

GENERAL ASSURANCES

The Agency of Human Services agrees to maintain documentation to substantiate all the following assurance items. Such documentation is available for federal review to determine adequacy and completeness.

Each assurance item is followed by an indication of the categorical grant programs to which it applies. A specific reference to the comparable planning requirements of each program is included for the convenience of state and federal reviewers.

1. SINGLE STATE AGENCY

The Agency of Human Services is the single State Agency responsible for the administration or supervision of the administration of this plan.

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2. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

The Agency of Human Services agrees to administer the program in accordance with the applicable Act, the State Plan and all applicable regulations, policies and procedures established by the Commissioner or the Deputy Secretary, including the requirements at 34CFR Part 85 Subpart F, Drug free Workplace Act of 1988 and debarment and suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, Section 85.510 and certification regarding lobbying as required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code.

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3. COMPLIANCE BY LOCAL AGENCIES

Where the Agency of Human Services supervises the administration of the State Plan, there are adequate methods for assuring compliance with the requirements of the plan by local agencies and/or services contractors.

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4. EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION

The Agency of Human Services utilizes such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the plan.

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5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agency of Human Services' uniform administrative requirements and cost principles are in compliance with the relevant provisions of 45 CFR Part 74, except where these provisions are superseded by statute or program regulations.

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6. TRAINING OF STAFF

The Agency of Human Services provides a program of appropriate training for all classes of positions and volunteers, if applicable.

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7. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

The Agency of Human Services maintains sufficient fiscal control and accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for federal funds paid under this plan.

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8. SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

The Agency of Human Services has implemented such regulations, standards, and procedures as are necessary to meet the requirements on safeguarding confidential information under relevant program regulations.

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9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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10. STANDARDS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

All providers of service under this plan operate fully in conformance with all applicable federal, state and local fire, health, safety and sanitation and other standards prescribed in law or regulations. The Agency of Human Services provides that where the state or local public jurisdictions require licensure for the provision of services, agencies providing such services shall be licensed.

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11. AMENDMENTS TO STATE PLAN

The State Plan provides for amendment whenever there is any material change in any applicable phase of State law, organization, policy, agency operations or other major conditions which affect the administration of this plan. Such amendments will be made in conformance with applicable regulations and submitted to the federal government before they are put into effect or at a reasonable time thereafter.

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12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Agency of Human Services has an equal employment opportunity policy, implemented through an affirmative action plan for all aspects of personnel administration as specified in 45 CFR Part 86.

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13. NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP

All recipients of funds from the Agency of Human Services are required to operate each program or activity so that, when viewed in its entirety, the program or activity is readily accessible to and usable by a handicapped person. Where structural changes are required, these changes shall be made as quickly as possible in keeping with 45 CFR 84 and P.L. 97-45.

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14. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The Agency of Human Services has developed a system to ensure that benefits and services available under the State Plan are provided in a non-discriminatory manner as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended.

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15. WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

With regards to the provision of any services included in this plan to individuals or groups of individuals, the Agency of Human Services has established in writing and will maintain policies and procedures for the provision of such services. These policies shall include a description of the scope and nature of each service and the procedures and conditions under which each such services are to be provided, including criteria for establishment of fee schedule or contributions, if applicable.

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16. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Agency of Human Services has a reasonable and objective method for determining the needs of all eligible residents of all geographic areas in the State and for allocating resources to meet those needs.

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17. PRIORITIES

The Agency of Human Services has a reasonable and objective method for establishing priorities for service and such methods are in compliance with applicable statutes.

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18. ELIGIBILITY

The activities covered by this State Plan serve only those individuals and groups eligible under the provisions of the applicable statute.

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19. RESIDENCY

No requirements as to duration of residence or citizenship will be imposed as a condition of participation in Vermont's program for the provision of services.

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20. COORDINATION AND MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF SERVICES

The Agency of Human Services has entered into cooperative arrangements with, and utilizes the services and facilities of, other appropriate public and private agencies whose activities further the purposes of the program covered by this plan or which are specifically referenced in the applicable statute. Such coordination shall maximize utilization of public and private resources.

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