

**TULARE COUNTY/DISTRICT SELPA      POLICY #      9602**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION –  
SERVICES – MISC.**

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**Revised:**

**Early Intervention Services Local Interagency Dispute Resolution**

The Tulare County/District SELPA and Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) agree to work cooperatively to minimize interagency disputes and when such disputes occur, both agencies will seek a speedy resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

1. A local interagency dispute resolution is included in the Interagency Agreement with CVRC. Local disputes that may occur between SELPA and CVRC are defined below:
  - a. The eligibility of an infant;
  - b. Which agency is responsible for the infant and family evaluation and assessment, service coordination, and the development and implementation of the IFSP; and
  - c. Which agency is responsible for the provision/purchase of appropriate early intervention services

Nothing in these dispute resolution procedures precludes a parent or agency from initiating due process or complaint procedures.

CVRC and SELPA agree to the principles and steps listed below to resolve disputes:

- (1) Request mediation/facilitation from the local interagency coordinating group;
- (2) Request technical assistance from Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and California Department of Education (CDE);
- (3) If resolution cannot be reached within 60 calendar days, the issue will be referred to DDS and CDE for a State-level review and resolution;
- (4) The State-level review will be conducted jointly by DDS and CDE and a decision rendered in 60 calendar days of receipt of the referral.

The SELPA will work to develop and conduct in-service training activities for the community of early intervention providers and parents.

2. Status of Service During a Dispute: During the dispute process, a child must continue to receive the appropriate early intervention services currently being provided. If the dispute involves initial early intervention

services, the child must receive all of the early intervention services identified and agreed to in the IFSP.

3. **Assignment of Financial Responsibility:** During the dispute process, DDS will assign financial responsibility in accordance with the Budget Act (Section 12, Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of California) and consistent with the California Early Intervention Services Act.

**References:**

Title 34 C.F.R. 303.523

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**Publications:**

Interagency Agreement with Regional Center (SELPA Plan, Appendix C)