§ 1000.425 How does a Tribe/Consortium request an informal conference?

The Tribe/Consortium shall file its request for an informal conference with the office of the person whose decision it is appealing, within 30 days of the day it receives the decision.

(a) The Tribe/Consortium may either hand-deliver the request for an informal conference to that person’s office, fax the request with confirmation or mail it by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) If the Tribe/Consortium mails the request, it will be considered filed on the date the Tribe/Consortium mailed it by certified mail.

§ 1000.426 How is an informal conference held?

For all purposes relating to these informal conference procedures, the parties are the designated representatives of the Tribe/Consortium and the bureau.

(a) The informal conference shall be held within 30 days of the date the request was received, unless the parties agree on another date.

(b) Where practicable, at the option of the Tribe/Consortium, the informal conference will be held at the Tribe’s/Consortium’s office. If the meeting cannot be held at the Tribe’s/Consortium’s office, the parties must agree on an alternative meeting place.

(c) The informal conference shall be conducted by a designated representative of the Secretary.

(d) Only the parties may make presentations at the informal conference.

(e) The informal conference is not a hearing on the record. Nothing said during an informal conference may be used by either party in litigation.

§ 1000.427 What happens after the informal conference?

(a) Within 10 business days of the informal conference, the person who conducted the informal conference shall mail to the Tribe/Consortium a brief summary of the informal conference. The summary must include any agreements reached or changes from the initial position of the bureau or the Tribe/Consortium.

(b) If in its judgment no agreement was reached, the Tribe/Consortium may choose to appeal the initial decision, as modified by any changes made as a result of the informal conference, under §1000.421 of this subpart to the IBIA, bureau head/Assistant Secretary, or IBCA.

§ 1000.428 How may a Tribe/Consortium appeal a decision made after the AFA or compact or amendment to an AFA or compact has been signed?

With the exception of certain decisions concerning re-award for imminent jeopardy (see §1000.408 of this subpart), the Tribe/Consortium may appeal post-award administrative decisions to the CBCA.

§ 1000.429 What statutes and regulations govern resolution of disputes concerning signed AFAs or compacts that are appealed to the CBCA?

Section 110 of Public Law 93–638 (25 U.S.C. 450m-l) and the regulations at 25 CFR 900.216 through 900.230 apply to disputes concerning signed AFAs and compacts that are appealed to the CBCA, except that any references to the Department of Health and Human Services are inapplicable. For purposes of such appeals:

(a) The terms “contract” and “self-determination contract” mean compacts and AFAs under the Tribal Self-Governance Act; and

(b) The term “Tribe” means “Tribe/Consortium.”

§ 1000.430 Who handles appeals regarding re-award for imminent jeopardy?

Appeals regarding re-award of Title I-eligible PFSAs are handled by the IBIA under the procedures in 25 CFR 900.171 through 900.176. Appeals regarding re-award of PFSAs that are not Title I-eligible are handled by the CBCA under the procedures in 48 CFR part 6101.

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