§ 1320a–10. Effect of failure to carry out State plan

In an action brought to enforce a provision of this chapter, such provision is not to be deemed unenforceable because of its inclusion in a section of this chapter requiring a State plan or specifying the required contents of a State plan. This section is not intended to limit or expand the grounds for determining the availability of private actions to enforce State plan requirements rather than by overturning any such grounds applied in Suter v. Artist M., 112 S. Ct. 1360 (1992), but not applied in prior Supreme Court decisions respecting such enforceability:

Provided, however, That this section is not intended to alter the holding in Suter v. Artist M. that section 671(a)(15) of this title is not enforceable in a private right of action.


Effective Date

Section 211(b) of Pub. L. 103–432 provided that: 'The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall apply to actions pending on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 31, 1994] and to actions brought on or after such date of enactment.'


Effective Date of Repeal

Repeal effective with respect to payments under sections 603 and 803 of this title for quarters commencing after Sept. 30, 1975, see section 7(b) of Pub. L. 93–647, set out as an Effective Date of 1975 Amendment note under section 303 of this title.

Social Services Regulations Postponed


"(a) Subject to subsection (b), no regulation and no modification of any regulation, promulgated by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare [now Health and Human Services] (hereinafter referred to as the 'Secretary') after January 1, 1973, shall be effective for any period which begins prior to October 1, 1975, if (and insofar as) such regulation or modification of a regulation pertains (directly or indirectly) to the provisions of law contained in section 3(a)(4)(A), 402(a)(19)(G), 422(a)(4)(A), 603(a)(1)(A), 1003(a)(3)(A), 1403(a)(3)(A), or 1603(a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act [section 303(a)(1)(A), 603(a)(1)(A), 402(a)(19)(G), 603(a)(3)(A), 603(a)(1)(A), 1203(a)(3)(A), 1353(a)(3)(A), or 1353(a)(3)(A) of this title]."

"(b)(1) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to 'scope of programs', if such regulation is identical (except as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.0 of the regulations (relating to social services) proposed by the Secretary and published in the Federal Register on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from the first sentence of subsection (b) of such section 221.0 the phrase 'meets all the applicable requirements of this part and':

"(2) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to 'limitations on total amount of Federal funds payable to States for services', if such regulation is identical (except as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.55 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from subsection (d)(1) of such section 221.55 the phrase (as defined under day care services for children); and, in lieu of the sentence contained in subsection (d)(5) of such section 221.55, there shall be inserted the following:

'Services provided to a child who is under foster care in a foster family home (as defined in section 408 of the Social Security Act (section 608 of this title)) or in a childcare institution (as defined in such section [section 608 of this title]), or while awaiting placement in such a home or institution, but only if such services are needed by such child because he is under foster care.'

"(3) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to 'rates and amounts of Federal financial participation for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam', if such regulation is identical to the provisions of section 221.56 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973.

"(4) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be construed to preclude the Secretary from making any modification in any regulation (described in subsection (a) if such modification is technically necessary to take account of the enactment of section 301 or 302 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 [enacting subchapters XVI and VI of this chapter]."

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 553(d) of title 5, United States Code, any regulation described in subsection (b) may become effective upon the date of its publication in the Federal Register.'

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior act: Pub. L. 93–66, title II, §220, July 9, 1973, 87 Stat. 158.

Modification of Social Services Regulations

Section 3(g) of Pub. L. 93–647 provided in part that: "Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12(a) of Public Law 93–233 [set out as a note above], the Secretary may make any modification in any regulation described in that section if the modification is necessary to implement the provisions of this part.'

Adjustment of Allotment to State for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973


§ 1320b–1. Notification of Social Security claimant with respect to deferred vested benefits

(a) Whenever—

(1) the Commissioner of Social Security makes a finding of fact and a decision as to—