

EFFECTIVE Immediately.

Subjects

1. Service animals.
2. Legal dependents.

1) Service Animals ASM 137

Policy will use the definition provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for service animals. Service animals are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service dogs are working animals and not pets. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

The service animal is trained to meet the specific needs of the client relative to their disability. The service animal does **not** have to be professionally trained and proof of training **must not** be requested.

The tasks performed by the service animal are for the client. The adult services specialist may ask what tasks the service animal performs for the client but cannot request a demonstration of those tasks.

Reason: Compliance with federal regulations.

2) Legal Dependents

ASM 120

The following policy regarding legal dependents has been rescinded:

Shopping, laundry or light housecleaning must not be approved when a legal dependent of the client (minor 15-17) resides in the home, unless they are unavailable to provide these services.

Reason: Policy clarification.

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