**§5467. Application and preliminary procedures**

**1. Application.**  An application for adult developmental services, on a form provided by the commissioner, must be initiated at or referred to a regional office of the department. Except for referrals identifying a possible need for adult protective services, the department shall accept only those referrals to which the client or client's guardian has consented.

[PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §109 (AMD).]

**2. Preliminary procedures.**  Within 10 work days from the day of the department's receipt of the application and a permission for service form signed by the client or the client's guardian, the department shall:

A. Determine when a visit to observe the client in the client's current environment or other setting familiar and comfortable to the client will be appropriate and useful; [PL 2003, c. 389, §9 (AMD).]

B. Obtain a brief family survey; [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]

C. Make a preliminary identification of the client's abilities and needs and of the relevant services presently available to the client; [PL 2003, c. 389, §9 (AMD).]

D. Ensure the client's access to an advocate throughout the process of adult developmental services under sections 5467 to 5471; [PL 2013, c. 21, §10 (AMD).]

E. Determine what information is needed to establish eligibility; [PL 2003, c. 389, §9 (NEW).]

F. Provide services or referral for services to meet singular immediate needs for the client's health and safety; and [PL 2003, c. 389, §9 (NEW).]

G. Begin to gather information for a service plan or a personal plan. [PL 2003, c. 389, §9 (NEW).]

[PL 2013, c. 21, §10 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

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