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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

INTRODUCTION

01505.001 INTRODUCTION TO STATE AND LOCAL COVERAGE

- A. BACKGROUND**
- Social Security coverage for State and local employees is a voluntary program.
 - In 1951 Congress provided for coverage by Federal-State agreements.
 - Coverage must be requested by the State.
 - Coverage is accomplished by a written agreement (section 218 agreement) between the State and the Secretary of HHS.
 - There must be authority under both Federal and State law.
 - Coverage must be provided by "groups of positions" - (non-retirement system and/ or retirement system groups).
 - Until January 1, 1987 SSA was responsible for both the collection of contributions and coverage. IRS is now responsible for the collection of contributions.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **State** Includes the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and to the extent practicable, interstate instrumentalities.
2. **Political Subdivision** A unit of a State. An independent legal entity.
3. **Interstate Instrumentality** An independent legal entity organized by two or more States, e.g., New York, New Jersey Port Authority.

01505.002 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADMINISTERING PROGRAM

POLICY

1. **STATE**
 - a. Initiates agreements and modifications.
 - b. Decides extent of coverage.
 - c. Designates a State Social Security Administrator.
2. **REGIONAL OFFICE (RO)**
 - a. Reviews, processes and executes modifications and agreements.
 - b. Executes time limitation extension and reextension agreements.
 - c. Makes and reviews coverage and wage determinations consistent with established policy.