§ 1356.70 Transfer of funds from title IV-E to title IV-B.

(a)(1) Funds available to the State within the foster care allotment for title IV-E which the State does not need for foster care purposes under title IV-B may be transferred to title IV-B and claimed by the State as reimbursement under that program only if the State has selected an allotment described under paragraph (a) or (b) of § 1356.65.

(2) If the limitation imposed by the allotment calculated under paragraph (a) or (b) of § 1356.65 is in effect, the amount of funds that a State may transfer to and claim under title IV-B is limited by the amount of funds not needed for foster care under title IV-E.

(3) If the limitation imposed by the allotment calculated under paragraph (a) or (b) of § 1356.65 is not in effect, the amount of funds that a State may transfer to and claim under title IV-B is further limited to the total amount of funds which, when added to the funds received under sections 420 and 424 of the Act for that Fiscal Year, would not exceed the State's share of the amounts listed in paragraph (d)(1) of § 1356.65.

(b) If the amount transferred to title IV-B, when added to the IV-B allotment, exceeds the amount which would be allotted to the State under title IV-B if the appropriation for title IV-B equaled $141 million, the State may transfer funds under paragraph (a) of this section only if it has met the requirements of section 427(a) of the Act.

(c) If the appropriation for each of any two consecutive fiscal years under section 420 of the Act equaled $266,000,000, the State may transfer funds under paragraph (a) of this section only if it has met the requirements of section 427(b) of the Act.

(d) If the total reimbursement to the State for expenditures under title IV-B (including transferred funds) equaled the State's share of $266,000,000 for each of two fiscal years in which the limitation under this section did not apply, the State may transfer funds under paragraph (a) of this section in any succeeding year only if it has met the requirements of section 427(b) of the Act.

(e) Amount that may be transferred from title IV-E to title IV-B. (1) The amount of funds that a State may transfer from title IV-E to title IV-B is:

(i) For any year in which the limitation specified under § 1356.65 is in effect, the amount by which the State's title IV-E foster care allotment exceeds the FFP in State expenditures needed for foster care maintenance payments and administrative expenditures, including training expenditures; and

(ii) For any year in which the limitations specified in § 1356.65 is not in effect, the amount determined under paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section, is further limited to the amount which when added to the amount the State receives under section 420 of the Act (including any reallocated funds) does not exceed the amount of the State's allotment under section 420 of the Act which would have been in effect if the amount described under section 474(b)(2)(A) of the Act had been appropriated.

(2) Transferred funds must be used to reimburse expenditures under title IV-B (as defined under the regulations applicable to that program) for the same fiscal year for which they were originally available.

(i) The State shall apply for approval of transfer of these funds to the Regional ACYF office no later than August 15th, unless the Commissioner shall set a different date for all States because of special circumstances.

(ii) The procedures for application for funds and plans under title IV-B, including joint planning, shall apply to these funds.

(3) A State shall operate its foster care program under its State plan continuously throughout the time the plan is in effect, regardless of whether or
§ 1357.10 Scope and definitions.

(a) Scope. This part applies to State programs for child welfare services (including related administrative expenditures) under title IV-B of the Act.

(b) Child welfare services under the title IV-B State plan must be available on the basis of need for services and must not be denied on the basis of financial need or length of residence in the State.

(c) Definitions. Child Welfare Services means the definition of services contained in section 425(a)(1) of the Act for which the State agency is responsible. (For purposes of 45 CFR 1357.40, Direct Payments to Indian Tribal Organizations, substitute “Indian Tribal Organization” for “State agency” wherever State agency appears.)

Child Welfare Services Plan (CWSP) means the document developed through joint planning which describes the child welfare services program for which the State agency is responsible, including services, program deficiencies, plans for program improvement and allocation of resources by type of service.

Joint Planning means State and Federal review and analysis of the State’s child welfare services, including analysis of the service needs of children and their families, selection of unmet service needs that will be addressed in a plan for program improvement, and development of goals and objectives to enhance the capability of the State in providing child welfare services.

§ 1357.15 Child welfare services State plan requirements and submittal.

(a) In order to be eligible for Federal financial participation (FFP) under this part and title IV-B of the Act, a State must have a Child Welfare Services State Plan (CWSP) which meets the requirements of this section, sections 422 (a) and (b) of the Act and 45 CFR part 1355.

(b) (1) The title IV-B State plan assurances required by sections 422(b) (1) through (4) and (7) and (8) of the Act may be submitted one time only and will remain in effect on an on-going basis. However, these assurances must be amended when significant changes are made in a State’s program in these areas.

(2) The descriptive information on the State’s services program required by section 422(b) (5) and (6) of the Act must be submitted and be in effect for one, two or three fiscal years. The State may select which of the three intervals it wishes to use.

(c) In meeting the requirements of section 422(b)(5) of the Act, the State plan must contain a description of child welfare services provided to children and their families in the State and specify the geographic areas where these services will be available.

(d) In meeting the coordination requirements of section 422(b)(2) of the Act, and in the event that an Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) in a State applies for and receives direct title IV-B funding under section 428 of the Act, the State agency must make every reasonable effort to coordinate its title IV-B program with the title IV-B program of the ITO. The State must provide a copy of the title IV-B State plan upon request of the ITO.

(This requirement has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 0980-0142)

(e) (1) In implementing the requirements of this section and sections 427(a) (2)(C) and 427(b) (3) of the Act, the State must specify, in its title IV-