

427—22.12(216A) Establishing new designation.

22.12(1) In any geographic area of the state not served by a CAA due to termination of affiliation, the division administrator of DCAA may decide to serve that area by:

- a.* Requesting an existing eligible entity which is located and provides services in an area contiguous to the unserved area to serve the unserved area;
- b.* If no existing CAA eligible entity is located and provides services in an area contiguous to the unserved new area, requesting the CAA eligible entity located closest to the area to be served or an existing CAA eligible entity serving an area within reasonable proximity of the unserved new area to provide services in the unserved new area; or
- c.* Where no existing CAA requested to serve the unserved area decides to do so, designating any organization which has a board meeting the requirement of rule 22.4(216A), or any political subdivision of the state to serve the unserved area.

The designation of an organization which has a board meeting the requirements of rule 22.4(216A) or a political subdivision of the state to serve the unserved area shall qualify the organization as an eligible entity under Public Law 97-35, Subtitle B, as amended.

22.12(2) DCAA shall conduct a minimum of one public hearing in the affected geographic area to solicit public input concerning the proposed designation. Factors to be considered in reaching a designation decision shall include determination of the most efficient service delivery mechanism, transition time, local views and issues, types of services to be provided, funds available, potential disruption of service to the eligible population, and other relevant data. Utmost consideration shall be given to the views and wishes of local elected officials and citizens in the unserved area in making a new designation. If necessary, DCAA shall alter the amount of CSBG funding to be received by affected CAAs as a result of the new designation.