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Memorandum

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TO: Special Education Directors and SAIS Coordinators

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SUBJECT: **NEW Developmental Delay Need Category**
Additional Changes to SAIS and Census Reporting Requirements

Senate Bill 1196, an Education Omnibus bill signed by Governor Brewer on July 10, 2009, included language for a Developmental Delay (DD) special education need category. For reporting purposes, the following changes will be effective for FY 2010 SAIS and the special education census:

- The new DD need category replaces the former Preschool Moderate Delay (PMD) need category, but extends up to age 10.
- Preschool funding for DD is the same as the former PMD need category.
- Funding for school-age DD students is the same as Emotionally Disabled (ED), Mild Mental Retardation (MIMR), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), Speech Language Impairment (SLI), and Other Health Impairment (OHI) with a weight of 0.003.
- Preschool Speech Language (PSL) is now included in the definition of SLI.
- Preschool funding for SLI is the same as the former PSL need category.
- Funding for school age SLI students remains the same.

All other need categories retain the same definitions and funding. These new reporting requirements will be communicated to Student Management System (SMS) vendors by the ADE Information Technology team.

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