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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

TO: State Agencies Administering or Supervising the Administration of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, Indian Tribes and Indian Tribal Organizations

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment of Authority to Claim 75 Percent Match for Certain Categories of Short-Term Training Expenditures Under the Title IV-E Program

LEGAL AND RELATED REFERENCES: Section 13715 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; Section 8006(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989; Section 474(a)(3) of the Social Security Act; 45 CFR 1356.60(b) and (c); ACYF-PI-93-02, dated February 25, 1993; ACYF-PI-92-11, dated August 21, 1992; ACYF-IM-91-15, dated July 24, 1991; ACYF-PA-90-01, dated June 14, 1990; and ACYF-PIQ-82-17, dated October 14, 1982.

PURPOSE: The purposes of this Program Instruction are to announce that Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is available, on or after October 1, 1993, at a 75 percent match, under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act) as amended, for short-term training expenditures of current and prospective foster and adoptive parents and staff of State-licensed or State-approved institutions providing care to title IV-E foster and adoptive children, and to provide information regarding the two-year timely filing requirement.

BACKGROUND: Between October 1, 1989, and October 1, 1992, Section 474(a)(3)(B) of the Act authorized FFP at a 75 percent matching rate to States for short-term training expenditures of foster and adoptive parents and staff of State-licensed or State-approved child care institutions providing care to title IV-E foster and adoptive children. This provision expired on September 30, 1992. However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 474(a)(3)(C) and 45 CFR 1356.60(c)(4), such expenditures could continue to be claimed at the standard administrative cost rate of 50 percent.

On August 10, 1993 Section 8006(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, (42 U.S.C. 674 note), was amended by Section 13715 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Training of Agency Staff and Foster Adoptive Parents), as follows:

Section 8006(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 674 note) is amended by inserting, " and to expenditures made on or after October 1, 1993" before the period.

Effective October 1, 1993, the authority to claim 75 percent match for certain categories of short-term training expenditures has been re-established. Such expenditures which are incurred on, or after October 1, 1993, may now be claimed at the 75 percent FFP rate.

INFORMATION: As a result of the above-mentioned amendment to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, the provision at section 474(a)(3)(B) which formerly extended the 75 percent match to a broader range of trainees and expired on September 30, 1992 shall now also apply to expenditures made on or after October 1, 1993:

(B) [Federal financial participation is now available at] 75 percent ...(including travel and per diem expenses)...for the short-term training of current or prospective foster or adoptive parents and the members of the staff

of State-licensed or State-approved child care institutions providing care to foster and adopted children receiving assistance under this part, in ways that increase the ability of such current or prospective parents, staff members, and institutions to provide support and assistance to foster and adopted children, whether incurred directly by the State or by contract.

However, such expenditures made during the period of October 1, 1992 through September 30, 1993 must continue to be claimed at the standard administrative cost rate of 50 percent. In accordance with the timely filing requirement at 45 CFR Part 95.7, the Federal government will pay for a claim that a "State files with us for that expenditure within 2 years after the calendar quarter in which the State agency made the expenditure." Thus, allowable training expenditures that were available for Federal reimbursement at 50 percent and which are claimed in accordance with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 95, Subpart A, may be matched at the 50 percent rate, within the stipulated time limit.

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