



SEAC position regarding Safety Net Rule Change

The SEAC appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations on the proposed rule changes for Safety Net WAC 392-140-600 through 685. We appreciate all the work of the Safety Net Workgroup. We support the reduction of IEP review to be a sample, in an effort to reduce district administrative review time prior to submission. Compliance is necessary and important, and we agree that we can rely on the Washington Integrated System of Monitoring (WISM) process to monitor for compliance. We do have two concerns regarding the proposed rule changes:

1. Earlier recommendations from the Safety Net Workgroup included a removal of IDEA federal funds for Safety Net to allow flexibility with the threshold. We request that language be reinstated.
2. Clarity is needed for rule 392-140-60120. Districts should not be penalized if parents refuse consent to verify Medicaid eligibility and billing for their child. In addition, further work should be done to understand barriers to utilizing Medicaid and how processes to apply for reimbursement can be simplified.

Other Resources:

OSP–Special Education–SEAC:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/SEAC/default.aspx>

SEAC Email: SEAC@k12.wa.us

OSPI–Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/waOSPI>

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