

# Regulatory Roundup

Weekly Webinar for Long-Term Care Professionals

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# Today's Agenda

- Upcoming events Katie Niehoff, IHCA/INCAL
- Senior Living Awards IHCA/INCAL Members
- CMP project highlights Suzanne Williams, IDOH
- Keeping Up with Election Law Changes to Absentee
  Voting Angie Nussmeyer, Co-Director, Indiana
  Election Division
- Next Regualtory Roundup Meeting: May 9, 2024



# Upcoming Education

- Documentation for Dialysis Care, webinar, May 21:
  Details <u>HERE</u>
- 5-Star Quality Rating System, live online course, May 30, Details <u>HERE</u>
- SNF DON Workshop, in-person June 25-26, Details HERE

Who will YOU nominate?

## 2024 Senior Living Awards

Recognizing Indiana's long-term care professionals for their unwavering dedication to serve our seniors.

Visit IHCA.ORG or scan the code to submit YOUR nomination today!



Nomination Deadline: May 3 (End of Day)





# Keeping Up with Election Law Changes to ABS Voting

Presented by Angie Nussmeyer, IED Co-Director anussmeyer@iec.in.gov (317) 232-3940

Note: information in this presentation reflect the views of the presenter and should not be construed to be the official view of the Indiana Election Division.

#### Acronyms

ABS = absentee

CEB = county election board

DLN = Indiana driver's license number

Note: ID cards & learner's permits have credential number & can be used for VR transactions

SVRS = statewide voter registration system

VR = voter registration

#### **Types of ABS Voting**

#### **ABS-Mail**

- Must mark a reason to vote by mail on app
- Must be able to personally mark ABS ballot
  - Deadline for CEB to receive ABS-Mail app is 11:59 PM, 12-days before each election

#### **ABS-Traveling Board**

- Bi-partisan team schedules appointment to assist voter with completing their ballot AFTER app is filed with office
  - Deadline for CEB to receive ABS-Traveling Board app is NOON, day before Election Day
  - Emergency provisions may permit CEB to send travel board on election day

Voters must file these two types of ABS apps in each election they wish to vote by ABS ballot

#### **Types of ABS Voting**

#### **ABS-VPD**

- Designed for "voters with print disabilities"
  - Defined in law as those with low or no vision or have manual dexterity issues
- Considered a combined form where voter can update VR record & request ABS ballot
  - ABS ballot can be sent by mail, email, fax
  - If sent by email, voter is issued ballot through an online portal designed to work with screen readers
- ABS portion of app is good for one calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31)



#### **Obtaining ABS application: Mail**

CEB or state may only <u>mail</u> ABS application at request of voter OR voter's family member

 Defined in law as: voter's spouse, parent, parent-in-law, child, child-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, sibling-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece

Applies to any type of ABS application: mail, travel board, voter with print disabilities, etc.



#### Obtaining ABS application: Online

- ✓ Log-in to indianavoters.com
  - Must enter name and date of birth exactly as it appears on their registration
- ✓ Click ABS app type
  - Mail, Travel Board, Voter with Print Disabilities
- ✓ Enter voter ID number
  - Voter's DLN, last four of SSN, or unique ID
    - If matched, then voter can access ABS app
    - If not matched, voter can add DLN or last 4 of SSN to VR record
- ✓ Complete app & submit
  - County receives app in a "hopper" to process & voter's signature on VR record applied to app on back-end

#### Voter ID Number & Paper ABS apps

Voters have two options to prove identity:

- 1. Attach a copy of a valid ID used for voting purposes
  - Issued by state or federal government
  - Current or expired since Nov. 8, 2022
  - Include photo of voter
  - Include name that conforms to VR record
- 2. Include IN DLN or last 4 of SSN or SVRS ID number
  - Number matched against VR record
  - If not on VR record, matched against BMV or Social Security Administration records
    - If matched against these databases, voter ID number added to voter's VR record



#### **Assisting Voters**

#### **ABS Applications**

- Except for employer or union representative, anyone can assist voter with completing app
- Must complete affidavit of assistance on form
  - If POA, must attach it to form

#### **ABS Mail Ballots**

Voter must be able to personally mark own ballot & place inside ballot security envelope

- Voter may have assistance with sealing envelope
  - If assistance provided, must complete affidavit of assistance
- Voter must be able sign name/make mark on affidavit on security envelope
  - POA or member of voter's household can attest to voter's signature/mark but must include POA paperwork with ballot

#### **ABS Travel Board**

Assistance with completing ballot may be provided by bi-partisan team

#### Other Reminders

#### State Licensed Care Facilities as Early or Election Day Voting Sites

Voters residing in a state licensed care facility do not have to show photo ID when voting in-person, IF care facility is used as an early or election day voting location open to all voters of the precinct

#### **Voters & their POAs**

- POAs do not have authority to cancel/update voter's registration or decide whether voter is able to request or cast a ballot
  - Indiana election law does not place restrictions on those with diminished mental capacity from participating in elections

#### Residency

- Residency is fact sensitive & depends on the voter's intent
  - If voter intends to return to their home address, then likely should remain registered at home
- Ultimately, it's the voter's decision where they reside

#### Resources

in.gov/sos/elections indianavoters.com

### Questions?

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