

of the SILC. For purposes of this paragraph and 34 CFR 74.162, 75.524, and 75.525, a SILC is not considered a government, governmental entity, or governmental recipient.

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§364.22 What is the State's responsibility for administration of the programs authorized by chapter 1 of title VII?

(a) *General.* The State plan must identify the DSU as the entity that, on behalf of the State, shall—

(1) Receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under part B of chapter 1 and section 723 of title VII of the Act (and 34 CFR parts 365 and 366, as applicable) based on the plan;

(2) Provide, as applicable, administrative support services for the SILS and CIL programs under part B of chapter 1 and section 723 of title VII of the Act, respectively, and 34 CFR parts 365 and 366, respectively;

(3) Keep records and afford access to these records as the Secretary finds to be necessary with respect to the SILS and CIL programs; and

(4) Submit additional information or provide assurances as the Secretary may require with respect to the SILS and CIL programs.

(b) *Provision of administrative support services.* The State plan must describe the administrative support services to be provided by the DSU under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(c) *Designation of State unit for individuals who are blind.* The State plan may designate a State agency or the organizational unit of a State agency that is authorized under State law to provide VR services to individuals who are blind under a State VR plan as the DSU to administer that part of the State IL plan under which IL services are provided to individuals who are blind. However, a State agency designated pursuant to this paragraph may not submit a separate State plan.

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§364.23 What are the staffing requirements?

(a) *General staffing requirement.* The State plan must assure that the staff of the service provider includes personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers.

(b) *Alternative communication needs staffing.* The State plan must also assure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the service provider makes available personnel able to communicate—

(1) With individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille, or audio tapes, and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act; and

(2) In the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

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§364.24 What assurances are required for staff development?

The State plan must assure that the service provider establishes and maintains a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, if appropriate, in administering the CIL program. The staff development program must emphasize improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy.

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§364.25 What are the requirements for a statewide network of centers for independent living?

(a) The State plan must include a design for the establishment of a statewide network of centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act and subparts F and G of 34 CFR part 366.

(b) The design required by paragraph (a) of this section must identify