§ 303.521 Fees.

(a) General. A State may establish, consistent with §303.12(a)(3)(iv), a system of payments for early intervention services, including a schedule of sliding fees.

(b) Functions not subject to fees. The following are required functions that must be carried out at public expense by a State, and for which no fees may be charged to parents:

(1) Implementing the child find requirements in §303.321.

(2) Evaluation and assessment, as included in §303.322, and including the functions related to evaluation and assessment in §303.12.

(3) Service coordination, as included in §§303.22 and 303.344(g).

(4) Administrative and coordinative activities related to—

(i) The development, review, and evaluation of IFSPs in §§303.340 through 303.346; and

(ii) Implementation of the procedural safeguards in subpart B of this part and the other components of the statewide system of early intervention services in subparts D and F of this part.

(c) States with mandates to serve children from birth. If a State has in effect a State law requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities from birth, the State may not charge parents for any services (e.g., physical or occupational therapy) required under that law that are provided to children eligible under this part and their families.

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§ 303.522 Identification and coordination of resources.

(a) Each lead agency is responsible for—

(1) The identification and coordination of all available resources for early intervention services within the State, including those from Federal, State, local, and private sources; and

(2) Updating the information on the funding sources in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, if a legislative or policy change is made under any of those sources.

(b) The Federal funding sources in paragraph (a)(1) of this section include—

(1) Title V of the Social Security Act (relating to Maternal and Child Health);

(2) Title XIX of the Social Security Act (relating to the general Medicaid Program, and EPSDT);

(3) The Head Start Act;

(4) Parts B and H of the Act;

(5) The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Pub. L. 94–103); and

(6) Other Federal programs.

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§ 303.523 Interagency agreements.

(a) General. Each lead agency is responsible for entering into formal interagency agreements with other State-level agencies involved in the State’s early intervention program. Each agreement must meet the requirements in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section.

(b) Financial responsibility. Each agreement must define the financial responsibility, in accordance with §303.143, of the agency for paying for early intervention services (consistent with State law and the requirements of this part).

(c) Procedures for resolving disputes. (1) Each agreement must include procedures for achieving a timely resolution of intra-agency and interagency disputes about payments for a given service, or disputes about other matters related to the State’s early intervention program.