

# Child Welfare Policy Manual

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## Questions & Answers

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### 6.12A.3 Development standard

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**1. Question: Is a title IV-E agency required to use one development standard for all automated functions per paragraph 1355.53(a)(3) (which could limit the agency's flexibility in implementing CCWIS) or is it permissible for the title IV-E agency to use different development standards for different automated functions?**

**Answer:** The title IV-E agency is required per paragraph 1355.53(a)(3) to use a single development standard. However, title IV-E agencies may select a development standard that accommodates variations in their development approach. For example, the development standard may apply certain requirements for one set of conditions and other requirements for other conditions.

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- **Legal and Related References:** 45 CFR 1355.53; 81 FR 35450 at 35470 (issued June 2, 2016); 80 FR 48200 at 48217 - 48218 (issued August 11, 2015)