

**PLUS Loans for parents of students with intellectual disabilities  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**ESI-Q1.** If we participate in experiment seven, can we continue to award PLUS Loans to parents of students with intellectual disabilities who are enrolled in our approved Comprehensive Transition & Postsecondary (CTP) Program if the student becomes independent by virtue of his or her age?

**ESI-A1.** Yes, under the following circumstances:

- The student must elect to remain dependent despite his or her age;
- The election remains in place as long as the student is enrolled in the CTP Program at the institution that is participating in the experiment (it can only occur once and the student cannot switch between dependent and independent);
- The student remains a dependent student for all Title IV purposes, such as the completion of the FAFSA and the calculation of a student's EFC;
- The student may not be treated as a dependent student if the student is independent for a reason other than age (e.g., the student is married).

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