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- (2) Participants in the individualized case management projects shall be chosen from volunteers who are:
  - (i) Eligible for FIP benefits; and
- (ii) Determined by individual assessment to be able to benefit from the program.
- (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the nonprofit organization operating the individualized case-management project shall coordinate the provision of food and other benefits to participants in the demonstration project.
- (ii) The total value to the participant of the benefits that the nonprofit organization provides may not be less than the value to the participant of the temporary cash assistance and food stamp benefits that the participant would otherwise have received from the Department.]
- [(f)] (B) [The Secretary shall adopt regulations establishing] IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, THE SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE requirements THAT [for a demonstration project to perform, for participants in the demonstration project:
  - (1) Intake evaluation;
  - (2) Support services;
  - (3) Case management; and
  - (4) Discharge planning. [:
- (1) APPLICANTS SPECIFY WHAT GOODS OR SERVICES, OR BOTH, THEY WILL PROVIDE TO PARTICIPANTS; AND
  - (2) EACH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT SHALL:
- (I) <u>COMPLEMENT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT FAMILY INVESTMENT</u>
  <u>PROGRAM PLAN; AND</u>
- (II) ADDRESS SPECIFIC, UNMET LOCAL NEEDS AND BARRIERS THAT PREVENT FAMILIES FROM MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- [(g)] (C) The Secretary shall encourage and facilitate any demonstration projects, in addition to the demonstration projects funded through savings identified in subsection (a) of this section, which are supported through:
- (1) The voluntary transfer of temporary cash assistance and food stamp benefits to the demonstration project;
- (2) The transfer of administrative costs from the local department of social services; and
  - (3) Any nonstate funds available to the project.