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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN REGARD TO THE NEW JERSEY EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM UNDER PART C, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), lead agency for the administration of the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS), is applying to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for continued participation and funding through the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program (Part C of IDEA). The purpose of this memorandum is to announce a public comment period.

**Background**

The NJEIS provides a comprehensive, coordinated interagency system of early intervention services for children birth to three years of age, with developmental delays/ disabilities and their families.

The grant application under Part C of IDEA for FFY 2012, requires that New Jersey's policies, including statute and regulations be updated to be consistent with the Part C requirements in 20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq., and the final IDEA Part C regulations in 34 CFR Part 303 published on September 28, 2011. Therefore, the DHSS is proposing to adopt new policies included as the "New Jersey Federal Part C State Plan" to meet the Part C requirements for the FFY 2012 application identified in Section II A, State Policies, Procedures and Descriptions. These new policies are in compliance with new Part C regulations and are required to be implemented by July 1, 2012.

The New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8, Chapter 17 Early Intervention System is currently under review and changes necessary to make these NJEIS Rules consistent with the final IDEA Part C Regulations will go through the state rulemaking process.

The proposed NJEIS funding for SFY 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) includes \$10,720,012 Federal IDEA, Part C, \$92,593,000 in state appropriation, \$300,000 in state support for the central management system, \$26,000,000 from Medicaid reimbursement and \$6,000,000 in family cost participation revenue. Over 92% of the total funding for NJEIS is allocated to service coordination, evaluation, assessment, development of Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), and provision of direct services.

**Public Comment Period**

In accordance with federal requirements, NJEIS must publish the application for 60 days (February 16 – April 15, 2012) and accept written public comment for at least 30 days during the 60 days. The proposed Federal Part C Application; proposed “New Jersey Federal Part C State Plan” (policies); and proposed revisions to the System of Payment can be viewed during the public comment period online at <http://nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml> and at the Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives and County Service Coordination Units.

Comments may be made in writing, via email or facsimile. If you do not have access to the internet, please call NJEIS at (609) 777-7734 to find a location where you can review the application.

Those interested in testifying at one of the public hearings listed below should contact Reda Khalifa, no later than five days before each scheduled hearing, at (609)777-7734 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Oral testimony should not exceed five (5) minutes in length. Submission of written text of oral presentations is recommended and appreciated. As time permits, individuals who did not register in advance to testify will be offered an opportunity to provide oral testimony.

Hearing impaired persons requiring translation services should advise DHSS of their needs when they call. Directions are attached or available by contacting Reda Khalifa.

Interested persons or organizations may submit written comments through April 3, 2012 for state review. The comments should include: (1) name, title, address, and telephone number of the commenter; (2) a description of a concern or endorsement of a proposed policy; and (3) recommendations. Written comments may be submitted via mail, email or facsimile and must be sent to:

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**Facsimile:** (609) 777-7739

<b>Public Hearing Information</b>		
<b>Location (Direction below)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Hamilton Hilton Garden Inn 800 US Highway 130 South Hamilton, NJ 08619	March 28, 2012 (Wednesday)	5:00 – 7:00 pm
Children's Specialized Hospital at New Brunswick 200 Somerset Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901	March 30, 2012 (Friday)	2:00 – 4:00 pm

## **DIRECTIONS**

### **Hamilton Hilton Garden Inn**

800 US Highway 130 South

Hamilton, NJ 08619

Phone: (609) 585-6789

<http://www.hamiltonhiltongardeninn.com/directions>

### **From the New Jersey Turnpike North or South**

Exit 7A to Interstate 195 West for US 130 South (Exit 5A-Bordentown)

Hotel will be approximately 1/2 mile on the right

### **From Point Pleasant or Six Flags Great Adventure**

Interstate 195 West to Exit 5A (130 South Bordentown)

The Hotel is ½ mile on the right hand side

### **Children's Specialized Hospital at New Brunswick**

200 Somerset Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Phone: (732) 258-7000

<http://www.childrens-specialized.org/Locations/PSE-G-New-Brunswick.aspx>

### **From The North (I-95 South / New Jersey Turnpike Cars Only Lane South):**

At Exit 9, take ramp right for RT-18 North toward Tower Center Blvd. / New Brunswick / Trenton / Princeton for 0.9 miles. Bear right onto SR-18 North for 2.2 miles. Take ramp right for SR-27 South / Albany St toward Princeton for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto CR-527/ Easton Ave and travel 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Somerset St. and travel 0.3 miles. Children's Specialized Hospital is on left side at the corner of Somerset and Plum Streets. To access the parking garage from Somerset St., continue on Somerset St. past Plum St. and turn left onto Prospect St. At the end of Prospect St., turn left onto French St. and make a quick left onto Plum St. The entrance to the parking garage is on the left.

### **From The South (I-95 North / New Jersey Turnpike North):**

At Exit 9, take ramp right for RT-18 North toward Tower Center Blvd. / New Brunswick / Trenton / Princeton for 0.9 miles. Bear right onto SR-18 North for 2.2 miles. Take ramp right for SR-27 South / Albany St toward Princeton for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto CR-527 / Easton Ave. and travel 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Somerset St. and travel 0.3 miles. Children's Specialized Hospital is on left side at the corner of Somerset and Plum Streets. To access the parking garage from Somerset St., continue on Somerset St. past Plum St. and turn left onto Prospect St. At the end of Prospect St., turn left onto French St. and make a quick left onto Plum Street. The entrance to the parking garage is on the left.

### **From The East (SR-18):**

Take ramp right for SR-27 South / Albany St toward Princeton for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto CR-527 / Easton Ave. for 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Somerset St. and travel 0.3 miles. Children's Specialized Hospital is on left side at the corner of Somerset and Plum Streets. To access the parking garage from Somerset St., continue on Somerset St. past Plum St. and turn left onto Prospect St. At the end of Prospect St., turn left onto French St. and make a quick left onto Plum St. The entrance to the parking garage is on the left.

**From The West (US-1):**

Take ramp right for RT-26 / Livingston Ave toward New Brunswick for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto SR-26 / Livingston Ave for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto CR-680 / How Ln. for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto SR-91 / Jersey Ave and travel 2.1 miles. Bear right onto SR-27 / French St. and travel 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Plum St. and begin looking for the parking garage access on the left. Children's Specialized Hospital is at the corner of Somerset and Plum Streets.

**From 150 New Providence Road:**

Travel Northwest on New Providence Rd. / CR-645 toward Fernwood Rd. for 0.2 miles. Turn left onto US-22 / Springfield Rd. Continue to follow US-22 W. for 13.7 miles. Merge onto I-287 S toward I-95 / Perth Amboy / New Jersey Turnpike for 4.2 miles. Take the Easton Ave / CR-527 exit- Exit 10- toward S. Bound Brook / New Brunswick for 0.2 miles. Make a slight right onto Easton Ave. / CR-527 S. Continue to follow CR-527 S. for 4.7 miles. Turn right onto Somerset St. and travel 0.3 miles. Children's Specialized Hospital is on left side at the corner of Somerset and Plum Streets. To access the parking garage from Somerset St., continue on Somerset St. past Plum St. and turn left onto Prospect St. At the end of Prospect St., turn left onto French St. and make a quick left onto Plum St. The entrance to the parking garage is on the left.