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State plan must assure fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interest of all institutional employees affected by actions under the plan to provide community living activities. Specific arrangements for the protection of affected employees must be developed through negotiations between the appropriate State authorities and employees or their representatives. Fair and equitable arrangements must include procedures that provide for the impartial resolution of disputes between the State and an employee concerning the interpretation, application, and enforcement of protection arrangements. The State must inform employees of the State's decision to provide for community living activities.

(b) To the maximum extent practicable, fair and equitable arrangements must include provisions for:

(1) The preservation of rights and benefits;

(2) Guaranteeing employment to employees affected by action under the plan to provide alternative community living arrangements; and

(3) Employee training and retraining programs.

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§ 1386.34 Designated State Agency.

(a) The Designated State Agency shall provide the required assurances and other support services as requested by and negotiated with the Council. These include:

(1) Provision of financial reporting and other services as provided under section 124(d)(3)(C) of the Act; and

(2) Information and direction, as appropriate, on procedures on the hiring, supervision and assignment of staff in accordance with State law.

(b) If the State Developmental Disabilities Council requests a review by the Governor (or legislature) of the Designated State Agency, the Council must provide documentation of the reason for change and recommend a preferred Designated State Agency.

(c) After the review is completed, a majority of the non-State agency members of the Council may appeal to

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the Assistant Secretary for a review of the designation of the designated State agency if the Council's independence as an advocate is not assured because of the actions or inactions of the designated State agency.

(d) The following steps apply to the appeal of the Governor's (or legislature's) designation of the Designated State Agency.

(1) Prior to an appeal to the Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, the State Developmental Disabilities Council, must give a 30 day written notice, by certified mail, to the Governor (or legislature) of the majority of non-State members' intention to appeal the designation of the Designated State Agency.

(2) The appeal must clearly identify the grounds for the claim that the Council's independence as an advocate is not assured because of the actions or inactions of the designated State agency.

(3) Upon receipt of the appeal from the State Developmental Disabilities Council, the Assistant Secretary will notify the State Developmental Disabilities Council and the Governor (or legislature), by certified mail, that the appeal has been received and will be acted upon within 60 days. The Governor (or legislature) shall within 10 working days from the receipt of the Assistant Secretary's notification provide written comments to the Assistant Secretary (with a copy sent by registered or certified mail to the Council) on the claims in the Council's appeal. Either party may request, and the Assistant Secretary may grant, an opportunity for an informal meeting with the Assistant Secretary at which representatives of both parties will present their views on the issues in the appeal. The meeting will be held within 20 working days of the submission of written comments by the Governor (or legislature). The Assistant Secretary will promptly notify the parties of the date and place of the meeting.

(4) The Assistant Secretary will review the issue(s) and provide a final written decision within 60 days following receipt of the State Developmental Disabilities Council's appeal. If the determination is made that the

Designated State Agency should be re-designated, the Governor (or legislature) must provide written assurance of compliance within 45 days from receipt of the decision.

(5) During any time of this appeals process the State Developmental Disabilities Council may withdraw such request if resolution has been reached with the Governor (or legislature) on the designation of the Designated State Agency. The Governor (or legislature) must notify the Assistant Secretary in writing of such an occurrence.

(e) The designated State agency may authorize the Council use or contract with State agencies other than the designated State agency to perform functions of the designated State agency.

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§ 1386.35 Allowable and non-allowable costs for Federal Assistance to State Developmental Disabilities Councils.

(a) Under this subpart, Federal financial participation is available in costs resulting from obligations incurred under the approved State plan for the necessary expenses of the approved State plan for the necessary expenses of the State Council, the administration and operation of the State plan, and training of personnel.

(b) Expenditures which are not allowable for Federal financial participation are:

(1) Costs incurred by institutions or other residential or non-residential programs which do not comply with the Congressional findings with respect to the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities in section 110 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 6009).

(2) Costs incurred for activities not provided for in the approved State plan; and

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

(c) Expenditure of funds which supplant State and local funds will be disallowed. Supplanting occurs when State or local funds previously used to fund activities in the developmental disabilities State Plan are replaced by Federal funds which are then used for

the same purpose. However, supplanting does not occur if State or local funds are replaced with Federal funds for a particular activity or purpose in the approved State Plan if the State or local funds are then used for other activities or purposes in the approved State Plan.

(d) For purposes of determining aggregate minimum State share of expenditures, there are three categories of expenditures:

(1) Expenditures for projects or activities carried out directly by the Council and Council staff, as described in section 125A(a)(2) of the Act, require no non-Federal aggregate participation.

(2) Expenditures for projects with activities or products targeted to urban or rural poverty areas but not carried out directly by the Council and Council staff, as described in section 125A(a)(2) of the Act, shall have non-Federal participation of at least 10% in the aggregate.

(3) All other activities not directly carried out by the Council and Council staff, shall have non-Federal participation of at least 25% in the aggregate.

(e) The Council may vary the non-Federal participation required on a project by project, activity by activity basis (both poverty and non-poverty activities), including requiring no non-Federal participation from particular projects or activities as the Council deems appropriate so long as the requirement for aggregate non-Federal participation is met.

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§ 1386.36 Final disapproval of the State plan or plan amendments.

The Department will disapprove any State plan or plan amendment only after the following procedures have been complied with:

(a) The State plan has been submitted to the appropriate HHS Regional Office, and the Regional Office and State have been unable to resolve their differences.

(b) The Regional Office has prepared a detailed written analysis of its reasons for recommending disapproval and has transmitted its analyses and all