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Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness

About:

- The NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities serves people with mental, physical, and sensory disabilities by providing *independent* oversight of the quality and cost-effectiveness of services provided to individuals with mental disabilities, and by promoting public policies that meet the needs and advance the rights of all persons with disabilities in New York State.
- The Commission also serves as the State's Protection and Advocacy agency, and administers eight federal programs which provide legal and other advocacy services to persons with disabilities to assist them in obtaining the services and protections of federal and state laws.

Advocacy:

- The Commission provides advocacy, training and technical assistance for individuals with all types of disabilities, including:
 - Providing legal and other protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities;
 - Providing access to assistive technology devices, loans and demonstrations;
 - Authorizing medical care through volunteer Surrogate Decision-Making Committee panels;
 - Training, supporting and empowering people with disabilities in exercising their civil rights; and
 - Administering the Interagency Council for Services to Persons who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing.

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