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APPENDIX TO PART 1308—HEAD START PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ON SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 9801 et seq.

SOURCE: 58 FR 5501, Jan. 21, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 1308.1 Purpose.

"... ensure that children with disabilities enrolled in Head Start programs receive all the services to which they are entitled..."

This rule sets forth the requirements for providing special services for 3 through 5-year-old children with disabilities enrolled in Head Start programs. These requirements are to be used in conjunction with the Head Start Program Performance Standards at 45 CFR part 1304. The purpose of this part is to ensure that children with disabilities enrolled in Head Start programs receive all the services to which they are entitled under the Head Start Program Performance Standards at 45 CFR part 1304, as amended.

§ 1308.2 Scope.

This rule applies to all Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.

§ 1308.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) The term ACYF means the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and includes appropriate Regional Office staff.

"The term children with disabilities for children aged 3 to 5, inclusive, may, at a State's discretion, include children experiencing developmental delays, as defined by the State ..."

(b) The term children with disabilities means children with mental retardation, hearing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments including blindness, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments or specific learning disabilities; and who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services. The term children with disabilities for children aged 3 to 5, inclusive, may, at a State's discretion, include children experiencing developmental delays, as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services.

(c) The term Commissioner means the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

(d) The term day means a calendar day.

(e) The term delegate agency means a public or private non-profit agency to which a grantee has delegated the responsibility for operating all or part of its Head Start program.

(f) The term disabilities coordinator means the person on the Head Start staff designated to manage on a full or part-time basis the services for children with disabilities described in part 1308.

(g) The term eligibility criteria means the criteria for determining that a child enrolled in Head Start requires

Test Questions:

Select the correct option.

1. The purpose of this Head Start Standard regarding children with disabilities (1308.1)

- a. is to establish guidelines for providing services.
- b. is to set forth the requirements for providing special services.
- c. is to provide constructive suggestions for providing special services.
- d. is to establish who are the only children Head Start will serve.

2. This standard applies to (1308.1)

- a. all Head Start grantees but not all delegate agencies.
- b. not all Head Start grantees but all delegate agencies.
- c. not all Head Start grantees or all delegate agencies.
- d. all Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.

3. The term *children with disabilities* (1308.3)

- a. would apply to any child who by reason of their disability would need special education and related services.
- b. would have to defined by each Head Start grantee depending upon its resources.
- c. would include any child identified as disabled by the child's parents.
- d. only applies to children whose disability is verified by State and Local standards.

4. According to this Head Start Standard, a State (1308.3)

- a. can include other developmental disabilities not included by name in this Standard.
 - b. must not include other developmentally delayed children not included by name in this Standard.
 - c. must involved in the funding of services to these identified children in Head Start.
 - d. must provide a ***disability coordinator*** for each Head Start grantee.
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special education and related services because of a disability.

the objectives and goals of the Head Start program as they relate directly to children and their families.

(h) The term grantee means the public or private non-profit agency which has been granted financial assistance by ACYF to administer a Head Start program.

(l) The term related services means transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes speech pathology and audiology, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, early identification and assessment of disabilities in children, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, and medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. The term also includes school health services, social work services, and parent counseling and training. It includes other developmental, corrective or supportive services if they are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from

(i) The term individualized education program (IEP) means a written statement for a child with disabilities, developed by the public agency responsible for providing free appropriate public education to a child, and contains the special education and related services to be provided to an individual child.

"...(IEP) means a written statement ... contains the special education and related services to be provided to an individual child."

(j) The term least restrictive environment means an environment in which services to children with disabilities are provided:

"The term related services means transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, ..."

- (1) to the maximum extent appropriate, with children who are not disabled and in which;
- (2) special classes or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily

special education, including assistive technology services and devices.

(k) The term Performance Standards means the Head Start program functions, activities and facilities required and necessary to meet

- (1) The term assistive technology device means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

(2) The term assistive technology service means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. The term includes: The evaluation of the needs of an individual with a disability; purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices by individuals with disabilities; selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing of assistive technology devices; coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing education and rehabilitation plans and programs; training or technical assistance for an individual with disabilities, or, where appropriate, the family of an individual with disabilities; and training or technical assistance to professionals who employ or provide services involved in the major life functions of individuals with disabilities.

(m) The term responsible HHS official means the official who is authorized to make the grant of assistance in question or his or her designee.

(n) The term special education means specially designed instruction, at no cost to parents or guardians, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. These services include classroom or home-based instruction, instruction in hospitals and institutions, and specially designed physical education if necessary.

Subpart B—Disabilities Service Plan

§ 1308.4 Purpose and scope of disabilities service plan.

(a) A Head Start grantee, or delegate agency, if appropriate, must develop a disabilities service plan providing strategies for meeting the special

Test Questions:

Select the correct option.

5. The term *individualized education program (IEP)* (1308.3)

- a. refers to all services provided by Head Start to children with disabilities.
- b. means the mutual agreements discussed with Head Start staff, parents and local service providers.
- c. means a written statement for a child with disabilities of the free educational and special services that will be provided.
- d. refers to a Head Start grantee's written policies regarding children with disabilities.

