



MDMR STATEMENT REGARDING DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY AND REQUEST FORM FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

MDMR's Commitment

The MDMR complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended by the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), and provides reasonable accommodations to disabled program participants, if the reasonable accommodation would allow the individual to participate in the MDMR programs, unless doing so would create an undue hardship.

Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation

If you believe you need an accommodation because of your disability, you are responsible for requesting a reasonable accommodation from the Executive Director for program participation accommodations. You may make the request orally or in writing. However, the MDMR encourages all requests be submitted IN writing on the attached ADA Accommodations Request Form, and to include relevant information, such as:

- A description of the accommodation you are requesting.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you participate in the requested program.

After receiving your oral or written request, the MDMR will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. The MDMR encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to participate in the program activity. However, the MDMR is not required to make the specific accommodation you request and may provide an alternative effective accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the MDMR's operations.

Medical Information

You are not required to provide any medical documentation when requesting a reasonable accommodation. If the information provided in response to this request contains any medical information, the MDMR will keep confidential any medical information obtained in connection with your request for a reasonable accommodation.

Determinations

The MDMR makes determinations about reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis considering various factors and based on an individualized assessment in each situation.

The MDMR strives to make determinations on reasonable accommodation requests expeditiously and will inform the individual requesting the accommodation once a determination

has been made. If you have any questions about a reasonable accommodation request you made, please contact the Chief Operations Officer for program participation related accommodations.

Reporting Inappropriate Program Conduct

The effectiveness of our efforts depends largely on individuals telling us about inappropriate program conduct. If program participants feel that they or someone else may have been subjected to conduct that violates this policy, they should report it immediately to the Executive Director for program related conduct. If possible discriminatory conduct is not reported, the MDMR may not become aware of a possible violation of this policy and may not be able to take appropriate corrective action.

Administration of This Policy

The Executive Director is responsible for the administration of this policy. If you have any questions regarding this policy or questions about disability accommodations that are not addressed in this policy, please contact the Chief Operations Officer.

If you need these services, please contact:

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MDMR Executive Director

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