

17—22.6 (231E,633) Conflict of interest—state office. A conflict of interest arises when the SDM has any personal or agency interest that is or may be perceived as self-serving or adverse to the position or best interest of the consumer. When assigning a consumer to an SDM, all reasonable efforts shall be made to avoid an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

22.6(1) The assigned SDM shall not:

- a.* Provide direct services to the consumer receiving substitute decision-making services;
- b.* Have an affiliation with or financial interest in the consumer's estate;
- c.* Employ friends or family to provide services for a fee; or
- d.* Solicit or accept incentives from service providers.

22.6(2) The SDM shall be independent from all service providers, thus ensuring that the SDM remains free to challenge inappropriate or poorly delivered services and to advocate on behalf of the consumer.

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