

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES  
REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

POLICY DIRECTIVE  
RSA-PD-14-03  
DATE: December 16, 2013

ADDRESSEES: PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS  
PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS  
PROGRAMS  
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES  
STATE REHABILITATION COUNCILS  
AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION  
PROJECTS  
STATEWIDE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: OMB Approval of the Assurances for the Protection and Advocacy  
for Assistive Technology Program, OMB 1820-0658

POLICY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has extended the  
assurances for the Protection and Advocacy for Assistive  
Technology (PAAT) program through November 30, 2016. The  
OMB number for this form is 1820-0658.

This form is used by states to request funds to establish and carry out the PAAT program. Section 5, of the *Assistive Technology Act of 1998*, as amended, requires that the Secretary of Education make a grant to an entity in each state to support protection and advocacy (P&A) services, for the purposes of assisting in the acquisition, utilization or maintenance of assistive technology or assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities.

A signed set of assurances is a condition for the receipt of federal funds for the PAAT program. To receive federal funds to establish the PAAT program, the state P&A agency must provide the assurances contained in the approved form that the PAAT program can carry out its statutorily prescribed purposes and functions. RSA also relies on the signed set of assurances submitted as part of the application process to ensure compliance by the PAAT program.

The attached version of the assurances for the PAAT program has been extended through November 30, 2016. This form is required to be submitted only when the state has redesignated the PAAT program or there has been a change that would affect any of the assurances provided.

CITATIONS

IN LAW:

Section 5(f) of the *Assistive Technology Act of 1998*, as amended; and *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*.

EFFECTIVE

DATE:

Immediately upon issuance

EXPIRATION

DATE:

November 30, 2016

INQUIRIES:

Please direct any questions concerning this Policy Directive to David M. Jones, Vocational Rehabilitation Unit, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 550 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, RM 5143, Washington, DC 20202-2800, by telephone (202) 245-7356 or by email at David.Jones@ed.gov.

/s/

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Janet L. LaBreck  
Commissioner

ATTACHMENTS

CC: Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation  
National Council of State Agencies for the Blind  
National Disability Rights Network

OMB Control No. 1820-0658  
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REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
ASSURANCES FOR THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY (PAAT) PROGRAM

Yes	An eligible system
	(1) has in effect a system to provide protection and advocacy services for the purposes of assisting in the acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology or assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities;
	(2) shall annually prepare and submit to the secretary a report that contains such information as the secretary may require, including documentation of the progress of the entity in-- (A) conducting consumer-responsive activities, including activities that will lead to increased access, for individuals with disabilities, to funding for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; (B) engaging in informal advocacy to assist in securing assistive technology and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities; (C) engaging in formal representation for individuals with disabilities to secure systems change, and in advocacy activities to secure assistive technology and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities; (D) developing and implementing strategies to enhance the long-term abilities of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to advocate the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to which the individuals with disabilities are entitled under law other than the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (AT Act); and (E) coordinating activities with protection and advocacy services funded through sources other than this title, and coordinating activities with the capacity building and advocacy activities carried out by the State agency funded pursuant to section 101 of the AT Act;
	(3) shall prepare and submit to the state agency funded pursuant to section 101 of the AT Act, the report described in (2) above, and quarterly updates regarding those activities;
	(4) shall comply with all relevant provisions of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).
As a duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above assurances.	
Name of Applicant:	
Printed name and title of authorized representative:	
Signature:	Date:

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