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regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688), and Indian allotments.

Service provider, as used in section 306(a)(1) of the Act with respect to the provision of supportive and nutrition services, means an entity that is awarded a subgrant or contract from an area agency to provide services under the area plan.

Severe disability, as used to carry out the provisions of the Act, means a severe chronic disability attributable to mental and/or physical impairment of an individual that:

- (a) Is likely to continue indefinitely; and
- (b) Results in substantial functional limitation in 3 or more of the following major life activities:
 - (1) Self-care,
 - (2) Receptive and expressive language,
 - (3) Learning,
 - (4) Mobility,
 - (5) Self-direction,
 - (6) Capacity for independent living, and
 - (7) Economic self-sufficiency.

§ 1321.5 Applicability of other regulations.

Several other regulations apply to all activities under this part. These include but are not limited to:

- (a) 45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board;
- (b) 45 CFR part 74—Administration of Grants, except subpart N;
- (c) 45 CFR part 80—Nondiscrimination under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services: Effectuation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- (d) 45 CFR part 81—Practice and Procedures for Hearings Under Part 80 of this title;
- (e) 45 CFR part 84—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Participation;
- (f) 45 CFR part 91—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in HHS Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance;
- (g) 45 CFR part 92—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and

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Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;

(h) 45 CFR part 100—Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities; and

(i) 5 CFR part 900, subpart F, Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration.

Subpart B—State Agency Responsibilities

§ 1321.7 Mission of the State agency.

(a) The Older Americans Act intends that the State agency on aging shall be the leader relative to all aging issues on behalf of all older persons in the State. This means that the State agency shall proactively carry out a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, interagency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation, designed to lead to the development or enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community based systems in, or serving, communities throughout the State. These systems shall be designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible.

(b) The State agency shall designate area agencies on aging for the purpose of carrying out the mission described above for the State agency at the sub-State level. The State agency shall designate as its area agencies on aging only those sub-state agencies having the capacity and making the commitment to fully carry out the mission described for area agencies in § 1321.53 below.

(c) The State agency shall assure that the resources made available to area agencies on aging under the Older Americans Act are used to carry out the mission described for area agencies in § 1321.53 below.

§ 1321.9 Organization and staffing of the State agency.

(a) The State shall designate a sole State agency to develop and administer the State plan required under this part and serve as the effective visible advocate for the elderly within the State.