acceptance of the standards from the local agencies.

(g) Affirmative action plan. The Medicaid agency must have in effect an affirmative action plan for equal employment opportunity, that includes specific action steps and timetables to assure that opportunity, and meets all other requirements of 45 CFR 70.4.1

(h) Submittal of requested materials. The Medicaid agency must submit to HHS, upon request, copies of the affirmative action plan and of the State and local materials that assure compliance with the standards.


Subpart B—Training Programs; Subprofessional and Volunteer Programs

§ 432.30 Training programs: General requirements.

(a) A State plan must provide for a program of training for Medicaid agency personnel. (See also §§ 432.31 and 432.32 for training programs for subprofessional staff and for volunteers.)

(b) The program must—

(1) Include initial inservice training for newly appointed staff, and continuing training opportunities to improve the operation of the program;
(2) Be related to job duties performed or to be performed by the persons trained; and
(3) Be consistent with the program objectives of the agency.

§ 432.31 Training and use of subprofessional staff.

(a) State plan requirement. A State plan must provide for the training and effective use of subprofessional staff as community service aides, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) Recruitment and selection. The Medicaid agency must have methods of recruitment and selection that afford opportunity for full-time or part-time employment of persons of low income, including:

(1) Young, middle-aged, and older persons;
(2) Physically and mentally disabled; and
(3) Beneficiaries.

(c) Merit system. Subprofessional positions must be subject to merit system requirements except where special exemption is approved on the basis of a State alternative plan for employment of disadvantaged persons.

(d) Staffing plan. The agency staffing plan must include the kinds of jobs that subprofessional staff can perform.

(e) Career service. The agency must have a career service program that allows persons:

(1) To enter employment at the subprofessional level; and
(2) To progress to positions of increasing responsibility and reward:

(i) In accordance with their abilities; and
(ii) Through work experience and pre-service and in-service training.

(f) Training, supervision and supportive services. The agency must have an organized training program, supervision, and supportive services for subprofessional staff.

(g) Progressive expansion. The agency must provide for annual increase in the number of subprofessional staff until:

(1) An appropriate ratio of subprofessional and professional staff has been achieved; and
(2) There is maximum use of subprofessional staff as community aides in the operation of the program.

§ 432.32 Training and use of volunteers.

(a) State plan requirement. A State plan must provide for the training and use of non-paid or partially paid volunteers in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) Functions of volunteers. The Medicaid agency must make use of volunteers in:

(1) Providing services to applicants and beneficiaries; and
(2) Assisting any advisory committees established by the agency.

As used in this paragraph, "partially paid volunteers" means volunteers who