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Provider Information Notice

TO: All Early Intervention Providers

FROM: Benjamin Delgado, Jr., Chief
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DATE: June 20, 2025

RE: Proposed Changes to Early Intervention Administrative Code

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) proposes changes to the Early Intervention Program state regulations regarding the following administrative codes: Purpose (89 III Adm. Code 500.10), Definitions (89 Ill. Adm. Code 500.20), and Eligibility (89 III Adm. Code 500.50). Initial feedback was solicited as required by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that addresses services for children birth to 3 years of age with developmental disabilities or delays and their families.

IDHS is soliciting additional public comments during the State's First Notice period. The proposed rulemaking and information on submitting public comment is available in Volume 49, Issue 24 (.pdf) of the Illinois Register. Public comment must be submitted following the process outlined in the proposed rulemaking within 45 days of the June 13, 2025 issue of the Illinois Register.

We would also like to make you aware of the adoption of EI Rulemaking regarding Requests for a Due Process Hearing (89 Ill. Adm. Code 500.140), Mediation (89 Ill. Adm. Code 500.145), and State Complaint Procedures (89 Ill. Adm. Code 500.170).

Previously, requests for due process hearings, mediation, and complaints for EI could only be submitted via postal mail. With the adoption of this rulemaking, these may now be submitted by postal mail or email. Please note that the regulatory language as well as the forms used for these may take some time to be updated. In the meantime, to prioritize family access, we are beginning to accept requests for a due process hearing, mediation, and complaints via email in addition to mail as of the adoption of this rulemaking on June 5, 2025.

Thank you.