

**§ 20.705**

(b) The Superintendent or his/her designated representative must render a written decision within 10 days of the completion of the hearing. The written decision must include:

(1) A written statement covering the evidence relied upon and reasons for the decision; and

(2) The applicant's or recipient's right to appeal the Superintendent or his/her designated representative's decision pursuant to 25 CFR part 2 and request Bureau assistance in preparation of the appeal.

**§ 20.705 Can an applicant or recipient appeal a tribal decision?**

Yes, the applicant or recipient must pursue the appeal process applicable to the Public Law 93-638 contract, Public Law 102-477 grant, or Public Law 103-413 self-governance annual funding agreement. If no appeal process exists, then the applicant or recipient must pursue the appeal through the appropriate tribal forum.

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**§ 21.1 Commissioner to negotiate contracts.**

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs may negotiate with State, territory, county or other Federal welfare agencies for such agencies to provide welfare services as contemplated by the Act of June 4, 1936 (49 Stat. 1458; 25 U.S.C. 452), for Indians residing within

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a particular State within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or on trust or restricted lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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**§ 21.2 Contracts; by whom executed.**

All contracts executed for the purposes of § 21.1 shall be signed on behalf of the United States by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The proper officer of the State, territory, county or welfare agency shall execute the contract on its behalf. Evidence of the authority of such officer must accompany the contract. All contracts must be executed in quintuplicate. (They shall become effective only after approval by the Secretary of the Interior.)

**§ 21.3 State or other contracting agency furnish plan of operation.**

A plan executed by the proper State or other agency entering into the contract shall accompany each instrument. This plan shall describe the services and assistance to be rendered under the terms of the contract. It shall include a budget showing the plan of expenditure of the funds to be turned over to the State or other agency. Upon the approval of the contract, no deviation from the plan shall be made unless approved in advance by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

**§ 21.4 Standards of service.**

Standards of aid, care, and service rendered to the Indians under the contracts shall not be less than those standards maintained by the State for other clients requiring similar aid, care and services.

**§ 21.5 Personnel.**

The personnel employed for public welfare services to Indians under the contract shall be subject to the State merit system and to the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the welfare authorities of the State, unless otherwise provided in the contract.