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§ 400.8 Approval of State plans and plan amendments.

(a) The State agency must submit the State plan and plan amendments which have been signed by the Governor, or his or her designee, together with one copy of such plan or amendment, to the Director of ORR, or his or her designee, for approval. States are encouraged to consult with the Director, or his or her designee, when a plan or amendment is in preparation.

(b) The Director, or his or her designee, may initiate any necessary discussions with the State agency to clarify aspects of the plan.

(c) No later than 45 days after the State plan or plan amendment is submitted, the Director, or his or her designee, will—(1) Determine whether a State plan or plan amendment meets or continues to meet requirements for approval based on relevant Federal statutes and regulations, and (2) approve or disapprove the plan or plan amendment.

(d) The Director, or designee, will notify the State agency promptly of all actions taken on State plans and amendments.

(e) The effective date of an approved State plan or plan amendment may not be earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter in which the State agency submits the plan or plan amendment, except as otherwise approved by the Director.

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§ 400.9 Administrative review of decisions on approval of State plans and plan amendments.

(a) Any State dissatisfied with a determination by the Director, or his or her designee, under § 400.8 with respect to any plan or plan amendment may, within 60 days after the date of notification of such determination, file a petition with the Director, or designee, for reconsideration of the determination.

(b) A State may request that a hearing be held, but it is not required to do so.

(c) If a State requests a hearing, the Director, or designee, will notify the State within 30 days after receipt of such a petition, of the time and loca-

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tion of the hearing to reconsider the issue.

(d) The hearing must be held not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date the notice of the hearing is furnished to the State, unless the Director, or designee, and the State agree in writing on another time.

(e) The hearing procedures in part 213 of this title will be used except that:

(1) “The Director” is substituted where there is a reference to “the Administrator,” and

(2) “ORR Hearing Clerk” is substituted where there is reference to the “SRS Hearing Clerk.”

(f) The Director will affirm, modify, or reverse the original decisions within 60 days of the receipt of the State’s petition or, if a hearing is held, within 60 days after the hearing.

(g) The initial determination by the Director, or designee, that a plan or amendment is not approvable shall remain in effect pending the reconsideration.

(h) If the Director reverses the original decision, ORR will reimburse any funds incorrectly withheld or otherwise denied.

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§ 400.10 [Reserved]

AWARD OF GRANTS TO STATES

§ 400.11 Award of Grants to States.

(a) *Quarterly grants.* Subject to the availability of funds (and in accordance with the limitations of Subpart J of this part), ORR will make two types of quarterly grants to eligible States:

(1) *Grants for cash assistance, medical assistance, and related administrative costs (“CMA grants”).* for the following purposes: Cash assistance provided by a State or local public agency under the program of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under the adult assistance programs (AABD, AB, APTD, or OAA) in the territories, or under section 412(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; foster care maintenance provided under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act; State supplementary payments under section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act or section 212 of the Pub. L.

93-66; medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act or under section 412(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; assistance and services to unaccompanied minors under section 412(d)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and cash or medical assistance provided under a public assistance program established under authority other than Federal law and under which such assistance is generally available to needy individuals or families in similar circumstances within the State; and

(2) *Grants for social services, as set forth in this part.* ORR will compute the amount of the quarterly awards based on documents submitted by the State agency in accordance with this section and such other pertinent facts as the Director may find necessary.

(b) *Form and manner of State application for grant award—(1) CMA grants.* For quarterly grants for cash assistance, medical assistance, and related administrative costs, including assistance and services to unaccompanied minors (“CMA grants”), a State must submit to the Director, or designee, yearly estimates for reimbursable costs for the fiscal year, identified by type of expense, and a justification statement in support of the estimates no later than 45 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Director.

(2) *Grants for refugee social services.* For quarterly grants for refugee social services, a State must submit to the Director, or designee, an annual plan developed on the basis of local consultative process on a form and at a time prescribed by the Director.

(3) *Quarterly adjustments.* If a State revises its estimates required in paragraph (b)(1), it must submit to the Director, or designee, the revisions, accompanied by a justification statement, no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the quarter in which the revision or adjustment applies.

(c) *Financial status report.* A State must submit to the Director, or designee, a financial status report described in § 400.12(a) of this title, no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. Final financial reports must be submitted in accordance with the requirements described in § 400.210.

(d) *Review.* ORR will determine whether the State’s description of services, estimates, other relevant information, and any adjustments to be made for prior periods meet the requirements under this part, and will compute the quarterly award.

(e) *Grant award.* (1) ORR will transmit to the State the grant award form showing, by type of assistance, the amount of the award.

(2) The State may draw funds, under the Department’s Payment Management System (PMS), as needed, to meet the Federal share of disbursements.

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§ 400.12 Adverse determinations concerning State grants.

(a) *Policy.* The Secretary has established a Departmental Grant Appeals Board for the purpose of reviewing and providing hearings on post-award disputes which may arise in the administration of certain grant programs by constituent agencies of HHS. Section 16.3(c) of this title mandates an appellant to exhaust any preliminary appeal process required by regulation before a formal appeal to the Board will be allowed. Paragraph (d) of this section provides an informal preliminary appeal process for resolution of such disputes within ORR prior to appeal to the Board.

(b) *Scope.* Adverse determinations to which this procedure is applicable are as follows:

(1) Termination, in whole or in part, of a grant for failure of the grantee to carry out its approved project or program in accordance with applicable law and the terms and conditions of such assistance or for failure of the grantee otherwise to comply with any law, regulation, assurance, term, or condition applicable to the grant.

(2) A determination that an expenditure not allowable under the grant has been charged to the grant or that the grantee has otherwise failed to discharge its obligation to account for grant funds.