

SILC Connection- Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Amendments

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Before We Begin

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Key Takeaways:

- Understand the purpose of Substantial and Technical SPIL amendments
- Understand the steps for submitting SPIL amendments

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- Short presentation (approximately 20

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SPIL Amendments

Detailed Information about SPIL Amendments can be found in the [SPIL Instrument and Instructions](#) (pages 7-8).

Two Ways to Start the Process: SPIL amendment may be initiated by the SILC and CILs and/or at the request of the ACL Administrator.

When An Amendment is Required: A SPIL amendment must be submitted to

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SPIL Amendments (cont.)

Current SPIL Remains In Effect: The State will continue to operate under the existing SPIL during the period covered by the SPIL until the amendments are approved.

DSE Must Be Notified: The director of the DSE must be informed of, and provided with a copy of, all proposed SPIL amendments before submission to ACL/OILP and provided with the amended SPIL upon

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Substantial Amendments

Substantial amendments are significant changes to the SPIL. These may include, but are not limited to:

Changes in the:

- SPIL goals and objectives that impact the scope of services to individuals with significant disabilities;
- the designation of unserved or

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Substantial Amendments (cont.)

- the distribution method (e.g., formula for distributing excess funds to centers); or
- the DSE to an entity NOT currently identified in the SPIL.

Technical Amendments

Technical amendments are technical changes to the SPIL that do not constitute a substantial and material change in information in, or operation of, the SPIL. These may include but are not limited to:

- Changing the entity responsible for achieving a SPIL objective (without

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SPIL Amendment Process

Step 1—Send a Request: Before amending the SPIL, States must send a SPIL Amendment Request, by e-mail, to their assigned Program Officer.

Step 2— ACL/OILP Determines Type of Amendment: The Program Officer will make a determination whether a technical amendment or a substantial amendment is required based upon the information

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Substantial Amendment Process

If the Program Officer has determined that a **substantial amendment** is required:

1. **Gather Input:** The SILC must gather input from individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders in the state before drafting the SPIL amendment.

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Substantial Amendment Process: (cont.)

4. **ACL/OILP Will Respond to Draft:**

Program Officer will confirm receipt of the proposed amendment and establish a deadline to respond to proposed language.

5. **SILC Hold Public Hearings:** The SILC must hold public hearings to receive

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Substantial Amendment Process: (cont.)

6. **Sign & Submit Final:** Submit the signed amendment to ACL/OILP for approval. The amendment must be signed by the SILC chair, and not less than 51 percent of the CIL directors in the state.
 - o The DSE Director's signature is required ONLY if the amendment includes

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Technical Amendment Process:

If the Program officer has determined that a **technical amendment** is required:

1. **SILC & CILs Draft:** The SILC chairperson and the directors of the CILs in the state draft the amendment(s).
2. **Submit Proposed Amendment:** The

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Resources for Additional Guidance

[Instructions for State Plan for Independent Living \(SPIL\)](#)

[Office of Independent Living Programs Contact List](#)

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