

§ 632.12 Alternative arrangements for the provision of services, nondesignation.

(a) If no application for Native American grantee designation for an area is filed, or if the Department has denied such application for that area, the Department may designate and fund an entity to serve that area, pending the final resolution of any Petitions for Reconsideration or other actions taken pursuant to § 632.13. An organization not designated in whole or in part may also appeal to an ALJ under the provisions of part 636. This further appeal will not in any way interfere with the Department's designation and funding of another organization to serve the area in question. The available remedy under such an appeal will be the right to be designated in the future rather than a retroactive or immediately effective designation status. Therefore, in the event the ALJ rules that the organization should have been designated and the organization continues to meet the requirements at §§ 632.10 and 632.11, the Department will designate the successful appellant organization and fund within 90 days of the ALJ decision unless the end of the 90 day period is within six months of the end of the two year designation period. Any organization designated or funded for the area in question would be affected by this remedial action and undesignated. All parties must agree to this arrangement prior to funding. The alternate organization which loses its designation as a result of the application of this remedy may not appeal the undesignation.

(b) If the grant officer finally disapproves a CAP pursuant to § 632.21 he/she may withdraw the Native American grantee's designation and immediately designate another entity to serve the area, pending the final resolution of any Petitions for Reconsideration or other actions taken pursuant to part 636.

(c) If a Native American grantee's CAP is terminated or suspended in whole or in part, the Department (after an opportunity for a hearing except in emergency situations as described in section 164(f) of the Act) may designate another entity to serve the area.

(d) If it is not feasible for the Department to designate another entity to

serve the area under the conditions described in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the funds involved may be distributed at the Secretary's discretion to Native American grantees serving other areas.

§ 632.13 Review of denial of designation as a Native American grantee, or rejection of a Comprehensive Annual Plan.

(a) An applicant for designation as a Native American grantee which is refused such designation in whole or in part may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Grant Officer within 14 days of receipt of a letter from the Department indicating its failure to be designated as a Native American grantee.

(1) A Petition for Reconsideration shall be in writing, shall be signed by a responsible official of the applicant entity, and shall enumerate the factors which the applicant entity asserts should be reviewed by the Grant Officer in reconsidering the denial of its application.

(2) Upon receipt of the Petition for Reconsideration, the Grant Officer shall, within 30 days, make one of the following determinations:

(i) That based on the available information from the original request for designation and information supplied in the Petition for Reconsideration, the applicant entity should be designated as a Native American grantee;

(ii) That the original determination made was correct; or

(iii) That an informal conference between representatives of the applicant entity and the Grant Officer shall be held at a specified time and place to discuss the Petition for Reconsideration.

(3) If an informal conference is held, the applicant entity shall have the opportunity to present any pertinent information which may further substantiate its petition. The Grant Officer shall notify the applicant entity of its final decision within 14 days after the informal conference is held.

(4) All final determinations of the Grant Officer, which deny a Petition for Reconsideration, shall be in writing, shall state the reasons for the denial, shall be sent to the applicant by