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(ii) Making use of appropriate sampling methods, if sampling is permitted; and

(iii) Describing the sampling methods used, if reporting to the Secretary; and

(2) Provide for reporting data required under section 618 of the Act that relates to this part.

(b) The information required in paragraph (a)(2) of this section must be provided at the time and in the manner specified by the Secretary.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(14))

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USE OF FUNDS FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION

§ 303.560 Use of funds by the lead agency.

A lead agency may use funds under this part that are reasonable and necessary for administering the State's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1433, 1435(a)(10))

Subpart G—State Interagency Coordinating Council

GENERAL

§ 303.600 Establishment of Council.

(a) A State that desires to receive financial assistance under this part shall establish a State Interagency Coordinating Council.

(b) The Council must be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall ensure that the membership of the Council reasonably represents the population of the State.

(c) The Governor shall designate a member of the Council to serve as the chairperson of the Council or require the Council to do so. Any member of the Council who is a representative of the lead agency designated under § 303.500 may not serve as the chairperson of the Council.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1441(a))

NOTE: To avoid a potential conflict of interest, it is recommended that parent rep-

resentatives who are selected to serve on the Council not be employees of any agency involved in providing early intervention services.

It is suggested that consideration be given to maintaining an appropriate balance between the urban and rural communities of the State.

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§ 303.601 Composition.

(a) The Council must be composed as follows:

(1)(i) At least 20 percent of the members must be parents, including minority parents, of infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with disabilities aged 12 or younger, with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

(ii) At least one member must be a parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a child with a disability aged six or younger.

(2) At least 20 percent of the members must be public or private providers of early intervention services.

(3) At least one member must be from the State legislature.

(4) At least one member must be involved in personnel preparation.

(5) At least one member must—

(i) Be from each of the State agencies involved in the provisions of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families; and

(ii) Have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of these agencies.

(6) At least one member must—

(i) Be from the State educational agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities; and

(ii) Have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of that agency.

(7) At least one member must be from the agency responsible for the State governance of health insurance.

(8) At least one member must be from a Head Start agency or program in the State.

(9) At least one member must be from a State agency responsible for child care.

(b) The Council may include other members selected by the Governor, including a representative from the BIA

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or, where there is no school operated or funded by the BIA, from the Indian Health Service or the tribe or tribal council.

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§ 303.602 Use of funds by the Council.

(a) *General.* Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Council may use funds under this part—

- (1) To conduct hearings and forums;
- (2) To reimburse members of the Council for reasonable and necessary expenses for attending Council meetings and performing Council duties (including child care for parent representatives);
- (3) To pay compensation to a member of the Council if the member is not employed or must forfeit wages from other employment when performing official Council business;
- (4) To hire staff; and
- (5) To obtain the services of professional, technical, and clerical personnel, as may be necessary to carry out the performance of its functions under this part.

(b) *Compensation and expenses of Council members.* Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, Council members shall serve without compensation from funds available under this part.

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§ 303.603 Meetings.

(a) The Council shall meet at least quarterly and in such places as it deems necessary.

(b) The meetings must—

- (1) Be publicly announced sufficiently in advance of the dates they are to be held to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to attend; and
- (2) To the extent appropriate, be open and accessible to the general public.

(c) Interpreters for persons who are deaf and other necessary services must be provided at Council meetings, both for Council members and participants. The Council may use funds under this part to pay for those services.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1441 (c) and (d))

§ 303.604 Conflict of interest.

No member of the Council may cast a vote on any matter that would provide direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1441(f))

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

§ 303.650 General.

(a) Each Council shall—

- (1) Advise and assist the lead agency in the development and implementation of the policies that constitute the statewide system;
- (2) Assist the lead agency in achieving the full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all appropriate public agencies in the State;
- (3) Assist the lead agency in the effective implementation of the statewide system, by establishing a process that includes—
 - (i) Seeking information from service providers, service coordinators, parents, and others about any Federal, State, or local policies that impede timely service delivery; and
 - (ii) Taking steps to ensure that any policy problems identified under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section are resolved; and
- (4) To the extent appropriate, assist the lead agency in the resolution of disputes.

(b) Each Council may advise and assist the lead agency and the State educational agency regarding the provision of appropriate services for children aged birth to five, inclusive.

(c) Each Council may advise appropriate agencies in the State with respect to the integration of services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and at-risk infants and toddlers and