



# FEDERAL REGISTER

## SUMMARY

January 16-31 2010

**Funding Notices** - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
		None

**Other Notices** – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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1/21/10	ED

**Request for comments on the Department of Education's requirements for School Improvement Grants.**

**Comment deadline: 2/22/10**

Based on provisions contained in Title I of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*, as amended, the Secretary is authorized to issue requirements for School Improvement Grants (SIG) which are funded through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* and the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2009*. The purpose of Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, is to meet the **educational needs of children, including those with disabilities**, who attend high poverty schools. The new authority in the appropriations act : 1) expands the schools that can receive SIG funds; and 2) raises the amount that a state educational agency may award to a local educational agency from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1048.htm>.

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**List of correspondence from the Department of Education sent to individuals during the quarter describing interpretations of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* and/or the regulations.**

**Period covered: April 1 – June 30, 2010**

The Secretary addressed issues related to Part B, Assistance for Education of All Children with Disabilities, and Part C, Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1082.htm>.

- 1/25/10 GAO **Notice of appointments to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).**  
**Effective date: 1/1/10**  
 The *Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009* established MACPAC and authorizes the Controller General of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to make appointments to the commission. This commission advises the U.S. Congress on issues affecting Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), both of which provide health insurance coverage for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The terms for commissioners are staggered and run one, two, or three years, with possible subsequent three-year terms. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1371.htm>.
- 1/29/10 SSA **Request for comments on the Social Security Administration's (SSA) operating procedures for determining disability when an applicant's drug addiction or alcoholism (DAA) may be a contributing factor.**  
**Comment deadline: 3/30/10.**  
 Based on provisions contained in the *Social Security Act* that governs the Social Security Disability Program (Title II) and the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI), a person cannot be considered disabled if a person's DAA is a contributing factor. These two federal programs provide financial assistance to persons with disabilities. SSA is looking for comments on the procedures they follow when evaluating DAA. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1834.htm>.

**Proposed Rules** - Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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**Final Rules** - Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

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1/20/10	CPSC	<p><b>Amended rule governing exemptions for children's products containing lead (see the 2/12/09 "Final Rules" section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i>).</b>  <b>Effective date: 1/20/10</b>            Based on provisions contained in the <i>Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008</i>, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has made its 2/12/09 interim final rule final by exempting certain electronic devices from the lead limit requirements. Lead is one of the leading causes of intellectual and developmental disabilities in children. In 2009, lead limits were set periodically so that reduced levels were achieved throughout the year. However, CPSC has decided that certain electronic devices should be exempt from the lead limit rule if the component parts are inaccessible to children because they are enclosed in another structure, or if the accessible parts require lead and a substitution is not technologically feasible. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-877.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-877.htm</a>.</p>

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**Amended rules from the Department of Agriculture governing the Food Stamp Program.****Effective date: 4/1/10**

Based in provisions contained the *Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002*, the Department of Agriculture is implementing provisions that address issues such as simplified program administration, greater flexibility for the states, income and exclusion related to child support payments, income and resources, deductions according to household size, simplified Standard Utility Allowance, standard deduction for homeless households, and an increased resource limit for households **where there is a person with a disability**. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-815.htm>.

**Meeting Notices** – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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1/22/10	HS  Department of Homeland Security's National Advisory Council (NAC)	<b>Meeting Dates: 2/10/10 at 10:00 a.m. and 2/11/10 at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Meeting Place: The Holiday Inn Capitol, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, D.C.</b> NAC advises the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on emergency management. On the agenda are post-disaster housing, special needs, public/private partnerships, just to name a few. For more information about NAC, go to: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/about/nac">http://www.fema.gov/about/nac</a> . For more information about the meeting, contact Breese Eddy at 202-646-3746 or at <a href="mailto:NAC@dhs.gov">NAC@dhs.gov</a> .
1/26/10	EAC  U.S. Election Assistance Commission	<b>Meeting Dates: 2/8 through 2/19/10, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</b> <b>Meeting Place: Virtual Public Forum for the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors at: <a href="http://www.eac.gov">http://www.eac.gov</a>. Click on the link to the Standards Board and/or the Board of Advisors virtual sites.</b> The EAC serves as a clearinghouse on federal election administration and oversees voting system guidelines. Both of these advisory bodies are scheduled to provide information on Phase II of the Election Operations Assessment which contains “threat trees” that “capture risks to the various types of voting systems and the possible mitigations. These threat trees feed into the Risk Assessment tool that will be used by the EAC in their work with the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.” For more information about EAC, go to: <a href="http://www.eac.gov/about">http://www.eac.gov/about</a> . For more information about the meeting, contact Bryan Whitener at 202-566-3100.

**Presidential Documents** – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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