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ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
STATE REHABILITATION COUNCILS
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE
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REGIONAL REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: FY 1998 and FY 1999 Standards and Indicators Work Tables

CONTENT: Section 106 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended in 1998 (the Act), requires the RSA Commissioner to evaluate the State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies based on performance on evaluation standards and performance indicators. The evaluation standards and performance indicators required under this authority have been developed and published as 34 CFR 361.81 on June 5, 2000, and will be applied officially to State VR agency performance results beginning with FY 2000 data. Monitoring of State VR agency performance on standards and indicators will be conducted as part of the monitoring responsibilities outlined in Section 107 of the Act. The purpose of RSA monitoring activity will therefore be to determine whether a State VR agency is complying substantially with the provisions of its State plan under section 101 of the Act and with the Evaluation Standards and Performance Indicators established under section 106. If the State VR agency does not meet the criteria for performance described in 34 CFR 361.81, RSA and the State VR agency are required to jointly develop a program improvement plan.

The attached FY 1998 and FY 1999 Standards and Indicators Work Tables provide information on State VR agency performance on the Section 106 Evaluation Standards and Performance Indicators. In contrast to previously released Standards and Indicators tables prepared by Research Triangle Institute, which were designed primarily for the RSA Annual Report and which show for each state agency only the actual indicator

value and a pass or fail designation, these tables show all the data needed to calculate the indicator value as well. These tables will provide RSA Regional Office staff and State VR agency staff with some historical information regarding State VR agency performance on these new performance indicators for years prior to the FY 2000 official implementation year. This historical information will be useful in the process of monitoring State VR agency performance in general and in the development of program improvement plans when these are required.

These tables are organized into four sets of five tables each. The five tables included in each set are:

- Table for indicators 1.1 and 1.2
- Table for indicators 1.3 and 1.4
- Table for indicator 1.5
- Table for indicator 1.6
- Table for indicator 2.1

The four sets of these tables show the results for:

- General and Combined agencies for FY 1998
- Blind agencies for FY 1998
- General and Combined agencies for FY 1999
- Blind agencies for FY 1999

INQUIRIES:

In order to obtain additional copies of the FY 1998 and FY 1999 Standards and Indicators Work Tables, contact your RSA Regional Office. You may also reach the RSA Central Office Monitoring Unit at:

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