

**Sec. 17a-248-7. Written notice**

(a) The agency shall provide written notice to a parent of a child who is eligible or who may be eligible to receive early intervention services not later than five (5) days prior to the agency proposing or refusing to (1) initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or placement of the child, or (2) provide appropriate early intervention services to the child and the child's family.

(b) The written notice shall inform the parent about:

- (1) the action that is being proposed,
- (2) the reasons for taking the action, and
- (3) all procedural safeguards that are available pursuant to sections 17a-248-9 to 17a-248-10, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) The notice shall be written in language understandable to the general public and provided in the native language of the parent or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless it clearly is not feasible to do so. If the native language of the parent is not a written language, the agency shall ensure that:

- (1) the notice is translated orally or by other means to the parent in the parent's native language,
- (2) the parent understands the notice, and
- (3) there is written documentation that the requirements of this section have been met.

(d) For a person with deafness or blindness, or for a person with no written language, the term native language means the mode of communication that normally is used by the person, such as sign language, Braille or oral communication.

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