

§ 371.43 What other special conditions apply to this program?

(a) Any American Indian with disabilities who is eligible for service under this program but who wishes to be provided service by the designated State unit must be referred to the State unit for such services.

(b) Preference in employment in connection with the provision of vocational rehabilitation services under this section must be given to American Indians, with a special priority being given to American Indians with disabilities.

(c) The provisions of sections 5, 6, 7, and 102(a) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act also apply under this program. These provisions relate to grant reporting and audit requirements, maintenance of records, access to records, availability of required reports and information to Indian people served or represented, repayment of unexpended Federal funds, criminal activities involving grants, penalties, wage and labor standards, preference requirements for American Indians in the conduct and administration of the grant, and requirements affecting requests of tribal organizations to enter into contracts. For purposes of applying these requirements to this program, the Secretary carries out those responsibilities assigned to the Secretary of Interior.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 130(b)(2) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 750(b)(2))

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PART 373—SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

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Subpart A—General

§ 373.1 What is the purpose of the Special Demonstration Programs?

The purpose of this program is to provide competitive grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities to expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), or to further the purposes and policies in sections 2(b) and (c) of the Act by supporting activities that increase the provision, extent, availability, scope, and quality of rehabilitation services under the Act, including related research and evaluations activities.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 701(b) and (c), 711(c), and 773(b))

§ 373.2 Who is eligible for assistance?

- (a) The following types of organizations are eligible for assistance under this program:
- (1) State vocational rehabilitation agencies.
 - (2) Community rehabilitation programs.
 - (3) Indian tribes or tribal organizations.
 - (4) Other public or nonprofit agencies or organizations, including institutions of higher education.