

Subject: Proposed Changes to State Plan for Part C, Notice of Public Hearings and Public Comment Period

Source: Pam Schroeder, Assistant Director, Part C Compliance

Intended Audience: System Points of Entry (SPOE) directors, Service Coordinators, Service Providers, State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) members, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teachers and administrators, Special Education Directors

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The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Special Education is proposing changes to the state regulations implementing Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These are the regulations that govern the First Steps Early Intervention Program for children, birth to three years, and their families. These regulations also include requirements for transition from Part C (First Steps) to Part B (Early Childhood Special Education), including services to children with summer third birthdays.

The proposed changes are available for inspection until November 12, 2013, in the Office of Special Education, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102 during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The proposed changes are also available on the Office of Special Education website at:

<http://dese.mo.gov/se/stateplan/index.html>. A chart identifying the content changes is also available at the above link.

Before adopting any proposed changes necessary to comply with Part C of the Act, the state must hold hearings for public review and comment on the proposed changes to regulations. Two public hearings on these proposed changes will be held by webinar during October 2013. The webinar dates, times, and access links are listed below:

Proposed State Plan Changes for Part C - 1st Public Hearing Thursday, October 24, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

<http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar10-24-13SE.htm>

Proposed State Plan Changes for Part C - 2nd Public Hearing Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

<http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar10-29-13-SE.htm>

Written public comments on the proposed changes in state regulations may be submitted during the webinars or through the following methods until close of business on November 12, 2013.

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