

TOPIC: Individualized Education Program - Content

What is the “effective date” of an IEP? How is this different from the “services start” date and the date of the IEP meeting? Please define these dates.

92 NAC 51-007.09A states: “A meeting to develop an IEP for a child must be held within 30 calendar days of a determination that the child needs special education and related services.”

92 NAC 51-007.09B states: “After the initial IEP meeting, IEPs must be in effect at the beginning of each school year.”

92 NAC 51-009.04A3 states: “As soon as possible following the development of the IEP, special education and related services must be made available to the child in accordance with the child’s IEP.”

In order to monitor the above regulations for compliance, it is necessary to know the date of the IEP meeting, the effective date of the IEP and the dates on which services included on the IEP will begin. Generally, the date of the IEP meeting, the effective dates of the IEP and the services dates on the IEP are not the same. The “IEP meeting date” is the date the IEP team met to develop the IEP. The “effective date” is the date in which the IEP will be in effect (not to exceed 1 year). The “services date” is the date indicated on the special education services page of the IEP indicating when each service will be provided.

Example:

- Date of the IEP meeting is Jan 10 at 3:00 p.m.
- The “effective date of the IEP” is 1/11/12-1/10/13 (*not to exceed 1 year*)
- IEP special education services page “services date”
 - Speech/language services 1/11/12- 1/10/13
 - Physical therapy 2/15/12-2/10/13 (*the child had surgery, and the IEP team determined with input from the physician, that it will not be appropriate to begin physical therapy until 2/15/12*)