

(2) If the caseworker determines that the local department shall provide transitional assistance, the FIP benefit that would have been paid to the recipient shall be paid instead to a [nonprofit organization] THIRD PARTY PAYEE on behalf of the recipient for a period of up to 3 months.

(3) A recipient who has received transitional assistance may apply for the FIP benefit and the benefit shall be furnished with reasonable promptness to all eligible individuals.

(4) The [nonprofit organization] THIRD PARTY PAYEE shall provide transitional assistance to the recipient in one or more of the following forms:

- (i) Counseling;
- (ii) Housing;
- (iii) Child care;
- (iv) Household supplies and equipment;
- (v) Direct assistance other than a cash payment; and
- (vi) Any other noncash assistance that may be necessary to assist the recipient to make the transition from welfare.

(5) Subject to the approval of the Secretary, the caseworker, in conjunction with the recipient, shall select the [nonprofit organization] THIRD PARTY PAYEE described under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(6) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT MAY PAY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE TO A THIRD PARTY PAYEE TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE THIRD PARTY PAYEE FOR PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

[(6)](7) No portion of the funds provided through transitional assistance may be used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction.

(8) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THIRD PARTY PAYEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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(A) (1) AT INITIAL APPLICATION, OR FIRST REDETERMINATION AFTER JULY 1, 1997, FOR TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE, OR WHEN CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE STAFF OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT, A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSESS THE NEED OF ~~AN APPLICANT~~ ANY ADULT OR MINOR PARENT RECIPIENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

(2) TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING WHETHER AN APPLICANT ADULT OR MINOR PARENT RECIPIENT HAS A NEED FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL USE AN ENHANCED ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT ADULT OR MINOR PARENT RECIPIENT THAT WOULD EXPOSE ANY POTENTIAL