

721(a)(21)(A) of this title, if the State has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law;

(4) ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Statewide Independent Living Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided; and

(5) submit to the Commissioner such periodic reports as the Commissioner may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Commissioner finds necessary to verify such reports.

(d) Hearings and forums

The Council is authorized to hold such hearings and forums as the Council may determine to be necessary to carry out the duties of the Council.

(e) Plan

(1) In general

The Council shall prepare, in conjunction with the designated State unit, a plan for the provision of such resources, including such staff and personnel, as may be necessary and sufficient to carry out the functions of the Council under this section, with funds made available under this part, and under section 730 of this title (consistent with section 721(a)(18) of this title), and from other public and private sources. The resource plan shall, to the maximum extent possible, rely on the use of resources in existence during the period of implementation of the plan.

(2) Supervision and evaluation

Each Council shall, consistent with State law, supervise and evaluate such staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Council under this section.

(3) Conflict of interest

While assisting the Council in carrying out its duties, staff and other personnel shall not be assigned duties by the designated State agency or any other agency or office of the State, that would create a conflict of interest.

(f) Compensation and expenses

The Council may use such resources to reimburse members of the Council for reasonable and necessary expenses of attending Council meetings and performing Council duties (including child care and personal assistance services), and to pay compensation to a member of the Council, if such member is not employed or must forfeit wages from other employment, for each day the member is engaged in performing Council duties.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1220; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(c)(7)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-416.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796d, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4446; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(c), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 728, related to Statewide Independent

Living Councils, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 796d, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2997; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(B), (C), (h)(2), title VIII, §802, title X, §1001(g)(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1811, 1837, 1843; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §208(d), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314; Pub. L. 102-119, §26(e), Oct. 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 607, related to State plans for providing comprehensive services for independent living, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, §701(1).

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(c)(7)(A)], in first sentence, substituted “by the Governor or, in the case of a State that, under State law, vests authority for the administration of the activities carried out under this chapter in an entity other than the Governor (such as one or more houses of the State legislature or an independent board), the chief officer of that entity” for “by the Governor” and, in second sentence, substituted “The appointing authority” for “The Governor”.

Subsec. (b)(5)(B). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(c)(7)(B)], substituted “chief executive officer” for “Governor” in heading and “appointing authority described in paragraph (3) shall” for “Governor shall” in text.

Subsec. (b)(6)(A)(ii), (7)(B). Pub. L. 105-277, §101(f) [title VIII, §402(c)(7)(C)], substituted “appointing authority described in paragraph (3)” for “Governor”.

§ 796d-1. Responsibilities of Commissioner

(a) Approval of State plans

(1) In general

The Commissioner shall approve any State plan submitted under section 796c of this title that the Commissioner determines meets the requirements of section 796c of this title, and shall disapprove any such plan that does not meet such requirements, as soon as practicable after receiving the plan. Prior to such disapproval, the Commissioner shall notify the State of the intention to disapprove the plan, and shall afford such State reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing.

(2) Procedures

(A) In general

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of section 727 of this title shall apply to any State plan submitted to the Commissioner under section 796c of this title.

(B) Application

For purposes of the application described in subparagraph (A), all references in such provisions—

(i) to the Secretary shall be deemed to be references to the Commissioner; and

(ii) to section 721 of this title shall be deemed to be references to section 796c of this title.

(b) Indicators

Not later than October 1, 1993, the Commissioner shall develop and publish in the Federal Register indicators of minimum compliance consistent with the standards set forth in section 796f-4 of this title.

(c) Onsite compliance reviews

(1) Reviews

The Commissioner shall annually conduct onsite compliance reviews of at least 15 per-

cent of the centers for independent living that receive funds under section 796f-1 of this title and shall periodically conduct such a review of each such center. The Commissioner shall annually conduct onsite compliance reviews of at least one-third of the designated State units that receive funding under section 796f-2 of this title, and, to the extent necessary to determine the compliance of such a State unit with subsections (f) and (g) of section 796f-2 of this title, centers that receive funding under section 796f-2 of this title in such State. The Commissioner shall select the centers and State units described in this paragraph for review on a random basis.

(2) Qualifications of employees conducting reviews

The Commissioner shall—

(A) to the maximum extent practicable, carry out such a review by using employees of the Department who are knowledgeable about the provision of independent living services;

(B) ensure that the employee of the Department with responsibility for supervising such a review shall have such knowledge; and

(C) ensure that at least one member of a team conducting such a review shall be an individual who—

(i) is not a government employee; and

(ii) has experience in the operation of centers for independent living.

(d) Reports

The Commissioner shall include, in the annual report required under section 710 of this title, information on the extent to which centers for independent living receiving funds under subpart 3 have complied with the standards and assurances set forth in section 796f-4 of this title. The Commissioner may identify individual centers for independent living in the analysis. The Commissioner shall report the results of onsite compliance reviews, identifying individual centers for independent living and other recipients of assistance under this part.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1223.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796d-1, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4448; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(d), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 729, related to responsibilities of Commissioner, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 796d-1, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VIII, §803(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1837; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §208(e), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, provided for a State Independent Living Council, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, §701(1).

SUBPART 2—INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

§ 796e. Allotments

(a) In general

(1) States

(A) Population basis

Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), from sums appropriated for each fis-

cal year to carry out this subpart, the Commissioner shall make an allotment to each State whose State plan has been approved under section 796d-1 of this title of an amount bearing the same ratio to such sums as the population of the State bears to the population of all States.

(B) Maintenance of 1992 amounts

Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this subpart, the amount of any allotment made under subparagraph (A) to a State for a fiscal year shall not be less than the amount of an allotment made to the State for fiscal year 1992 under part A of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before October 29, 1992.

(C) Minimums

Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this subpart, and except as provided in subparagraph (B), the allotment to any State under subparagraph (A) shall be not less than \$275,000 or $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 percent of the sums made available for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made, whichever is greater, and the allotment of any State under this section for any fiscal year that is less than \$275,000 or $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 percent of such sums shall be increased to the greater of the two amounts.

(2) Certain territories

(A) In general

For the purposes of paragraph (1)(C), Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall not be considered to be States.

(B) Allotment

Each jurisdiction described in subparagraph (A) shall be allotted under paragraph (1)(A) not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent of the amounts made available for purposes of this subpart for the fiscal year for which the allotment is made.

(3) Adjustment for inflation

For any fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 1999, in which the total amount appropriated to carry out this subpart exceeds the total amount appropriated to carry out this subpart for the preceding fiscal year, the Commissioner shall increase the minimum allotment under paragraph (1)(C) by a percentage that shall not exceed the percentage increase in the total amount appropriated to carry out this subpart between the preceding fiscal year and the fiscal year involved.

(b) Proportional reduction

To provide allotments to States in accordance with subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section, to provide minimum allotments to States (as increased under subsection (a)(3) of this section) under subsection (a)(1)(C) of this section, or to provide minimum allotments to States under subsection (a)(2)(B) of this section, the Commissioner shall proportionately reduce the allotments of the remaining States under subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, with such adjustments as may be necessary to prevent the allotment of