



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Peter O'Meara  
Commissioner  
Department of Mental Retardation  
DMR Central  
460 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Commissioner O'Meara:

This is to inform you that the amendments to your State's application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 funds, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be approved. The approval is based upon our review and acceptance of the amendments to your State's existing application under Part C and the receipt of required policies, procedures, methods, descriptions, assurances, certifications and submission statement for FFY 2006. This includes the assurance from the Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation that the Statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C under PL 108-446 and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR Part 303 is, and will remain, in effect throughout the FFY 2006 grant period.

Enclosed is the State's grant award for funds currently available under the Department of Education FFY 2006 Appropriations Act for the Part C program. These funds are for use primarily in the fiscal year 2006-2007 and are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008.

The enclosed grant award for FFY 2006 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

Please note that as part of your Application for FFY 2006, your State has made an assurance, under 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Any changes made by the State to its FFY 2006 Application or its Part C policies, after OSEP's approval, must meet the applicable public participation requirements in Part C of the IDEA and may also need to be submitted to OSEP for approval prior to implementation.

The Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation has a provisional restricted indirect cost rate of two percent (2%) that expired on June 30, 2005 and the agency is in the process of negotiating a new restricted indirect cost rate that will be in effect for the period: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. In Section IV.B of the Application and in subsequent communications, the State lead agency indicated it will continue to bill the Part C FFY 2006 grant based on this two percent provisional restricted indirect cost rate until a final restricted indirect cost rate is approved for FFY 2006, which may result in an adjustment of the final audited expenditures allowed to the Part C FFY 2006 grant funds. When a final restricted indirect cost rate is approved for FFY 2006, please forward to our Indirect Cost Unit: (1) a copy of the final rate agreement; and (2)

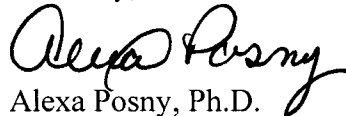
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details of adjustments made to GAPS liquidations from the provisional or prior billing rate after approval of the final rate.

Section 604 of the IDEA provides that “[a] State shall not be immune under the eleventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States from suit in Federal court for a violation of this Act.” Section 606 provides that each recipient of assistance under IDEA make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities. Therefore, by accepting this grant a State is expressly agreeing as a condition of IDEA funding to a waiver of Eleventh Amendment immunity and to ensuring that positive efforts are made to employ and advance employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,



Alexa Posny, Ph.D.

Director

Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

Enclosure A

cc: Linda Goodman  
Part C Coordinator