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for any costs paid by the individual who is receiving IV-D services and pay all amounts reimbursed to the individual who is receiving IV-D services.

(5) If a State elects to recover costs under this section, the IV-D agency must notify, consistent with the option selected, either the individual who is receiving IV-D services under paragraphs (a)(1) (i) or (iii) of this section, or the individual who owes a support obligation that such recovery will be made. In an interstate case, the IV-D agency where the case originated must notify the individual receiving IV-D services of the States that recover costs.

(6) The IV-D agency must notify the IV-D agencies in all other States if it recovers costs from the individual receiving IV-D services.

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### § 302.34 Cooperative arrangements.

The State plan shall provide that the State will enter into written agreements for cooperative arrangements under § 303.107 with appropriate courts, law enforcement officials, Indian tribes or tribal organizations. Such arrangements may be entered into with a single official covering more than one court, official, or agency, if the single official has the legal authority to enter into arrangements on behalf of the courts, officials, or agencies. Such arrangements shall contain provisions for providing courts and law enforcement officials with pertinent information needed in locating noncustodial parents, establishing paternity and securing support, to the extent that such information is relevant to the duties to be performed pursuant to the arrangement. They shall also provide for assistance to the IV-D agency in carrying out the program, and may relate to any other matters of common concern. Under matters of common concern, such arrangements may include provisions for the investigation and prosecution of fraud directly related to

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paternity and child and spousal support, and provisions to reimburse courts and law enforcement officials for their assistance.

[54 FR 30222, July 19, 1989, as amended at 61 FR 67240, Dec. 20, 1996; 64 FR 6248, Feb. 9, 1999]

### § 302.35 State parent locator service.

The State plan shall provide as follows:

(a) The IV-D agency shall establish a State PLS using:

(1) All relevant sources of information and records available in the State, and in other States as appropriate; and

(2) The Federal PLS of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(b)(1) The IV-D agency shall establish a central State PLS office and may also designate additional IV-D offices within the State to submit requests to the Federal PLS.

(2) To designate more than two additional IV-D offices within the State, the IV-D agency must obtain written approval from the Office.

(c) The State PLS shall only accept requests to use the Federal PLS from:

(1) Any State or local agency or official seeking to collect child and spousal support obligations under the State plan;

(2) A court that has authority to issue an order or to serve as the initiating court in an action to seek an order against a noncustodial parent for the support and maintenance of a child, or any agent of such court;

(3) The resident parent, legal guardian, attorney, or agent of a child who is not receiving aid under title IV-A of the Act; and

(4) Authorized persons as defined in § 303.15 of this chapter if an agreement is in effect under § 303.15 to use the Federal PLS in connection with parental kidnapping or child custody or visitation cases.

(5) A State agency that is administering a program operated under a State plan under subpart 1 of part B, or a State plan approved under subpart 2 of part B or under part E.

(d) The State PLS shall, subject to the privacy safeguards required under section 454(26) of the Act, disclose only the information described in sections 453 and 463 of the Act to the authorized

persons specified in such sections for the purposes specified in such sections.

[46 FR 54556, Nov. 3, 1981, as amended at 47 FR 57281, Dec. 23, 1982; 50 FR 19648, May 9, 1985; 64 FR 6248, Feb. 9, 1999; 68 FR 25303, May 12, 2003]

**§ 302.36 Provision of services in interstate IV-D cases.**

(a) The State plan shall provide that the State will extend the full range of services available under its IV-D plan to any other State in accordance with the requirements set forth in §303.7 of this chapter.

(b) The State plan shall provide that the State will establish a central registry for interstate IV-D cases in accordance with the requirements set forth in §303.7(a) of this chapter.

[53 FR 5256, Feb. 22, 1988, as amended at 61 FR 67240, Dec. 20, 1996]

**§ 302.37 [Reserved]**

**§ 302.38 Payments to the family.**

The State plan shall provide that any payment required to be made under §§ 302.32 and 302.51 of this part to a family will be made to the resident parent, legal guardian, or caretaker relative having custody of or responsibility for the child or children.

**§ 302.39 Standards for program operation.**

The State plan shall provide that the IV-D agency will comply with the standards for program operation and the organizational and staffing requirements prescribed by part 303 of this chapter.

[41 FR 55348, Dec. 20, 1976]

**§ 302.40 [Reserved]**

**§ 302.50 Assignment of rights to support.**

The State plan shall provide as follows:

(a) An assignment of support rights, as defined in §301.1 of this chapter, constitutes an obligation owed to the State by the individual responsible for providing such support. Such obligation shall be established by:

(1) Order of a court of competent jurisdiction or of an administrative process; or

(2) Except for obligations assigned under 42 CFR 433.146, other legal process as established by State laws, such as a legally enforceable and binding agreement.

(b) The amount of the obligation described in paragraph (a) of this section shall be:

(1) The amount specified in the order of a court of competent jurisdiction or administrative process which covers the assigned support rights.

(2) If there is no court or administrative order, an amount determined in writing by the IV-D agency as part of the legal process referred to in paragraph (a)(2) of this section in accordance with the requirements of §302.56.

(c) The obligation described in paragraph (a) of this section shall be deemed for collection purposes to be collectible under all applicable State and local processes.

(d) Any amounts which represent support payments collected from an individual responsible for providing support under the State plan shall reduce, dollar for dollar, the amount of his obligation under this section.

(e) No portion of any amounts collected which represent an assigned support obligation defined under §301.1 of this chapter may be used to satisfy a medical support obligation unless the court or administrative order designates a specific dollar amount for medical purposes.

[64 FR 6248, Feb. 9, 1999, as amended at 68 FR 25303, May 12, 2003]

**§ 302.51 Distribution of support collections.**

The State plan shall provide as follows:

(a)(1) For purposes of distribution in a IV-D case, amounts collected, except as provided under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, shall be treated first as payment on the required support obligation for the month in which the support was collected and if any amounts are collected which are in excess of such amount, these excess amounts shall be treated as amounts which represent payment on the required support obligation for previous months.

(2) In title IV-A and title IV-E foster care cases in which conversion to a monthly amount is necessary because