

Child Welfare Policy Manual

Questions & Answers

6.12A.4 Reuse

1. Question: Paragraph 1355.53(a)(4) requires that automated functions are "capable of being shared"? What are the processes by which title IV-E agencies share components?

Answer: There are two general processes by which title IV-E agencies may share components.

First, ACF may request software and associated documents for the federal repository per requirements at paragraph 1355.52(h). ACF may then share these products with title IV-E agencies at the agency's request.

Second, title IV-E agencies may directly share products with other agencies.

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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)

2. Question: Paragraph 1355.53(a)(4) requires that automated functions be capable of reuse. Does this mean title IV-E agencies are required to make automated functions "plug and play"?

Answer: No, paragraph 1355.53(a)(4) does not require title IV-E agencies to make automated functions adaptable to different hardware configurations without manual configuration (plug and play).

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3. Question: If ACF places a CCWIS automated function in the federal repository described in paragraph 1355.52(h) and it is not selected by another agency for re-use, does that mean the automated function did not comply with the reuse requirement of paragraph 1355.53(a)(4)?

Answer: No. Paragraph 1355.53(a)(4) requires that automated functions be "capable of being shared, leveraged, and reused." The regulation does not require modules be reused when it is not appropriate, such as when a module does not support an agency's business processes.

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