Explanation

Under this legislation, all persons applying for, receiving, or participating in any federally assisted program or activity are protected against discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

Any of the following actions by a social services agency or by an agency, institution, or facility providing care or service under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance are considered discriminatory when based on race, color, or national origin:

1. Denial of aid, care, service, or other benefits.
2. Segregation or separate treatment.
3. Restriction in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others.
4. Treatment which is different from that afforded others in regard to determination of eligibility or other condition which must be met.

Any individual who feels he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin may make a written complaint within 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination to:

1. the local county director of social services, or
2. the Director of the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh, or
3. the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.

Forms on which complaints may be made to the county and State offices may be secured from:

1. the local county department of social services, or
2. the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, 325 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5905.

Any individual who wishes to complain directly to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, may write him at the above address.