

meeting the target completion dates for each of the activities identified under general supervision, including (1) the identification and correction of any barriers, legislative or other, to ensure compliance with Part C, (2) an interagency memorandum of agreement that focuses on monitoring of all State agencies that provide Part C services, and (3) procedures for enforcing or correcting identified non-compliance, including use of appropriate sanctions. In addition, DHEC will submit the verification data and/or documentation listed in the attached General Supervision Compliance Work Plan on the dates the quarterly reports are due to OSEP.

2. Area 2: Child Find/Public Awareness

Current Status: OSEP's monitoring report reflected that: public awareness activities were not effective in informing parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities of underrepresented populations; there was a lack of coordination for child find and public awareness among relevant agencies (including child care, migrant Head Start, SSI); physician referrals were problematic including "wait and see" attitude and misperception that BabyNet addresses child health instead of development; there was a lack of public awareness materials in daycare centers, pediatric offices or developmental centers; and public awareness materials were not distributed or available in Spanish. DHEC's self-assessment data and BabyTrac Data support these findings.

Outcome: DHEC will ensure the development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated public awareness/child find system that results in the identification, evaluation, and assessment of all eligible infants and toddlers.

Measurable Goals and Verification: DHEC has identified the following goals and will either provide or make available verification to the Department for each goal.

Goal 1: DHEC shall ensure that the child find system is coordinated with all major efforts to locate and identify eligible children conducted by other State agencies.

Goal 2: DHEC will ensure that the child find system is coordinated with all other major efforts to locate and identify children conducted by other State agencies, programs, and organizations, and DHEC shall conduct outreach to these entities including private entities such as pediatric practices and day care centers.

Goal 3: Families will have access to public awareness materials (to ensure

identification of all eligible infants and toddlers and to enable access to culturally competent services) that inform and promote referral of eligible infants and toddlers to the Part C system.

Verification: Within the first week of each month and each month thereafter, each BNCT will prepare a report regarding the Child Find verification data listed in the Child Find Compliance Work Plan. In its quarterly report to OSEP, DHEC shall provide monthly data summaries, by each BNCT, and shall provide a narrative of how DHEC has analyzed and responded to the data provided by each BNCT.

3. Area 3: Timely/Comprehensive Evaluations

Current Status: OSEP's monitoring report reflected that: Evaluations and assessments were not completed in all five developmental areas; content on initial IFSPs was limited to future referrals for further evaluation and assessment; infants and toddlers were not evaluated in the areas of vision and hearing; evaluations and assessments were often not completed within the 45-day timeline; there are waiting lists for evaluations and assessments; and shortages of providers in some areas impacted completion of evaluations and assessments in a timely manner.

Outcome: DHEC will ensure that infants and toddlers receive timely comprehensive evaluations in all five developmental areas to enable the initial IFSP team meeting to be convened within 45 calendar days from referral.

Measurable Goals and Verification: DHEC has identified the following goals and will either provide or make available verification to the Department for each goal.

Goal 1: DHEC will ensure that evaluations and assessments are completed in all five developmental areas—cognitive development, physical development, including vision and hearing, communication development, social and emotional development and adaptive development.

Goal 2: DHEC will ensure that infants and toddlers receive timely evaluations and assessments in order to enable the initial IFSP team meeting to be convened within 45 calendar days from referral and eliminate waiting lists for evaluations and assessments.

Verification: Each BNCT will demonstrate continuous improvement in ensuring all infants and toddlers receive timely evaluations and assessments, including vision and hearing within the 45-day timeline. Quarterly benchmarks will be established for each BNCT and

incorporated in the BNCT Compliance Plan. Benchmarks will take the BNCT from their specific baseline in this area and ensure continuous substantial progress until all infants and toddlers with disabilities receive timely evaluations and assessments in all developmental areas, including vision and hearing, within the 45-day timeline. DHEC will monitor each BNCT to ensure that benchmarks are met and will intervene directly with individual BNCTs, as necessary. In its quarterly report to OSEP, DHEC shall provide monthly summaries, by each BNCT and shall provide a narrative of how DHEC has analyzed and responded to the data provided by each BNCT.

4. Area 4: Proper Development of, and Timely Provision of Early Intervention Services on, Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

Current Status: OSEP's monitoring report reflected that: Present levels of functioning were written in some developmental areas, but were frequently omitted for the physical and communication developmental areas; all needed services, including family support services, were not listed on the IFSP; providers reported that it was difficult to obtain counseling services and parenting classes; the provision of early intervention services was delayed; for some infants and toddlers with disabilities and families, EI services were not provided; and waiting lists existed for early intervention services.

Outcome: DHEC will ensure the development and implementation of complete IFSPs for all eligible infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and ensure that all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families are provided early intervention services in a timely manner.

Measurable Goals and Verification: DHEC has identified the following goals and will either provide or make available verification to the Department for each goal.

Goal 1: All IFSPs will contain the required components in accordance with Part C.

Goal 2: All infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families will receive all early intervention services identified on their IFSP in a timely manner and waiting lists for all early intervention services will be eliminated.

Verification: Each BNCT will demonstrate continuous improvement in eliminating waiting lists for receipt of early intervention services on the IFSP each quarter. Quarterly benchmarks will be established for each BNCT and incorporated in the BNCT's Compliance Plan. Benchmarks will take the BNCT