(d) 
Proceeds from public or private insurance. (1) Proceeds from public or private insurance are not treated as program income for purposes of 34 CFR 80.25.

(2) If a public agency spends reimbursements from Federal funds (e.g., Medicaid) for services under this part, those funds are not considered State or local funds for purposes of the provisions contained in §303.124.


§ 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 E 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 services.
§ 303.526 Policy for contracting or otherwise arranging for services.

Each system must include a policy pertaining to contracting or making other arrangements with public or private service providers to provide early intervention services. The policy must include—

(a) A requirement that all early intervention services must meet State standards and be consistent with the provisions of this part;

(b) The mechanisms that the lead agency will use in arranging for these services, including the process by which awards or other arrangements are made; and

(i) The financial designee shall reallocate the responsibility to the appropriate agency;

(ii) The lead agency shall make arrangements for reimbursement of any expenditures incurred by the agency originally assigned responsibility.

(c) To the extent necessary to ensure compliance with its action in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the lead agency shall—

(1) Refer the dispute to the Council or the Governor; and

(2) Implement the procedures to ensure the delivery of services in a timely manner in accordance with §303.525.

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§ 303.525 Delivery of services in a timely manner.

Each lead agency is responsible for the development of procedures to ensure that services are provided to eligible children and their families in a timely manner, pending the resolution of disputes among public agencies or service providers.

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§ 303.524 Resolution of disputes.

(a) Each lead agency is responsible for resolving individual disputes, in accordance with the procedures in §303.523(c)(2)(i).

(b)(1) During a dispute, the individual or entity responsible for assigning financial responsibility among appropriate agencies under §303.143 ("financial designee") shall assign financial responsibility to—

(i) An agency, subject to the provisions in paragraph (b)(2) of this section; or

(ii) The lead agency, in accordance with the "payor of last resort" provisions in §303.527.

(2) If, during the lead agency’s resolution of the dispute, the financial designee determines that the assignment of financial responsibility under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section was inappropriately made—