

§ 51-9.303-3 Granting access.

(a) Upon receipt of a request for access to non-exempt records, the Executive Director shall make such records available to the individual, or shall acknowledge the request within ten working days. The acknowledgment shall indicate when the Executive Director will make the record available.

(b) If the Executive Director anticipates more than ten days in making a record available he also shall include in the acknowledgement specific reasons for the delay.

(c) If an individual's request for access does not contain sufficient information to permit the Executive Director to locate the record, the Executive Director shall request additional information from the individual and shall have ten working days following receipt of the additional information in which to make the record available, or to acknowledge receipt of the request and indicate when the record will be available. In no case shall more information be requested from the individual than that contained in the pertinent system of records.

(d) The Executive Director, at his discretion, either shall permit an individual to examine the original of the record, or shall provide the individual with a copy of the record. Fees shall be charged only for copies requested by the individual and not for copies provided to the individual for convenience of the agency.

(e) An individual may request to pick up a record in person or receive it by mail, directed to the name and address provided by the individual in his request. The Executive Director shall not make a record available to a third party for delivery to the subject individual, except in the case of medical records outlined in § 51-9.303-2.

(f) The Executive Director shall maintain in an individual's record an accounting of disclosures to the individual's documenting compliance with the request.

(g) The procedures for access to an accounting of disclosures is identical to the procedure for access to a record as set forth in this section.

§ 51-9.303-4 Denials of access.

(a) The Executive Director may deny any individual access to his record only on the grounds that the Committee has published rules in the FEDERAL REGISTER exempting the pertinent system of records from the access requirement.

(b) Upon receipt of a request for access to an exempt system, the Executive Director shall prepare a letter denying access. The letter of denial shall contain a justification for denial of access which includes appropriate citation to the exemption provisions of these rules or other FEDERAL REGISTER notice exempting the system.

§ 51-9.304 Fees.**§ 51-9.304-1 Records available without charge.**

The Executive Director shall make one copy of a record available to an employee without charge, and may waive the fee requirement for any other individual requesting records if the cost of collecting the fee is an unduly large part of, or greater than, the fee, or when furnishing the record without charge conforms to generally established business custom or is in the public interest.

§ 51-9.304-2 Records available at a fee.

The Executive Director shall provide one copy of a record to the individual at a fee prescribed in § 51-9.304-5. A reasonable number of additional copies will be provided for the applicable fee where reproduction services are not readily available.

§ 51-9.304-3 Prepayment of fees over \$25.

When the Executive Director determines that the anticipated total fee is likely to exceed \$25, he shall notify the individual that he must prepay the anticipated fee prior to making the records available. The Committee will remit the excess paid by the individual or bill the individual for an additional amount according to variations between the final fee charged and the amount prepaid.

§ 51-9.304-4 Form of payment.

Payment shall be by check or money order payable to the Committee for

Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled and shall be addressed to the Executive Director.

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§ 51-9.304-5 Reproduction fee schedule.

(a) The fee for reproducing a copy of a record (by routine electrostatic copying) up to and including material 8½ x 14 inches shall be \$0.10 per page.

(b) The fee for reproducing a copy of a record over 8½ x 14 inches or whose physical characteristics do not permit reproduction by routine electrostatic copying shall be the direct cost of reproducing the records through Government or commercial sources.

Subpart 51-9.4—Requests To Amend Records

§ 51-9.401 Submission of requests to amend records.

(a) An individual who desires to amend any record or information pertaining to him should direct a written request to the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

(b) A request should bear the legend "Privacy Act—Request to Amend Record" prominently marked on both the face of the request letter and the envelope.

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§ 51-9.402 Review of requests to amend records.

(a) Upon receipt of a request to amend a record, the responsible official, whenever practicable shall complete the review and advise the individual of the results within ten working days. If a determination cannot be made within ten working days, the Executive Director, within ten working days, shall send the individual a written acknowledgment of receipt of the request including a description of the

request and the date when the requester may expect to be advised of action taken on the request. Except in unusual circumstances, the Executive Director shall complete the review within 30 working days. In unusual circumstances, causing delay beyond the 30 day limit, the Executive Director shall inform the individual in writing of the cause of delay, the actions taken to review the record, and the date the Executive Director anticipates the review to be complete.

(b) When reviewing a record in response to a request to amend, the Executive Director shall assess the accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness of the record to ensure fairness to the individual in any determination made on the basis of the record. With respect to a request to delete information, the Executive Director also shall review the request and record to determine whether the information is relevant and necessary to accomplish an agency purpose required to be accomplished by law or Executive Order.

§ 51-9.403 Approval of requests to amend.

If the Executive Director agrees to amend a record, he promptly shall make the necessary corrections to the record and shall send a copy of the corrected record to the individual. Where an accounting of disclosure has been maintained, he shall advise all previous recipients of the record of the fact that a correction was made of/and the substance of the correction. Where practicable, the Executive Director shall send a copy of the corrected record to previous recipients.

§ 51-9.404 Refusal of request to amend.

(a) The Executive Director, or any official acting for him, shall have the authority to issue an initial refusal of a request to amend a record within his custody and shall be responsible for the initial adverse agency determination.

(b) If the Executive Director, after reviewing the request to amend a record, determines not to amend the record, he promptly shall advise the requester in writing of the determination. The refusal letter (1) shall state the reasons for refusal, (2) shall state