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RE: Timeliness of Initial Evaluations, Indicator 11 ~ 2016-2017

The Bureau of Special Education is providing guidance on the collection and reporting of data for the Timeliness of Initial Evaluations, Indicator 11. The newly adopted New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities (NH Rules) Ed 1107.01(c) shows a change to the timeline for initial evaluations. The evaluation process shall be completed within 60 days after receipt of parental consent to evaluate. There is no longer a provision in the NH Rules for an agreed upon time extension for initial evaluations.

In light of the newly adopted NH Rule Ed 1107.01(c), the Bureau will be generating the initial evaluation data for the reporting period of 2016-2017, from the months of April 2017 to June 2017. The Bureau of Special Education will provide a preliminary report of the April, May and June 2017 data at the end of August 2017. The preliminary data report will be uploaded to a password protected file in NHSEIS for each district to review.

If you have any questions regarding Indicator 11, please contact Bridget Brown at (603) 271-3776 or e-mail at Bridget.Brown@doe.nh.gov.

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