

9E.5 Use of designated address.

1. When a program participant presents the program participant's designated address to any person, that designated address shall be accepted as the address of the program participant. The person shall not require the program participant to submit any other address that could be used to physically locate the program participant either as a substitute address or in addition to the designated address, or as a condition of receiving a service or benefit, unless the service or benefit would be impossible to provide without knowledge of the program participant's physical location.

2. A program participant may use the designated address as the program participant's work address.

3. The secretary shall forward all mail sent to the designated address to the program participant. At the request of the program participant, the secretary may hold the program participant's mail for up to thirty days.

4. The office of the secretary of state shall act as agent of the program participant for purposes of service of process. The secretary shall forward any service of process received by the office of the secretary of state by certified mail, return receipt requested to the designated address of the program participant within three days of receipt in the office of the secretary of state. A program participant shall either accept or reject service of process and the secretary shall notify the person initiating the service of process, unless such person is not ascertainable from the service of process documents, of the date of the program participant's acceptance or rejection of the service of process. The date of service of the service of process is the date of the participant's acceptance or rejection.

5. If a program participant has notified a person in writing, on a form prescribed by the secretary, that the individual is a program participant and of the requirements of [this section](#), the person shall not knowingly disclose the program participant's address, unless any of the following:

a. The person to whom the address is disclosed also lives, works, or goes to school at the address disclosed.

b. The program participant has provided written consent to disclosure of the program participant's name and address for the purpose for which the disclosure will be made.

6. [This section](#) does not apply to documents or records relating to real property. The secretary shall offer a program participant information relating to the purchase of real property utilizing limited liability companies, trusts, or other legal entities in order to protect the participant's identity for purposes of this program when purchasing real property.

[2015 Acts, ch 96, §6, 17; 2025 Acts, ch 65, §3](#)

Referred to in [§9E.4, 9E.8](#)

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