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Today's Focus

- Instructions and Instrument
- Public Comment and Final Draft
- Gathering Signatures
- Final Approval of SILC

Instructions and Instrument

State Plan for Independent Living Instructions and Instrument

- This link will take you to a direct download of the latest instructions for the SPIL (expiring in 2026) and the instrument, which is the template for filling out your State Plan.
- **NOTE FOR LINK:** *All instructions* (language not included in the SPIL Instrument itself) *are in italics*.

Instructions and Instrument

- Make sure you have used the correct template. The order of Section 4 has changed from the old template.
- Section 5 has additional information needed about the SILC Authorities and the Resource Plan

Public Comment

[45 CFR 1329.17\(f\)](#)

The public, including people with disabilities and other stakeholders throughout the State, must have an opportunity to comment on the State plan prior to its submission to the Administrator and on any revisions to the approved State plan. Meeting this standard for public input from individuals with disabilities requires providing reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures; effective communication and appropriate auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities, which may include the provision of qualified interpreters and information in alternate formats, free of charge

Public Comment

- (1) The requirement for public input in this section may be met by holding public meetings before a preliminary draft State plan is prepared and by providing a preliminary draft State plan for comment prior to submission.
- (2) To meet the public input standard of this section, a public meeting requires:
 - (i) Accessible, appropriate and sufficient notice provided at least **30 days prior to the public meeting** through various media available to the general public, such as Web sites, newspapers and public service announcements, and through specific contacts with appropriate constituency groups.
 - (ii) All notices, including notices published on a Web site, and other written materials provided at or prior to public meetings must be available upon request in accessible formats.

Public Comment

Options for public comment:

- Post the final draft of the SPIL for the public. Provide detailed ways they can provide comments.
- Hold public hearings on the draft to gather comments.
- Document the comments that you receive. Decide a plan of how the comments will be addressed and responded to.

Gathering Signatures

New process will be used for the SPIL Submission

- Electronic portal is being finalized.
- Your entire SPIL will be entered into the portal for submission.
- All of the signers will sign in the portal electronically.
- You can also still collect signatures, but each CIL, the DSE, and the SILC Chair will have to enter the portal to sign.
- If you have a CIL that isn't a Part C Center, you will have to get the information to Q90 when the portal is live.

Final SILC Approval

The SILC should have a final approval vote after the public comment has been received and reviewed.

- This should be during a regular public meeting
- The final draft should be presented to the SILC members
- The vote should approve the content of the SPIL, the agreement to follow the indicators, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the SILC.

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Resources

- [The Rehabilitation Act:](#)
- [Independent Living Regulations:](#)
- [State Plan for Independent Living Instructions and Instrument:](#)
- [SILC Indicators](#)

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