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ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
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REGIONAL REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: FY 1999 Standards and Indicators Work Tables

CONTENT: Attached are corrected versions of Standards and Indicators Work Tables to replace FY 1999 tables sent to you as attachments to RSA-IM-01-40, dated August 30, 2001. The attached tables correct a number of discrepancies found in data reported for FY 1998 on the FY 1998 and FY 1999 sets of tables transmitted under RSA-IM-01-40. Specifically, the attached set of tables corrects information originally reported inaccurately for one State agency on Table 1.3 and 1.4 and corrects information and column headings in Table 2.1. RSA Central Office staff would like to express their appreciation to those State VR agency staff who helped identify and resolve issues on these tables.

With the corrections made, these tables give interested parties information about performance on Standards and Indicators for FY 1998 and FY 1999 as historical background for the implementation of Standards and Indicators monitoring and program improvement beginning with program performance data for FY 2000. The FY 1998 tables sent with RSA-IM-01-40 (containing FY 1997 and FY 1998 data) are not being reissued, as the attached corrected FY 1999 tables provide information regarding FY 1998 and FY 1999.

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 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 two sets of five tables each, one set including results for General and Combined agencies and one set including results for Blind agencies. 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

INQUIRIES:

In order to obtain additional copies of the 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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Attachments

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