

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators  
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## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **SFY18 DODD EI Funding Opportunities**

DODD has posted two new RFPs: one for hospital-based child find (HBCF) and one for EI services for children who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH). Contracts for these activities will run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

HBCF: <https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=13458>

EI service for D/HH: <https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=13457>

### **SFY18 Service Coordination Grant**

The SFY18 service coordination grant agreements will be posted to the EI website next week. Once they are posted, we will send another e-mail detailing their exact location.

### **New System of Payments Rule**

DODD has posted a new system of payments (SOP) rule 5123:2-10-01 for public comment. This new rule was drafted with significant and much appreciated stakeholder input. You can access the rule here:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/RulesLaws/Pages/Rules-Under-Development.aspx>

A public hearing on the proposed rule actions will be held on May 17, 2017, beginning at 10:00am, and continuing until all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to testify. The hearing will be held in the Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. At this hearing, the Department will accept verbal and/or written testimony on the proposed rule actions. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments on the proposed rule actions. Any written comments received on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony and made available for public review. Submittal of written comments may be made to Becky Phillips, Administrative Rules Coordinator, by email to [becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov), by fax to 614-752-8551, or by US mail to 30 East Broad Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414.

DODD will begin trainings with the field about the new rule after the public hearing and prior to the rule's expected July 1, 2017 implementation date.

## **EI Program Logo**

We have received a number of questions about resizing the logo and requests for a gray scale/black and white version of the logo. Attached to this communication is a non-color version of the logo and detailed instructions about how to resize the logo.

At this time, please do not alter any of the EI program forms that have the HMG logo. In the coming months, DODD will be reviewing all existing EI program rules and converting them to DODD rules. As part of this process, DODD will review all required forms and make any necessary updates.

In the coming weeks, we will be providing additional guidance about using the logo. If you have concerns and questions in the immediate term, please do not hesitate to contact EI program staff.

## **Program Consultant Job Posting**

With Cathy Kramer's upcoming retirement, DODD has listed a job posting for EI program consultant. Potential applicants who are passionate and enthusiastic about improving Early Intervention in Ohio can access additional information here:

[http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/job\\_bulletin.cfm?JobID=1709954](http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=1709954)