

Social Security Administration

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subpart, the payment procedures stated herein shall apply except that:

(a) Payment must be consistent with the cost principles described in 45 CFR part 74 or 41 CFR part 1-15 as appropriate; and

(b) Any disputes, including appeals of audit determinations, shall be resolved in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations which will be specified in the negotiated agreement or contract.

[48 FR 6297, Feb. 10, 1983. Redesignated at 55 FR 8457, Mar. 8, 1990]

§ 416.2219 Method of payment.

Payment to the State VR agencies or alternate participants pursuant to this subpart will be made either by advancement of funds or by payment for services provided (with necessary adjustments for any overpayments and underpayments), as decided by the Commissioner.

[55 FR 8458, Mar. 8, 1990]

§ 416.2220 Audits.

(a) *General.* The State or alternate participant shall permit us and the Comptroller General of the United States (including duly authorized representatives) access to and the right to examine records relating to the services and costs for which payment was requested or made under these regulations. These records shall be retained by the State or alternate participant for the periods of time specified for retention of records in the Federal Procurement Regulations (41 CFR parts 1-20).

(b) *Audit basis.* Auditing will be based on cost principles and written guidelines in effect at the time services were provided and costs were incurred. The State VR agency or alternate participant will be informed and given a full explanation of any questioned items. They will be given a reasonable time to explain questioned items. Any explanation furnished by the State VR agency or alternate participant will be given full consideration before a final determination is made on questioned items in the audit report.

(c) *Appeal of audit determinations.* The appropriate SSA Regional Commissioner will notify the State VR agency

or alternate participant in writing of his or her final determination on the audit report. If the State VR agency (see § 416.2218(b) for alternate participants) disagrees with that determination, it may request reconsideration in writing within 60 days after receiving the Regional Commissioner's notice of the determination. The Commissioner will make a determination and notify the State VR agency of that decision in writing, usually, no later than 45 days from the date of the appeal. The decision by the Commissioner will be final and conclusive unless the State VR agency appeals that decision in writing in accordance with 45 CFR part 16 to the Department of Health and Human Services' Departmental Appeals Board within 30 days after receiving it.

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§ 416.2221 Validation reviews.

(a) *General.* We will conduct a validation review of a sample of the claims for payment filed by each State VR agency or alternate participant. We will conduct some of these reviews on a prepayment basis and some on a postpayment basis. We may review a specific claim, a sample of the claims, or all the claims filed by any State VR agency or alternate participant, if we determine that such review is necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subpart. For each claim selected for review, the State VR agency or alternate participant must submit such records of the VR services and costs for which payment has been requested or made under this subpart, or copies of such records, as we may require to ensure that the services and costs meet the requirements for payment. For claims for cases described in § 416.2201(a), a clear explanation or existing documentation which demonstrates how the service contributed to the individual's performance of a continuous 9-month period of SGA must be provided. For claims for cases described in § 416.2201 (b) or (c), a clear explanation or existing documentation which demonstrates how the service was reasonably expected to motivate or assist the individual to return to or continue in SGA must be provided. If