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and procedures, and reporting require-
mements for the QC program and to en-
sure accuracy and verification of QC
findings.

(c) The Secretary interprets section
303(b)(2), SSA to require that, in the
administration of a State law, there
shall be substantial compliance with
the provisions required by sections
303(a) (1) and (6). Further, conformity
of the State law with those require-
ments is required by section 303(a) and
§ 601.5(a) of this chapter.

(d) To satisfy the requirements of
sections 303(a) (1) and (6), a State law
must contain a provision requiring, or
which is construed to require, the es-
tablishment and maintenance of a QC
program in accordance with the re-
quirements of this part. The establish-
ment and maintenance of such a QC
program in accordance with this part
shall not require any change in State
law concerning authority to undertake
redeterminations of claims or liabil-
ities or the finality of any determina-
tion, redetermination or decision.

Subpart C—State Responsibilities

§ 602.20 Organization.

Each State shall establish a QC unit
independent of, and not accountable to,
any unit performing functions subject
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all such records available in a timely manner for inspection, examination, and audit by such Federal officials as the Secretary may designate or as may be required or authorized by law;

(f) Furnish information and reports to the Department, including weekly transmissions of case data entered into the automated QC system and annual reports, without, in any manner, identifying individuals to whom such data pertain; and

(g) Release the results of the QC program at the same time each year, providing calendar year results using a standardized format to present the data as prescribed by the Department; States will have the opportunity to release this information prior to any release by the Department.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control Number 1235–0245)

§ 602.22 Exceptions.

If the Department determines that the QC program, or any constituent part of the QC program, is not necessary for the proper and efficient administration of a State law or in the Department’s view is not cost effective, the Department shall use established procedures to advise the State that it is partially or totally excepted from the specified requirements of this part. Any determination under this section shall be made only after consultations with the State agency.

Subpart E—Quality Control Grants to States

§ 602.40 Funding.

(a) The Department shall use established procedures to notify States of the availability of funds for the operation of QC programs in accordance with this part.

(b) The Department may allocate additional resources, if available, to States for analysis of data generated by the QC program, to increase the number of claims sampled in areas where more information is needed, for pilot studies for the purpose of expanding the QC program, and for corrective action.