stipends or any other form of student financial support for project staff "beyond that provided to employees of a grantee as a part of its regular fringe benefit package." The commenter did not offer any reason for suggesting the change.

Discussion: The Secretary disagrees with the commenter. A project staff member should receive fringe benefits which are consistent with the standard package offered to other employees of the grantee.

Changes: None.

What Are Upward Bound Stipends? (§ 645.42)

Comments: Several commenters suggested raising the stipend amount given to Upward Bound participants during the summer to \$80.00 per month to compete with summer jobs.

Discussion: The legislation authorizing the Upward Bound Program establishes the maximum amounts allowable for monthly payment of stipends.

Changes: None

Comments: One commenter noted that the legislation authorizes the payment of stipends in the amount of up to \$60 per month during the months of June, July, and August. However, the proposed regulations (\$645.42(d)(1)(ii)) do not specify that June, July, and August constitute a summer session.

Discussion: The Secretary agrees with the commenter that the law authorizes the payment of up to \$60 per month during the summer component, which occurs for a six-

week period sometime during the months of June, July, and August. The regulations authorize the payment of up to \$60 per month, prorated as seen necessary, during the time the summer component is in session.

Changes: None.

What Other Requirements Must a Grantee Meet? (§ 645.43)

Comments: One commenter suggested that the word "academic" be deleted from § 645.43(c)(2) of the proposed regulations. The commenter stated that in order to take a holistic approach to a participant's need, emotional, cultural, social, as well as academic, support must be included.

Discussion. The Secretary agrees that a Upward Bound project should be designed to meet the needs of each participant. The Secretary believes that the services that a project can provide to participants as outlined in §§ 645.11 and 645.14 allow a project to meet the total needs of a participant. Section 645.43(c) does not establish the required services that a project must provide to participants, but outlines the recordkeeping requirements. All participants of an Upward Bound project must meet the eligibility requirements as defined in § 645.3 of the regulations. Section 645.43(c) establishes that, at a minimum, a project must keep records which document that all participants who enroll in an Upward Bound project have a need for academic support as well as meet the other eligibility requirements of § 645.3. This does not

preclude maintaining other information on participants.

Changes: None.

Comments: A number of commenters suggested that following a student's educational progress throughout postsecondary education would be very time consuming and potentially very costly. The commenters also stated that this requirement exceeds the legislative authority for the program.

Discussion: The Secretary believes that section 402(C) of the Higher Education Act gives the Secretary the authority to require that Upward Bound projects establish procedures for follow-up on participants who have completed the Upward Bound project to determine their success in postsecondary education. The Secretary believes that the level of tracking necessary once an Upward Bound graduate is enrolled should consist of annual contacts to determine persistence or completion.

The Secretary believes that a system of follow-up is necessary for determining the effectiveness of the Upward Bound Program. This system should include or provide a method for determining if an Upward Bound participant who completed the project and enrolled in a postsecondary education program remains enrolled in the postsecondary program to completion.

Changes: None.

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