

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Substantive Policy Revision:

Client Financial Participation

Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI), pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), announces a substantive modification to agency policies. § 34 CFR 361.20(2)(v-vi) explicitly mandates that the implementation of any financial participation policies requires ICBVI to conduct public meetings to notify clients and to offer an opportunity for comment on the proposed implementation of the policy.

The purpose of this period of comment is to provide interested parties and/or organizations an opportunity to understand proposed changes and present their views and recommendations regarding the establishment and implementation of a Financial Participation Assessment (FPA). Accompanying this notice are details on the policy proposed by ICBVI. Additionally, this same information is hosted on ICBVI's website under the materials link below:

Comment Period: January 6, 2025 – January 10, 2025

The version of the policy document is located on ICBVI's website at <https://icbvi.idaho.gov>

Printed copies of the document are available in all ICBVI offices for public viewing. Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request by contacting ICBVI at (208) 334-3220 or e- mailing astarr@icbvi.idaho.gov

Instructions: Please provide/submit comments by e-mail, mail, or phone.

E-mail to mike.walsh@icbvi.idaho.gov

By mail/hand delivery:

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To ensure consideration, written/e-mail comments must be received by midnight on **January 10, 2025.**

Public Meeting Opportunities:

January 7, 2025 1pm-2pm MT

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OR

January 8, 2025 11am-12pm MT

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TIPS FOR SUBMITTING EFFECTIVE COMMENT

Overview

A comment can express simple support or dissent for a proposed action. However, a constructive, information-rich comment that clearly communicates and supports its claims is more likely to have an impact on decision making.

These tips are meant to help the public submit comments that have an impact and help with plan implementation. Keep in mind that all comments received will become public record, personal information may be redacted.

Summary

- Be concise but support your claims.
- Base your justification on sound reasoning, scientific evidence, and/or how you will be impacted.
- There is no minimum or maximum length for an effective comment.
- The comment process is not a vote – one well supported; specific comment is often more influential than a thousand comments.
- For each comment reference the associated page number.

Detailed Recommendations

- Please include your affiliation if your comments represent an organization.
- Although agencies receive and appreciate all comments, constructive comments (either positive or negative) are the most likely to have an influence.
- When crafting a comment, it is important that you adequately explain the reasoning behind your position.
- When possible, support your comment with data, facts, and/or opinions. You may also provide personal experience in your comment, as appropriate.
- Consider including examples of how the policies would impact you negatively or positively.

Tips adapted from regulations.gov