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SUBJECT: Revised Special Education Form
Communication Plan for a Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing or
Deaf-Blind

The purpose of this PENN*LINK is to inform local educational agencies (LEAs) that the Communication Plan for a Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind on the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) website has been revised.

The purpose of the revised Communication Plan for a Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind is to establish discussion among IEP team members who review the student's needs based on communication skills and access. The Communication Plan must be completed prior to the development of the IEP. LEAs should implement this Communication Plan by July 2023.

The revised Communication Plan for a Student Who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind and the annotated version is available now on the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net. The Special Education Forms tab is located on the top of the home page for easy access. A training video on this process is available at: <https://www.pattan.net/Legal/Special-Education-and-Gifted-Forms>.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Jeanette Alexander at 717.783.6882 or jeaalexand@pa.gov.

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