

Updates to RI EI Certification Standards Policies and Procedures

Changes include:

III. Referral and Intake

- Discharge procedures for referred families without an IFSP who are unable to be contacted or who withdraw were added to Referral and Intake policy and were aligned with recent PWN changes.
- The requirement that referrals must be recorded on the Rhode Island Referral and Demographics form and entered into Welligent was removed as referrals are now entered into Welligent Call Center.
- Text was added and/or corrected in the Intake process section to align with current practice.
- References regarding specific forms for Intake were removed and replaced with a link to Paul V Sherlock Center on Disabilities.

V. Multidisciplinary Evaluation/Assessment

- The policy was aligned with recent PWN and Procedural Safeguards changes.

VI. Individualized Family Service Plan

- The policy was aligned with recent PWN and Procedural Safeguards changes
- The policy previously contained references to an Eligibility/IFSP meeting for an Annual Meeting to Review and Evaluate the IFSP. These references were changed to align with billing changes which eliminated the need for an Eligibility/IFSP (T1023TL) for an Annual review in 2022 (discipline specific codes are now used for the Annual Review). An Eligibility/IFSP Meeting always occurs after a Multidisciplinary Evaluation/Assessment or Re-Evaluation.
- The policy was changed to eliminate a separate section for IFSP Development after an Annual Meeting to Review and Evaluate the IFSP. The Annual IFSP Meeting to Review and Evaluate the IFSP section now contains all the requirements in one section.
- The Re-determining Eligibility section has been clarified.
- The Ending the IFSP section has been clarified, and language changed to match Welligent.

VIII. Transition

- The policy was aligned with recent PWN and Procedural Safeguards changes.

IX. Procedural Safeguards

- The policy was aligned with recent PWN and Procedural Safeguards changes.
- References to specific forms were eliminated.
- In the section that lists the exceptions for release of confidential information without parental consent, the FERPA exception for audit or evaluation was omitted so it was added .
- Under Informal Complaint Procedures, text was added which already exists in the RIEI Certification Standards Policies and Procedures XII. Administration to align the sections.