§ 18.451 Application.

Subpart F applies to health, and other social service programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to recipients that operate or receive Federal financial assistance for the operation of such programs or activities.

§ 18.452 Health and other social services.

(a) General. In providing health, or other social services or benefits, a recipient may not, on the basis of handicap:

1. Deny a qualified handicapped person these benefits or services;
2. Give a qualified handicapped person the opportunity to receive benefits or services that are not equal to those offered nonhandicapped persons;
3. Provide a qualified handicapped person with benefits or services that are not as effective (as defined in §18.404(b)(2)) as the benefits or services provided to others;
4. Provide benefits or services in a manner that limits or has the effect of limiting the participation of qualified handicapped persons; or
5. Provide different or separate benefits or services to handicapped persons except where necessary to provide qualified handicapped persons with benefits and services that are as effective as those provided to others.

(b) Notice. A recipient that provides notice concerning benefits or services or written material concerning waivers of rights of consent to treatment shall ensure that qualified handicapped persons, including those with impaired sensory or speaking skills, are not denied effective notice because of their handicap.

§ 18.453 Drug and alcohol addicts.

A recipient that operates a general hospital or outpatient facility may not discriminate, with regard to a drug or alcohol abuser or alcoholic who is suffering from a medical condition, in the admission of that person for treatment of the medical condition, or in the treatment of the medical condition because of the person’s drug or alcohol abuse or alcoholism.

§ 18.454 Education of institutionalized persons.

A recipient that operates or supervises a program or activity that provides aid, benefits, or services for persons who are institutionalized because of handicap and is responsible for providing training shall ensure that each qualified handicapped person, as defined in §18.403(k)(2), in its program or activity that provides aid, benefits, or services is provided an appropriate education, as defined in §18.433(b). Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as altering in any way the obligations of recipients under §§18.431 through 18.439.