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SUBJECT: Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act amended the IDEA to allow, and sometimes, require, local educational agencies (LEAs) to use funds provided under IDEA for CEIS. This provision, which is found in the regulations in 34 CFR §300.226, permits LEAs to use these funds to develop and provide CEIS for students who are currently not identified as needing special education or related services.

It is important to be aware of the following fiscal requirements relating to CEIS when an LEA is required to reserve funds following the identification of significant disproportionality.

The LEA:

- Must reserve the required 15% for CEIS;
- Must use those funds during the period of their availability for obligation;

The statute does not authorize those LEAs who are required to set-aside those funds to use them for any other purpose. Therefore, when the CEIS set-aside is mandatory, those funds must remain in that set-aside during the carryover year. Any LEA, that does not expend the CEIS funds within the period of availability, will be **required to return those funds to Office of Special Education** so they may be returned to the U.S. Department of Education.

The Office of Special Education appreciates your dedication in serving the students within your district and welcomes the opportunity to assist you in your efforts. If you have questions, you may contact Dr. Audrey Shaifer or me at 601-359-3498.

c: Kim Benton, Ed.D.