

XV. POLICIES FOR CONTRACTING OR OTHERWISE ARRANGING FOR SERVICES

A. POLICY

- 1. The State Lead Agency (DMHMRSAS) has a *policy* in effect *pertaining to contracting or making other arrangements with public or private service providers to provide early intervention supports and services*. The *policy* includes:
 - a. A requirement that all early intervention supports and services must meet Virginia standards and be consistent with the provisions of this part;
 - b. The mechanisms that the State Lead Agency uses in arranging for these supports and services, including the process by which awards or other arrangements are made; and
 - c. The basic requirements that must be met by any individual or organization seeking to provide these supports and services for the State Lead Agency. (34 CFR 303.526)
- 2. The State Lead Agency ensures that when arranging for services, the State Procurement Act ([available at www.eva.state.va.us](http://www.eva.state.va.us)) is followed.

B. PROCEDURES

- 1. The State Lead Agency contracts in accordance with the State Procurement Act with local lead agencies (which are required to be public agencies) to carry out and implement early intervention supports and services in accordance with Part C requirements.
- 2. The local lead agency follows local agency procurement procedures that comply with the State Procurement Act when contracting for supports and services.
- 3. Local contracts, as well as local interagency agreements and/or local memoranda of understanding, are used by local lead agencies to require that all local participating agencies/providers comply with Virginia's Part C Policies and Procedures when providing early intervention supports and services.

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<#>Contracts to public or private providers for provision of early intervention services are issued according to guidelines deemed most appropriate.¶

<#>Any problems noted with this process are identified and remedies sought and incorporated into revisions or additions.¶

<#>Due to the entitlement nature of the program, adjustments will continue to be made to incorporate federal evaluation needs identified as being unique to entitlement.¶

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