

125A.35 EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE DOLLARS.

Subdivision 1. **Lead agency; allocation of resources.** The state lead agency must administer the early intervention account that consists of federal allocations. The Part C state plan must state the amount of federal resources in the early intervention account available for use by local agencies. The state lead agency must distribute the funds to the local primary agency based on a December 1 count of the prior year of Part C eligible children for the following purposes:

(1) as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 303.425, to arrange for payment for early intervention services not elsewhere available, or to pay for services during the pendency of a conflict procedure, including mediation, complaints, due process hearings, and interagency disputes; and

(2) to support interagency child find system activities.

Subd. 2. **Priority funding.** The priority purpose for this fund is subdivision 1, clause (1). The local primary agency must reallocate resources from the early intervention fund as necessary in order to meet this priority.

Subd. 3. **Discretionary funding.** Nothing in this subdivision limits the state lead agency's authority to allocate discretionary federal funds for any purpose consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections 1471 to 1485 (Part C, Public Law 102-119) and regulations adopted under United States Code, title 20, sections 1471 to 1485.

Subd. 4. **Expenditures; early intervention services.** Each county board must continue to spend for early intervention services under section 125A.27, subdivision 6, an amount equal to the total county expenditure during the period from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1993, for these same services. The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of health and the association of Minnesota counties, must establish a process for determining base year 1993 expenditures.

Subd. 5. **Increased costs.** County boards that have submitted base year 1993 expenditures as required under subdivision 4 are not required to pay any increased cost over the base year 1993 for early intervention services resulting from implementing the early intervention system. Increased costs to county boards may be paid for with early intervention service dollars.

Subd. 6. **School boards.** School boards are not required to pay for services defined in section 125A.29, paragraph (c), clause (2).

History: 1994 c 647 art 3 s 9,34; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1996 c 412 art 3 s 4,5; 1Sp1997 c 4 art 2 s 1; 1998 c 397 art 2 s 50,164; art 11 s 3; 1999 c 205 art 1 s 47,70; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 10 s 13