

(1) The SOP is a description and explanation of the priorities and selection criteria for the system's individual advocacy caseload; systemic advocacy work and training activities, and the outcomes which it strives to accomplish.

(2) Where applicable, the SOP must include a description of how the Protection and Advocacy System operates and how it coordinates the Protection and Advocacy program for individuals with developmental disabilities with other Protection and Advocacy (P&A) programs administered by the State Protection and Advocacy System. This description must address the System's intake process, internal and external referrals of eligible clients, duplication and overlap of services and eligibility, streamlining of advocacy services, collaboration and sharing of information on service needs and development of Statements of Objectives and Priorities for the various advocacy programs.

(3) Priorities as established through the SOP serve as the basis for P&As to determine which cases are selected in a given fiscal year. P&As have the authority to turn down a request for assistance when it is outside the scope of the SOP but they must inform individuals that this is the basis for turning them down.

(d) Each fiscal year, the Protection and Advocacy Agency shall:

(1) Obtain formal public input on its Statement of Objectives and Priorities;

(2) At a minimum, provide for a broad distribution of the proposed Statement of Objectives and Priorities for the next fiscal year in a manner accessible to individuals with developmental disabilities and their representatives, allowing at least 45 days from the date of distribution for comment;

(3) Provide to the State Developmental Disabilities Council and the University Affiliated Program a copy of the proposed Statement of Objectives and Priorities for comments concurrently with the public notice;

(4) Incorporate or address any comments received through the public input and any input received from the State Developmental Disabilities Council and the University Affiliated

Program in the final Statement submitted to the Department; and

(5) Address how the Protection and Advocacy System; State Developmental Disabilities Council; and the University Affiliated Program will collaborate with each other and with other public and private entities.

(The requirements under paragraph (b) are approved under control number 0348-0039 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Information collection requirements contained in paragraph (c) are approved under OMB control number 0970-0132 pursuant to sections 142(a)(2) (C) and (D) and section 107(b) of the Act.)

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**§ 1386.24 Non-allowable costs for the Protection and Advocacy System.**

(a) Federal financial participation is not allowable for:

(1) Costs incurred for activities on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities to solve problems not directly related to their disabilities and which are faced by the general populace. Such activities include but are not limited to: Preparation of wills, divorce decrees, and real estate proceedings. Allowable costs in such cases would include the Protection and Advocacy System providing disability related technical assistance information and referral to appropriate programs and services; and

(2) Costs not allowed under other applicable statutes. Departmental regulations and issuances of the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) Attorneys fees are considered program income pursuant to Part 74-Administration of Grants and Part 92-Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments and must be added to the funds committed to the program and used to further the objectives of the program. This requirement shall apply to all attorneys fees, including those earned by contractors and those received after the project period in which they were earned.

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