

July 1, 2002

Honorable Donald L. Shumway
Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-3857

Dear Commissioner Shumway:

We have determined that your State's application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be conditionally approved. Therefore, I am enclosing your State's Part C grant award.

The conditional approval is based on our review and acceptance of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Part C application for FY 2002, including:

1. those portions of the State's existing Part C application on file with the Secretary that remain in effect;
2. the assurance from DHHS that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect; and
3. the June 26, 2002 letter from DHHS to the Office of Special Education Programs, in which DHHS assures that it will take steps necessary to complete revisions to its application to conform it to the requirements of Part C, specifically to revise the description of the use of Part C funds for direct services to comply with 34 CFR 303.145(d)(2).

Part III of the FY02 application for Part C funds requested updated information about each State's restricted indirect cost rate. Based on that form, it is our understanding that you have a cost allocation plan that has been approved by your cognizant agency or this agency and is in effect.

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The enclosed grant award for FY 2002 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application and appendices, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Lee
Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Carolyn Stiles
Part C Coordinator