6. The term *least restrictive environment* (1308.3)

- a. refers to a general concept that must be defined by each Head Start grantee.
- b. means a normal Head Start educational environment that includes children with disabilities or if this doesn't work due to a child's disability a special environment that promotes maximum education for that child.
- c. means only a normal Head Start educational environment that includes children with disabilities and children without disabilities.
- d. refers to an environment that is open to all parents and outside educational resource people.

7. The term *related services* (1308.3)

- a. refers to all support services provided to a child with disabilities that allows that child to participate fully in the Head Start or supportive special services environment.
- b. refers to all support services provided to all Head Start children and families.
- c. means all local service providers that work closely with Head Start disabled children.
- d. refers to all counseling and intervention services provided through Head Start to the family members of children with disabilities.

8. The term *assistive technology device* (1308.3)

- a. means all educational testing and diagnostic tools used with disabled Head Start children.
- b. refers to special playground equipment that is shared with disabled and non-disabled Head Start children.
- c. refers to Head Start Center security devices that are necessary for the safety of all Head Start children.
- d. means any item or equipment that is used to improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

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needs of children with disabilities and their parents. The purposes of this plan are to assure:

- (1) That all components of Head Start are appropriately involved in the integration of children with disabilities and their parents; and
- (2) That resources are used efficiently.

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(b) The plan must be updated annually.

(c) The plan must include provisions for children with disabilities to be included in the full range of activities and services normally provided to all Head Start children and provisions for any modifications necessary to meet the special needs of the children with disabilities.

(d) The Head Start grantee and delegate agency must use the disabilities service plan as a working document which guides all aspects of the agency's effort to serve children with disabilities. This plan must take into account the needs of the children for small group activities, for modifications of large group activities and for any individual special help.

(e) The grantee or delegate agency must designate a coordinator of services for children with disabilities (disabilities coordinator) and arrange for preparation of the disabilities service plan and of the grantee application budget line items for services for children with disabilities. The grantee or delegate must ensure that all relevant coordinators, other staff and parents are consulted.

(f) The disability service plan must contain:

- (1) Procedures for timely screening;
- (2) Procedures for making referrals to the LEA for evaluation to determine whether there is a need for special education and related services for a child, as early as the child's third birthday;
- (3) Assurances of accessibility of facilities; and
- (4) Plans to provide appropriate special furniture, equipment and materials if needed.

(g) The plan, when appropriate, must address strategies for the transition of children into Head Start from infant/ toddler programs (0-3 years), as well as the transition from Head Start into the next placement. The plan must include preparation of staff and parents for the entry of children with severe disabilities into the Head Start program.

(h) The grantee or delegate agency must arrange or provide special education and related services necessary to foster the maximum development of each child's potential and to facilitate participation in the regular Head Start program unless the services are being provided by the LEA or other agency. The plan must specify the services to be provided directly by Head Start and those provided by other agencies. The grantee or delegate agency must arrange for, provide, or procure services which may include, but are not limited to special education and these related services:

- (1) Audiology services, including identification of children with hearing loss and referral for medical or other professional attention; provision of needed rehabilitative services such as speech and language therapy and auditory training to make best use of remaining hearing; speech conservation; lip reading; determination of need for hearing aids and fitting of appropriate aids; and programs for prevention of hearing loss;
- (2) Physical therapy to facilitate gross motor development in activities such as walking prevent or slow orthopedic problems and improve posture and conditioning;
- (3) Occupational therapy to improve, develop or restore fine motor functions in activities such as using a fork or knife;
- (4) Speech or language services including therapy and use of assistive de-vices necessary for a child to develop or improve receptive or expressive means of communication;
- (5) Psychological services such as evaluation of each child's functioning

and interpreting the results to staff and parents; and counseling and guidance services for staff and parents regarding disabilities;

includes adapted buses equipped to accommodate wheelchairs or other such devices if required; and

- (6) Transportation for children with disabilities to and from the program and to special clinics or other service providers when the services cannot be provided on-site. Transportation

"... must arrange or provide special education and related services necessary to foster the maximum development of each child's potential and to facilitate participation in the regular Head Start program ..."

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Select the correct option.

9. Children with disabilities are to be (1308.4)

- a. set up with their own spaces and equipment that are individualized for their particular disability.
- b. included in some regular Head Start activities if a Special Education Teacher is available.
- c. treated exactly like the other children regardless of their disability.
- d. included in the full range of activities and services normally provided.

10. The plan must (1308.4)

- a. specify the services to be provided by Head Start and those provided by other agencies.
- b. specify only those activities that are the responsibility of Head Start.
- c. be written by the parents and consulting medical staff.
- d. be inclusive of all children in the Head Start program.

11. Audiology services (1308.4)

- a. would necessarily include speech therapy but not hearing loss.
- b. would include only hearing loss issues related to prevention of hearing loss.
- c. include identification of children with hearing loss and referral for medical or other professional attention.
- d. are to be referred to other agencies for all services.

12. Psychological services (1308.4)

- a. must be referred to other agencies.
 - b. are not part of disabilities services provided by Head Start.
 - c. would include counseling and guidance services for staff and parents regarding disabilities.
 - d. would not include counseling and guidance services for staff and parents regarding disabilities
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