§ 1326.5 Applicability of other regulations.

The following regulations in title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations apply to all activities under this part:

(a) Part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board;
(b) Part 74—Administration of Grants;
(c) Part 75—Informal Grant Appeals Procedures;
(d) Part 80—Nondiscrimination Under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services: Effective of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
(e) Part 81—Practice and Procedure for Hearings under part 80 of this Title;
(f) Part 84—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving Benefits from Federal Financial Participation; and
(g) Part 91—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance from HHS.

§ 1326.7 Confidentiality and disclosure of information.

A tribal organization shall have confidentiality and disclosure procedures as follows:

(a) A tribal organization shall have procedures to ensure that no information about an older Indian or obtained from an older Indian by any provider of services is disclosed by the provider of such services in a form that identifies the person without the informed consent of the person or of his or her legal representative, unless the disclosure is required by court order, or for program monitoring by authorized Federal or tribal monitoring agencies.

(b) A tribal organization is not required to disclose those types of information or documents that are exempt from disclosure by a Federal agency under the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

§ 1326.9 Contributions.

(a) Each tribal organization shall:
(1) Provide each older Indian with a free and voluntary opportunity to contribute to the cost of the service;
(2) Protect the privacy of each older Indian with respect to his or her contribution; (3) Establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for all contributions;
(4) Use all services contributions to expand comprehensive and coordinated services systems supported under this part, while using nutrition services contributions only to expand services as provided under section 307(a)(3)(c)(ii) of the Act.

(b) Each tribal organization may develop a suggested contribution schedule for services provided under this part. In developing a contribution schedule, the tribal organization shall consider the income ranges of older Indians in the service area and the tribal organization’s other sources of income. However, means tests may not be used.

(c) A tribal organization that receives funds under this part may not deny any older Indian a service because the older Indian will not or cannot contribute to the cost of the service.

§ 1326.11 Prohibition against supplantation.

A tribal organization shall ensure that the activities provided under a grant under this part will be in addition to, and not in substitution for, comparable activities provided without Federal assistance.

§ 1326.13 Supportive services.

(a) A tribal organization may provide any of the supportive services mentioned under title III of the Older Americans Act, and any other supportive services that are necessary for the general welfare of older Indians.

(b) If an applicant elects to provide multipurpose senior center activities or uses any of the funds under this part for acquiring, altering or renovating a multipurpose senior center facility, it shall comply with the following requirements:
(1) The tribal organization shall comply with all applicable local health, fire, safety, building, zoning and sanitation laws, ordinances or codes.
(2) The tribal organization shall assure the technical adequacy of any proposed alteration or renovation of a multipurpose senior centers assisted
under this part. The tribal organization assures technical adequacy by requiring that any alteration or renovation of a multipurpose senior center that affects the load bearing members of the facility is structurally sound and complies with all applicable local or State ordinances, laws, or building codes.

(c) If an applicant elects to provide legal services, it shall substantially comply with the requirements in §1321.71 and legal services providers shall comply fully with the requirements in §§1321.71(c) through 1321.71(p).

§ 1326.15 Nutrition services.

(a) In addition to providing nutrition services to older Indians, a tribal organization may:

(1) Provide nutrition services to the spouses of older Indians;
(2) Provide nutrition services to non-elderly handicapped or disabled Indians who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly, at which congregate nutrition services are provided;
(3) Offer a meal, on the same basis as meals are provided to older Indians, to individuals providing volunteer services during meal hours; and
(4) Provide a meal to individuals with disabilities who reside in a non-institutional household with and accompany a person eligible for congregate meals under that part.

(b) Each tribal organization may receive cash payments in lieu of donated foods for all or any portion of its funding available under section 311(a)(4) of the Act. To receive cash or commodities, the tribal organization shall have an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to be a distributing agency.

(c) Where applicable, the tribal organization shall work with agencies responsible for administering other programs to facilitate participation of older Indians.

§ 1326.17 Access to information.

A tribal organization shall:

(a) Establish or have a list of all services that are available to older Indians in the service area,
(b) Maintain a list of services needed or requested by the older Indians; and
(c) Provide assistance to older Indians to help them take advantage of available services.

§ 1326.19 Application requirements.

A tribal organization shall have an approved application. The application shall be submitted as prescribed in section 604 of the Act and in accordance with the Commissioner’s instructions for the specified project and budget periods. The application shall provide for:

(a) Program objectives, as set forth in section 604(a)(5) of the Act, and any objectives established by the Commissioner;
(b) A description of the geographic boundaries of the service area proposed by the tribal organization;
(c) Documentation of the ability of the tribal organization to deliver supportive and nutrition services to older Indians, or documentation that the tribal organization has effectively administered supportive and nutrition services within the last 3 years;
(d) Assurances as prescribed by the Commissioner that:
   (1) A tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who have attained 60 years of age or older;
   (2) A tribal organization shall comply with all applicable State and local license and safety requirements for the provision of those services;
   (3) If a substantial number of the older Indians residing in the service area are of limited English-speaking ability, the tribal organization shall utilize the services of workers who are fluent in the language spoken by a predominant number of older Indians;
   (4) Procedures to ensure that all services under this part are provided without use of any means tests;
   (5) A tribal organization shall comply with all requirements set forth in §1326.7 through 1326.17; and
   (6) The services provided under this part will be coordinated, where applicable, with services provided under title III of the Act.

e) A tribal resolution(s) authorizing the tribal organization to apply for a grant under this part; and
(f) Signature by the principal official of the tribe.