Address Confidentiality Program At-a-Glance

Legislative Authority: P.L.1997, c.369 (R.S.47:4-1 et seq.),

Overview: The Address Confidentiality Program allows victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and reproductive health workers to establish an alternate mailing address and keep their actual address confidential.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. *Sworn Statement to Application Assistant*
    a. Any individual person, who is over the age of 18 or an emancipated minor, applying to the Address Confidentiality Program must provide a sworn statement that the applicant is a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, or is a reproductive health worker that fears further violent acts.

2. *NO requirement of restraining order or police report*
    a. The statute defines "domestic violence," "sexual violence," and "stalking" as acts defined in section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19*), if the act has been reported to a law enforcement agency or court.*

3. *4- Year Certification*
    a. If the application is accepted, the applicant is given an official laminated ACP Card. The applicant is certified as a program participant for a period of four years and may be recertified for subsequent four-year periods.

4. *Designated Address*
    a. ACP provides the participant with a designated address to be used as the mailing address. The program forwards the participant's mail to the actual address, keeping it confidential. The participant may use the designated address as their work address, on driver's licenses, and for all other purposes. State and local agencies are *statutorily required* to accept the designated address.

5. *Bona Fide Statutory Basis for Disclosure*
    a. If an agency demonstrates a bona fide statutory basis for the actual location, then the disclosed confidential address can **ONLY** be used for that statutory purpose. It cannot not be disclosed or made available in any other way.

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