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Address Confidentiality Program



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What is it?

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides a means by which survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, or stalking or those engaged in legally protected gender-affirming and reproductive health care services may use a confidential address to increase safety.

How does it work?

A survivor completes an ACP application with a certified Application Assistant (AA). The applicant must demonstrate that disclosure of the survivor's address threatens their safety.

Legally protected health care professionals do not need to use an Application Assistant to submit an application or demonstrate that disclosure of their address threatens their safety.

Once the ACP receives an application, it is reviewed. If accepted, the Secretary will assign a substitute address to the participant to be used as the participant's legal address in the state of MA.

What ACP is:

A mail forwarding service

A legal mechanism for suppressing the participant's address from disclosure on the public record by providing a safe mailing address

A safe address for purposes of RMV transactions

Note: the ACP does not protect from prior disclosures of addresses

What ACP is not:

Social Service Agency

Law Enforcement Agency

Witness Protection Program

Who can apply?

- 1) Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, or stalking who:
 - live in MA
 - have recently relocated to a new address or are willing to relocate
 - have not made their new address part of any public record
 - have not updated their new address with the RMV or USPS
 - know that the perpetrator does not know new address
 - can demonstrate that disclosure of address threatens safety
- 2) Individuals who are engaged in the provision, facilitation, or promotion of legally-protected healthcare services including:
 - gender-affirming health care services
 - reproductive health care services

How do I apply?

For survivors:

- Call ACP office to be connected with an AA
- Contact a DV/SA agency in MA

For legally protected healthcare professionals:

- Visit the ACP website
- Note:** Healthcare professionals are not required to submit their application through an AA

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