§ 303.1 Purpose of the early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

The purpose of this part is to provide financial assistance to States to—
(a) Maintain and implement a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families;
(b) Facilitate the coordination of payment for early intervention services from Federal, State, local, and private sources (including public and private insurance coverage);
(c) Enhance the States’ capacity to provide quality early intervention services and expand and improve existing early intervention services being provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families; and
(d) Enhance the capacity of State and local agencies and service providers to identify, evaluate, and meet the needs of historically underrepresented populations, particularly minority, low-income, inner-city, and rural populations.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1431)

§ 303.2 Eligible recipients of an award.

Eligible recipients include the 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior, and the following jurisdictions: Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(27), 1443)

§ 303.3 Activities that may be supported under this part.

Funds under this part may be used for the following activities:
(a) To maintain and implement a statewide system of early intervention services for children eligible under this part and their families.
(b) For direct services for eligible children and their families that are not otherwise provided from other public or private sources.
(c) To expand and improve on services for eligible children and their families that are otherwise available, consistent with §303.527.
(d) To provide a free appropriate public education, in accordance with part B of the Act, to children with disabilities from their third birthday to the beginning of the following school year.
(e) To strengthen the statewide system by initiating, expanding, or improving collaborative efforts related to at-risk infants and toddlers, including establishing linkages with appropriate public or private community-based organizations, services, and personnel for the purpose of—
(1) Identifying and evaluating at-risk infants and toddlers;
(2) Making referrals of the infants and toddlers identified and evaluated under paragraph (e)(1) of this section; and
(3) Conducting periodic follow-up on each referral under paragraph (e)(2) of this section to determine if the status of the infant or toddler involved has changed with respect to the eligibility of the infant or toddler for services under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1433 and 1438)

§ 303.4 Limitation on eligible children.

This part 303 does not apply to any child with disabilities receiving a free appropriate public education, in accordance with 34 CFR part 300, with funds received under 34 CFR part 301.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1419(h))

§ 303.5 Applicable regulations.

(a) The following regulations apply to this part:
(1) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), including—
(i) Part 76 (State Administered Programs), except for §76.103;
(ii) Part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations);