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PART 64a—OBLIGATED SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TRAINEESHIPS

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§ 64a.101 Purpose.

This part establishes requirements to implement the service payback obligation of individuals who receive clinical traineeships in psychology, psychiatry, social work, or nursing (that are not of limited duration or experimental nature) under section 303 of the Public Health Service Act.

§ 64a.102 To whom do these regulations apply?

This part applies to any institution which receives a training grant under

section 303 of the Public Health Service Act and to any individual who receives a stipend or other trainee allowances under such a grant for any period beginning on or after July 1, 1981, for clinical training in the field of psychology, psychiatry, nursing, or social work, except for training that is of a limited duration or experimental nature.

§ 64a.103 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Public Health Service Act as amended by Pub. L. 96-398.

Clinical traineeship means a stipend or other trainee allowances provided to an individual for clinical training in psychology, psychiatry, nursing, or social work, except for training that is of a limited duration or experimental nature, under a training grant authorized by section 303 of the Act.

Community Mental Health Centers Act means the Community Mental Health Centers Act (42 U.S.C. 2689 *et seq.*) other than Part D thereof.

Experimental nature refers to the training of undergraduates; the training of individuals in disciplines other than psychology, psychiatry, nursing, or social work; and any other training which the Secretary specifically designates as experimental in the notice of award for a training grant under section 303 of the Act.

Limited duration means a period that is equal to or less than 180 days, computed cumulatively over a two year period which begins on the first day of the clinical traineeship.

Mental Health Systems Act means the Mental Health Systems Act (42 U.S.C. 9401 *et seq.*).

Nonprofit private entity means an agency, organization, institution or other entity which may not lawfully hold or use any part of its net earnings to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and which does not hold or use its net earnings for that purpose.

Other trainee allowances means financial assistance for those costs not covered by stipends, such as tuition, fees, and trainee travel, which are directly associated with and necessary to the

training of individuals receiving stipends and are incurred within the period of training.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services or other official of the Department to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

Stipend means financial assistance to an individual that is intended to help meet that individual's subsistence expenses during training.

§ 64a.104 What requirements are imposed upon grantees?

Recipients of training grants under section 303 of the Act that provide a clinical traineeship to any individual must:

(a) Give each such individual written notice of the service payback and recovery requirements of this part at the time the individual becomes a candidate for the traineeship;

(b) Before awarding a clinical traineeship, conduct an entrance interview with the individual in order to explain and emphasize the service obligation the individual is incurring, obtain the individual's written assurance that he or she will satisfy the requirements of § 64a.105, and document, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, the entrance interview on the form containing the individual's written assurance.

(c) At the time of termination of the clinical traineeship,

(1) Notify the Secretary in writing of the date on which the individual's traineeship is terminated;

(2) Conduct an exit interview with the individual to remind the trainee of the service obligation, to fully explain the consequences that will incur should the trainee fail to satisfy the obligation, and, to tell the individual that the Secretary has been notified of the date of termination of the traineeship; and

(3) Document, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, the exit interview on the form notifying the Secretary of the termination of the traineeship.

(d) Document the entrance and exit interviews with at least the following information: The date of the interview, the names of the participants involved in the interview, and a statement that

the interview included an explanation to the individual of the service payback requirement and the consequences of failing to fulfill the service payback requirement.

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§ 64a.105 What are the conditions of obligated service?

In order to receive a clinical traineeship an individual must comply with the following conditions:

(a) *Written assurance.* Prior to the award of a clinical traineeship, the individual must sign a written assurance (in such form and manner as the Secretary prescribes) that he or she will satisfy the requirements of this section.

(b) *Commencement and crediting of service.* (1) An individual must start the obligated service within twenty-four months after termination of the clinical traineeship and carry out the service on a continuous basis unless, as specified in paragraph (e) of this section, the individual has requested and had approved, respectively, an extension of the time for beginning the service, or a break in service.

(2) Following termination of the traineeship, the individual must annually provide (in such form and manner as the Secretary prescribes) a written report describing those previous years' activities which are related to service that fulfills the payback obligation. The Secretary will review this report and credit all service performed in those categories specified in paragraph (d) of this section toward the individual's payback obligation, except any service which is performed:

(i) Before termination of the individual's clinical traineeship; and

(ii) As part of any activity, such as course work, preparation of a dissertation or thesis, or practicum, which is needed to complete the training for which the individual received the traineeship.

(c) *Duration of obligation.* The period of service payback must equal the period of support under the clinical traineeship on a month for month basis.