

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Head Start Transportation

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Head Start/Early Head Start Grantees and Delegate Agencies

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Head Start Transportation

INFORMATION:

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Head Start Transportation was published in the Federal Register <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-8222.htm> on May 30, 2006.

Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and their delegates are asked to comment on the NPRM (45 CFR part 1310) which, if finalized, would offer the opportunity for annual waivers, under certain circumstances, of two provisions in the current Head Start transportation regulation (45 CFR part 1310):

1. the requirement that each child be seated in a child restraint system while the vehicle is in motion, and
2. the requirement that each bus have at least one bus monitor on board at all times.

It is proposed that waivers would be granted when the Head Start or Early Head Start grantee demonstrates that compliance with the requirement(s) for which the waiver is being sought will result in a significant disruption to the Head Start or Early Head Start program and that waiving the requirement(s) is in the best interest of the children involved.

It is also proposed that the definition of child restraint system be changed in the regulation. The proposed change would remove the reference to weight that currently conflicts with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

You may transmit comments electronically via the internet at www.regulations.acf.hhs.gov. Instructions are included under the tab titled Regulations/Comments, and can be found by selecting from the list "Instructions for Commenting on a Regulation." Once your account has been created, select "Comment on a Regulation" and use "Comment on Head Start Transportation NPRM May 2006" in the subject line.

Hard copy, written comments should be addressed to the Director, Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, Portals, Eighth Floor, 1250 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

In order to be considered, comments must be received in writing by July 31, 2006.

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