ECATS
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Eligibility Determination required for IEPs/PSSPs

The Rule of Completions within the Special Education Module have been updated to require a current, finalized eligibility prior to finalizing a new IEP/PSSP. Users must finalize eligibility documents prior to finalizing IEPs/PSSPs for meetings in which eligibility determinations and revisions to IEPs/PSSPs occur. This ensures the sequence of student history is correct and dates and compliance symbols calculate correctly.

Service Documentation – Plans of Care (POC)

Currently, plans of care (PoC) cannot be finalized in ECATS until the associated IEP is finalized. Because IEPs are often not finalized for several days after the IEP meeting, this creates additional monitoring by related service providers to determine when the IEP is finalized and then fully execute the PoC.

In response to requests from the field to install a system feature to alert related service providers, a warning will display when a related service is documented in the Service Documentation module if a PoC is not finalized in the system. In effect, this will serve to remind providers to finalize the PoC and eliminate the need to monitor. The PoC warning feature will be activated the evening of 4/27/20. This warning will not block completion of a service log but will continue to appear until the PoC is finalized.

Questions about this system update can be directed to relevant related service and Medicaid consultants.

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