

July 2, 2002

Honorable J. Nick Baird, MD
Director
Ohio Department of Health
246 North High Street
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0118

Dear Director Baird:

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 Ohio Department of Health (ODH) 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 that the statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect; and
3. the June 28, 2002, letter from ODH to the Office of Special Education Programs, in which ODH assures that by no later than November 1, 2002, it will take the steps necessary to make all of the changes to its policies and procedures that are necessary to make them consistent with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR Part 303, specifically the state complaint requirements at 34 CFR 303.510-303.512, and will provide the Secretary with the documentation of those changes. The State also assures that by July 1, 2003, it will take the 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).

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Section III of the FY 2002 application for Part C funds requested updated information about each State's restricted indirect cost rate. Our records indicate that you have a restricted indirect cost rate proposal that has been approved by your cognizant agency and is effective until amended. We expect to receive your next indirect cost rate as soon as it is approved.

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: Debbie Wright
Chief Bureau of EIS