

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

any such remaining State from being reduced to less than the amount required by subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section.

**(c) Reallotment**

Whenever the Commissioner determines that any amount of an allotment to a State for any fiscal year will not be expended by such State in carrying out the provisions of this subpart, the Commissioner shall make such amount available for carrying out the provisions of this subpart to one or more of the States that the Commissioner determines will be able to use additional amounts during such year for carrying out such provisions. Any amount made available to a State for any fiscal year pursuant to the preceding sentence shall, for the purposes of this section, be regarded as an increase in the allotment of the State (as determined under the preceding provisions of this section) for such year.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §711, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1224.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Part A of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before October 29, 1992, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), means former part A (§796 et seq.) which was included in the repeal of subchapter VII of this chapter by Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796e, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §711, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4450; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(e), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 729, related to allotments to provide independent living services, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 796e, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §711, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, §301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2998; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, §171, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 30; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, §103(d)(2)(C), title VIII, §§804(a)(1), (b), (c), 805, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1838, 1839; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, §208(f), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, related to establishment and operation of independent living centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, §701(1).

**§ 796e-1. Payments to States from allotments**

**(a) Payments**

From the allotment of each State for a fiscal year under section 796e of this title, the State shall be paid the Federal share of the expenditures incurred during such year under its State plan approved under section 796d-1 of this title. Such payments may be made (after necessary adjustments on account of previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments and on such conditions as the Commissioner may determine.

**(b) Federal share**

**(1) In general**

The Federal share with respect to any State for any fiscal year shall be 90 percent of the expenditures incurred by the State during such year under its State plan approved under section 796d-1 of this title.

**(2) Non-Federal share**

The non-Federal share of the cost of any project that receives assistance through an allotment under this subpart may be provided in

cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §712, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1225.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796e-1, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §712, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4451; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(f), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 730, related to payments to States from allotments, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

**§ 796e-2. Authorized uses of funds**

The State may use funds received under this subpart to provide the resources described in section 796d(e) of this title, relating to the Statewide Independent Living Council, and may use funds received under this subpart—

(1) to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities;

(2) to demonstrate ways to expand and improve independent living services;

(3) to support the operation of centers for independent living that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 796f-4 of this title;

(4) to support activities to increase the capacities of public or nonprofit agencies and organizations and other entities to develop comprehensive approaches or systems for providing independent living services;

(5) to conduct studies and analyses, gather information, develop model policies and procedures, and present information, approaches, strategies, findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Federal, State, and local policymakers in order to enhance independent living services for individuals with disabilities;

(6) to train individuals with disabilities and individuals providing services to individuals with disabilities and other persons regarding the independent living philosophy; and

(7) to provide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs under this subchapter, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §713, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1226.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796e-2, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §713, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4451; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, §114(g), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 730, related to authorized uses of funds, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

**§ 796e-3. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §714, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1226.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796e-3, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, §714, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, §701(2), Oct. 29, 1992,

106 Stat. 4452, authorized appropriations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

SUBPART 3—CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

**§ 796f. Program authorization**

**(a) In general**

From the funds appropriated for fiscal year 1999 and for each subsequent fiscal year to carry out this subpart, the Commissioner shall allot such sums as may be necessary to States and other entities in accordance with subsections (b) through (d) of this section.

**(b) Training**

**(1) Grants; contracts; other arrangements**

For any fiscal year in which the funds appropriated to carry out this subpart exceed the funds appropriated to carry out this subpart for fiscal year 1993, the Commissioner shall first reserve from such excess, to provide training and technical assistance to eligible agencies, centers for independent living, and Statewide Independent Living Councils for such fiscal year, not less than 1.8 percent, and not more than 2 percent, of the funds appropriated to carry out this subpart for the fiscal year involved.

**(2) Allocation**

From the funds reserved under paragraph (1), the Commissioner shall make grants to, and enter into contracts and other arrangements with, entities that have experience in the operation of centers for independent living to provide such training and technical assistance with respect to planning, developing, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living.

**(3) Funding priorities**

The Commissioner shall conduct a survey of Statewide Independent Living Councils and centers for independent living regarding training and technical assistance needs in order to determine funding priorities for such grants, contracts, and other arrangements.

**(4) Review**

To be eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract or other arrangement under this subsection, such an entity shall submit an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such manner, and containing a proposal to provide such training and technical assistance, and containing such additional information as the Commissioner may require. The Commissioner shall provide for peer review of grant applications by panels that include persons who are not government employees and who have experience in the operation of centers for independent living.

**(5) Prohibition on combined funds**

No funds reserved by the Commissioner under this subsection may be combined with funds appropriated under any other Act or part of this chapter if the purpose of combining funds is to make a single discretionary grant or a single discretionary payment, unless such funds appropriated under this part

are separately identified in such grant or payment and are used for the purposes of this part.

**(c) In general**

**(1) States**

**(A) Population basis**

After the reservation required by subsection (b) of this section has been made, and except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), from the remainder of the amounts appropriated for each such fiscal 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 remainder 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 financial assistance received by centers for independent living in the State for fiscal year 1992 under part B 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), for a fiscal year in which the amounts appropriated to carry out this subpart exceed the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1992 to carry out part B of this subchapter, as in effect on the day before October 29, 1992—

(i) if such excess is not less than \$8,000,000, the allotment to any State under subparagraph (A) shall be not less than \$450,000 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 \$450,000 or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 1 percent of such sums shall be increased to the greater of the 2 amounts;

(ii) if such excess is not less than \$4,000,000 and is less than \$8,000,000, the allotment to any State under subparagraph (A) shall be not less than \$400,000 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 \$400,000 or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 1 percent of such sums shall be increased to the greater of the 2 amounts; and

(iii) if such excess is less than \$4,000,000, the allotment to any State under subparagraph (A) shall approach, as nearly as possible, the greater of the 2 amounts described in clause (ii).

**(2) Certain territories**

**(A) In general**

For the purposes of paragraph (1)(C), Guam, American Samoa, the United States