## 1 - ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**Discharge from Institutions**
To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional settings are discharged to community settings with appropriate supports and services.

**Unusual and Suspicious Deaths**
To ensure that unusual and suspicious deaths of persons residing in state-operated or sponsored institutions and programs are appropriately investigated and responded to.

**Individual Rights Violations**
To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities in institutions and community settings are protected.

**Representative Payee**
To ensure that beneficiaries of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income are not exploited or subject to abuse or neglect by representative payees.

## 2 - DISCRIMINATION

**Housing**
To ensure that people with disabilities have greater access to accessible, affordable housing and experience decreased housing discrimination.

**Employment**
To ensure that people with disabilities experience decreased employment discrimination and gain increased opportunities.

**Voting**
To ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity and can exercise the right to register and vote.

**Public Accommodations and Government Services**
To ensure that people with disabilities have non-discriminatory access to public accommodations and public entities.

## 3 - COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

**Community-Based Services and Supports**
To ensure that adults with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services to promote integration and independence.

**Accessible Transportation**
To improve the availability of accessible transportation for people with disabilities.

## 4 - HEALTH CARE

**Health Care**
To ensure that people with disabilities have access to appropriate health care services.

## 4A - DECISION MAKING

**Decision Making**
To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected through informed, supported individual and/or surrogate decision making.

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5 - CHILDREN

EDUCATION
To ensure that children with disabilities receive equal educational opportunities in the least restrictive setting appropriate for their needs.

BULLYING
To ensure that children with disabilities do not experience bullying in educational settings.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
To ensure that children with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services.

JUVENILE JUSTICE
Improve the diversion of children with disabilities from the juvenile justice system and the access to appropriate services and supports of children with disabilities in juvenile justice facilities.

6 - ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

STATE LEVEL ACTIVITIES
To conduct state level activities to increase awareness and acquisition of assistive technology.

COMMUNITY CHOICE FUND
To facilitate the discharge of people with disabilities and elderly residents of nursing homes to the community through access to assistive technology devices and services.

STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
To conduct statewide leadership activities to increase awareness and enhance the use of assistive technology.

ADVOCACY
To increase access to assistive technology through individual advocacy and legal representation.

7 - EMPLOYMENT

REHABILITATION SERVICES
To ensure that people with disabilities receive services on a timely basis consistent with the Rehabilitation Act.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST
To promote policies and practices that maximize employment potential in integrated settings for competitive wages.

WORK-RELATED OVERPAYMENTS
To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income who receive notices of work-related overpayments that threaten continued employment.

TRANSITION
To ensure that the state’s vocational rehabilitation programs maximize employment transition services for students and vocational rehabilitation clients transitioning from school to adult life.

TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES
To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income to remove barriers to employment.

8 - CONSUMER OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS
To increase services to historically underserved urban, rural and minority persons with disabilities.

SELF-ADVOCACY
To promote consumer participation in self-advocacy and rights education and training.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
To promote the education of consumers and their families regarding disability rights and issues.

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