

Subject: Missouri First Steps System of Payments Policy

Source: Pam Schroeder, Assistant Director, Part C Compliance

Intended Audience: Stakeholders in Part C System of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

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To comply with 34 CFR Part 303.521, the Office of Special Education (OSE) has created a System of Payments Policy in relation to the First Steps Program that will be incorporated into the MO State Plan later in the fall. At this time, OSE is posting the policy for public comment. The proposed policy will also be attached to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C application. To view the policy, please go to: <http://dese.mo.gov/se/compliance/Part-C/index2.html>.

This policy is available for review on our website for the next sixty (60) days, until March 20, 2012. Individuals desiring to submit written comments should do so by the close of business on March 20, 2012. Comments may be sent to the attention of Pam Schroeder, Assistant Director, Special Education Compliance, at secompliance@dese.mo.gov or P. O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by fax 573-526-4404.