

# Registering to Vote For Consumers of Long-Term Care

## FACT SHEET



The right to vote is a cornerstone in our society. However, the process of voting can sometimes be complicated and confusing. Long-term care facility residents and other consumers receiving long-term care services and supports retain their voting rights no matter where they live or what type of care they receive. These individuals often face unique challenges when attempting to participate in the political process. This fact sheet is intended to provide information for all long-term care consumers on how to register to vote.

### How to Register to Vote

#### In person

Visit your local election office or department of motor vehicles. Find your local election office at [www.usa.gov/election-office](http://www.usa.gov/election-office) or department of motor vehicles at [www.usa.gov/motor-vehicle-services](http://www.usa.gov/motor-vehicle-services) or call 1-844-872-4681.

#### By mail

Print, fill out and mail the National Mail Voter Registration Form, available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese at [www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources/register\\_to\\_vote.aspx](http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx).

If you register by mail, you may be required to show proof of identification *only the first time you vote*. Proof of identification includes a current and valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address. New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Wyoming have special restrictions.<sup>1</sup>

#### Online

Thirty states plus the District of Columbia offer online registration.<sup>2</sup> In most states, online voter registration systems work for people who have state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards. Some states provide online access for other potential voters as well. To find online voter registration for your state, visit: <http://bit.ly/1OEypM9> or simply google your state's name + "online voter registration".

#### Check If You Are Already Registered

[www.longdistancevoter.org/amiregisteredtovote](http://www.longdistancevoter.org/amiregisteredtovote)

Contact [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) for contact information for your local elections office: Call 1-844-872-4681

Chat with live help at [www.usa.gov/chat](http://www.usa.gov/chat) or send an email at [www.usa.gov/email](mailto:www.usa.gov/email)

For more information visit  
<http://theconsumervoice.org/events/residents-rights-month-2016>

<sup>1</sup> New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept the National Mail Voter Registration form only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form. North Dakota does not have voter registration. Wyoming does not permit mail registration

<sup>2</sup> AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MD, MA, MN, MO, NE, NV, NM, NY, OR, PA, SC, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV