

Subject: Proposed Changes to State Plan for Part C and Notice of Public Hearing -  
REMINDER

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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 Office of Special Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is proposing changes to the State regulations implementing Part C (birth to three years) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These are the regulations that govern the First Steps Early Intervention Program. These regulations also include requirements for transition from Part C (First Steps) to Part B (Early Childhood Special Education), including Local Educational Agency (LEA) notification, timelines for the conference with the LEA, and required actions for late referrals to First Steps.

The proposed changes are available for inspection until October 29, 2012, 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>. Numerous changes to content, abbreviations and formatting were made throughout the document. 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 2012.

Proposed State Plan Changes for Part C - 1st Public Hearing was held Wednesday October 10, 2012. The recording of that webinar is available at the following link: <http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar10-10-12-SE.htm>.

Proposed State Plan Changes for Part C - 2nd Public Hearing will be held Tuesday October 16, 2012, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. -- <http://dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar10-16-12-SE.htm>.