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CHANGES TO THE INDICATOR 12 PROCESS

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WHAT IS INDICATOR 12?

- ▶ Indicator 12 Monitoring priorities is the percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday.

CURRENT MEASUREMENT

Currently we are using a time sample of children turning 3 between July 1 through October 31

WHAT IS INDICATOR 12?

REQUIRED CHANGE

Per federal requirements we must change how we analyze Indicator 12 data. The data *MUST* be based on actual, not an average, number of days.

Effective for the 2023-2024 data will encompass July 1 through June 30.

HOW WE MEASURE THE DATA

Measurement:

- a) # of children who have been served in Part C and referred to Part B for Part B eligibility determination.
- b) # of those referred determined to be NOT eligible and whose eligibility was determined prior to their third birthdays.
- c) # of those found eligible who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.
- d) # of children for whom parent refusal to provide consent caused delays in evaluation or initial services or to whom exceptions under 34 C.F.R. § 300.301 (d) applied.
- e) # of children determined to be eligible for early intervention services under Part C less than 90 days before their third birthdays.
- f) # of children whose parents chose to continue early intervention services beyond the child's third birthday through a State's policy under 34 C.F.R. § 303.211 or a similar State option (Note: Not applicable in NH).

Percent = [(c) divided by (a - b - d - e - f)] times 100.

The Targets for this indicator must be 100%.

ALLOWABLE EXCEPTIONS TO PROCESS DELAYS

- ▶ Parent refusal to provide consent caused delays in evaluation or initial services
- ▶ Parent of a child repeatedly fails or refuses to produce the child for evaluation
- ▶ The child was determined eligible **for early intervention services under Part C** (Family-Centered Early Supports & Services) less than 90 days before their third birthday
- ▶ The child is no longer in the jurisdiction of the LEA prior to the child's third birthday.

TIMELINE NOW

Between December 1st and 15th

Districts use Advanced Reporting in NHSEIS to generate a report for Indicator 12 between July 1st – October 31st to review data and correct errors.

December 16th – December 30th

The Bureau generates and reviews the compliance report for Indicator 12 for each district. Districts found in noncompliance are notified by letter before January 1st.

By January 15th

Districts enter the appropriate documentation for the identified students via Google Form by the specified deadline.

Before March 30

The NHED reviews the documentation provided and makes a determination of compliance or finding. The NHED then notifies districts of its determination and any next steps.

TIMELINE BEGINNING 2023-2024

After June 30th for the entire year, or multiple times during the year?

Districts are welcome to use Advanced Reporting in NHSEIS to generate a report for Indicator 12 to review data and correct errors.

August or September?

The Bureau will generate and review the compliance report with Indicator 12 for each district. Districts found in noncompliance will be notified by letter.

X? Days after Notification:

Districts will enter the appropriate documentation for the identified students via Google Form by the specified deadline.

Notification of District Determination Date?

The NHED reviews the documentation provided and makes a determination of compliance or finding. The NHED then notifies districts of its determination and any next steps.

NEED FEEDBACK/INPUT FROM THE FIELD

- Would you like one review period or periodically throughout the year?
 - Meaning, reminders to check and correct your own data.
- Would you like contact communication for the indicator data to be in the summer or fall since the period now will end on June 30th?
 - Communication in the fall would give less turnaround time as this data is reported to OSEP February 1st
- How long would you like to submit Exception forms after communication?
 - Communication in the fall would give less turnaround time as this data is reported to OSEP February 1st

CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSITION PROCESS

SEA AND LEA NOTIFICATION/REFERRAL

- Notification/Referral is a formal process for FCESS to notify the SEA and LEA that a child is potentially eligible for special education.
- As part of the Transition Plan, the IFSP Team determines if the child is potentially eligible
- Notification/Referral is made as soon as possible after determining a child is potentially eligible and opt out period, but no more than 27 months or less than 90 days before the child turns 3

SEA AND LEA NOTIFICATION/REFERRAL

- Notification/Referral via data transfer from NHLEADS to NHSEIS
- Notification/Referral sent to district Preschool Contact by FCESS
- Both limited to same directory information
 - Referral may include additional information shared with parental consent

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

- Districts are responsible for responding to a referral within 15 business days regardless of the source by convening the IEP Team to dispose of the referral

Effective 2023-2024: The data transfer in NHSEIS is considered a referral to preschool special education and the LEA should respond to the referral within 15 business days.

REFERRALS FROM FCESS PRIOR TO 2 ½

- **Current:** The IEP Team may determine that, based on the age of the child at the time of referral and that they are currently receiving ESS services, the IEP team will reconvene at a date closer to the child's third birthday, but not less than 90 days before the third birthday, to determine what, if any, evaluations are necessary
- **Effective 2023-2024:** The IEP Team must meet within 15 days of the referral. At the Disposition of Referral, LEA's may determine that, based on the age of the child at the time of referral and that they are currently receiving ESS services, the IEP team will reconvene at a date closer to the child's third birthday, but not less than 90 days before the third birthday, to determine what, if any, evaluations are necessary. The NHED recommends reconvening when the child is 2 ½ years of age.

QUESTIONS?

