTICE OF RIGHTS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ALL RECIPIENTS WITH CLEAR AND TIMELY NOTICE OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER § 104(E) OF THE FEDERAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 47(b), (c), (e), and (f).

In subsections (a) and (c) of this section, the defined term "FIP" is substituted for the former references to the "Family Investment Program" and "Program" for consistency throughout this subtitle.

In subsection (d) of this section, the defined term "recipients" is substituted for the former reference to "persons receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program" for brevity and consistency throughout this subtitle.

Also in subsection (d) of this section, the reference to the "federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" is substituted for the former reference to "P.L. 104-193 (1996)" for clarity. See 42 U.S.C. 604a.

Defined terms: "Department" § 5-101

"FIP" § 5-301

"Recipient" § 5-301

5-308. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) A FAMILY MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ONLY IF THE FAMILY INCLUDES:

(I) A MINOR CHILD WHO RESIDES WITH A CUSTODIAL PARENT OR OTHER ADULT CARETAKER WHO IS A RELATIVE OF THE CHILD; OR

(II) A PREGNANT INDIVIDUAL.

(2) ASSISTANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ONLY IF THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT: