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**Memorandum**

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To: Chief Executive Officers / College Presidents
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
DSPS Program Coordinators/Directors

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Subject: Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) / New Title 5
Regulations

New DSPS Title 5 Regulations

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the approval, filing and formal effective date of new title 5 regulations for the DSPS program, as approved by the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges (BOG). A copy of the [new regulations](#) can be found at our website. For reference the link information is:

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/DSPS/StatutesRegulations.aspx>

On July 20, 2015, the BOG approved sweeping changes to the DSPS title 5 regulations, specifically to sections 56000-56076. This was the result of more than two (2) years of work and vetting between the Chancellor's Office's DSPS Program, Legal Affairs Unit, the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED), and local representatives of the California Community Colleges. After BOG approval the regulations were submitted to the Department of Finance, Secretary of State and the Office of Administrative Law, as per current Board rulemaking process and protocol.

Per the 30-day filing protocol with the Secretary of State's office, the new DSPS regulations became effective on October 16, 2015. To allow districts time to adjust processes and policies related to the changes the regulations impose we are delaying implementation of the regulations until **July 1, 2016**. Beginning with

2016-17 the Contracted District Audit Manual will be updated and colleges will be audited based on the new regulations. Audits for 2015-16 will be based on the “old” regulations.

Training and Implementation

The Chancellor’s Office will be releasing updated Implementation Guidelines in early December, 2015; the guidelines will assist districts with understanding and interpreting the new regulations. Several of the regulatory changes will require local changes to district policies, MIS programming, operational procedures at the program/staff level, etc. Therefore, the Chancellor's Office will sponsor and co-present approximately six (6) regional trainings at college locations to be identified throughout the state in 2015-16, will provide a training workshop for the DSPS Regional Coordinators in a *train the trainer* model, and will offer at a minimum two (2) system wide webinar trainings via the CCC Confer system. Finally, the DSPS program has contracted with San Diego State University Interwork Institute, dba “DSPS Solutions” as a general DSPS technical assistance provider whose focus this year will be in supporting campuses transitioning to work under the new regulations.

Questions Regarding This Memorandum

If you have any questions regarding the new DSPS title 5 regulations, please contact the DSPA program staff at the California Community Colleges, Chancellor’s Office.

If you have any questions regarding the district audit process, please contact the Fiscal Accountability Unit staff at the California Community Colleges, Chancellor’s Office.