

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: December, 1994

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists new proposals for welfare reform and combined welfare reform/Medicaid demonstration projects submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services during the month of December, 1994. Federal approval for the proposals has been requested pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act. This notice also lists proposals that were previously submitted and are still pending a decision and projects that have been approved since December 1, 1994. The Health Care Financing Administration is publishing a separate notice for Medicaid only demonstration projects.

Comments: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposal for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: For specific information or questions on the content of a project contact the State contact listed for that project.

Requests for copies of a project or comments on the project should be addressed to: Howard Rolston, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Aerospace Building, 7th Floor West, Washington DC 20447, FAX: (202) 205-3598, PHONE: (202) 401-9220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may approve research and demonstration project proposals with a broad range of policy objectives.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the

Federal Register (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

II. Listing of New and Pending Proposals for the Month of December, 1994.

As part of our procedures, we are publishing a monthly notice in the **Federal Register** of all new and pending proposals. This notice contains proposals for the month of December 1994.

Waiver Title: Arizona—Employing and Moving People Off Welfare and Encouraging Responsibility Program.

Description: Would not increase benefits for additional children conceived while receiving AFDC; limit benefits to adults to 24 months in any 60 month period; allow recipients to deposit up to \$200/month (with 50% disregarded) in Individual Development Accounts; require minor mothers to live with parents; extend Transitional Child Care and Medicaid to 24 months and eliminate the 100-hour rule for AFDC-U cases. Also, in a pilot site, would provide individuals with short-term subsidized public or private OJT subsidized by grant diversion which includes cashing-out Food Stamps.

Date Received: 8/3/94.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Gail A. Parin, (602) 542-4702.

Waiver Title: California—Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding provisions to: Reduce benefit levels by 10% (but retaining the need level); reduce benefits an additional 15% after 6 months on assistance for cases with an able-bodied adult; time-limit assistance to able-bodied adults to 24 months, and not increase benefits for children conceived while receiving AFDC.

Date Received: 3/14/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Glen Brooks, (916) 657-3291.

Waiver Title: California—AFDC and Food Stamp Compatibility Demonstration Project.

Description: Would make AFDC and Food Stamp policy more compatible by making AFDC households categorically eligible for Food Stamps; allowing recipients to deduct 40 percent of self-employment income in reporting monthly income; disregarding \$100 per quarter in non-recurring gifts and irregular/infrequent income; disregarding undergraduate student assistance and work study income if payments are based on need; reinstating food stamp benefits discontinued for failure to file a monthly report when good cause is found for the failure; and simplifying vehicle valuation methodology.

Date Received: 5/23/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Michael C. Genest, (916) 657-3546.

Waiver Title: California—Assistance Payments Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project by: Exempting certain categories of AFDC families from the State's benefit cuts; paying the exempt cases based on grant levels in effect in California on November 1, 1992; and renewing the waiver of the Medicaid maintenance of effort provision at section 1902(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, which was vacated by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in its decision in *Beno v. Shalala*.

Date Received: 8/26/94.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Michael C. Genest, (916) 657-3546.

Waiver Title: California—Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend the Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding provisions to not increasing AFDC benefits to families for additional children conceived while receiving AFDC.

Date Received: 11/9/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Eloise Anderson, (916) 657-2598.

Waiver Title: California—School Attendance Demonstration Project.

Description: In San Diego County, require AFDC recipients ages 16-18 to attend school or participate in JOBS.

Date Received: 12/5/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Michael C. Genest (916) 657-3546.

Waiver Title: Georgia—Work for Welfare Project.

Description: Work for Welfare Project. In 10 pilot counties would require every