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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
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TO : STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
PROGRAM
REGIONAL REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS (RRCEPS)
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT : Initial Allotment for the Basic Support Program and the Annual Allotment
Table - FY 1995

Attached are the FY 1995 initial allotment grant award for the Basic Support Program and the FY 1995 Annual Allotment Table.

As an effort to reduce the likelihood of incurring interest liabilities under the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (CMIA), the Department has approved a biannual issuance of the annual allotment for the Title I Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program. The initial allotment (80 percent) is issued during the first quarter of the Federal fiscal year and the remainder of the annual allotment (20 percent) will be distributed during the fourth quarter of the Federal fiscal year.

The FY 1995 appropriation level for the Basic Support Program is \$2,043,874,275. An initial allotment of \$1,635,099,420 is awarded to States for the period of October 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995. This amount is the States' initial allotment which consists of 80 percent of the FY 1995 appropriation level under the Basic Support Program.

The annual allotment table (attached) under the Basic Support Program is based on a legislatively-mandated formula as authorized under Sections 8 and 110 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended. In applying this formula, the average of the three most recent years of per capita income (PCI) data (1990, 1991 and 1992) and the most recent U.S. population data are used. This PCI information is updated on each even-numbered year (every two years) and is available from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economics and Statistics (see the U.S. Department of Commerce News Release, number BEA 93-47, dated October 7, 1993). Both FY 1994 and FY 1995 state allotments were based on 1990, 1991 and 1992 PCI data.

Population, as prescribed under Section 8(a)(3), is also used in the formula to compute annual allotment amounts. This data is obtained annually from the most recent data available, as furnished by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, by October 1 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which funds are appropriated (see U.S. Department of Commerce News Release, number CB 93-219, dated December 29, 1993).

Please note that the year-to-year changes in a State's allotment do not necessarily match the year-to-year change in the total U.S. appropriation. Individual State changes are the result of the mathematical interaction of the PCI and population variables for all States.

INQUIRIES : If there are any questions concerning your initial award or the Allotment table, please contact Slagle Allbritton at (202) 205-8358.

Commissioner, RSA

Attachments