

**RE: 2024 EAVS: 60-Day Public Comment Period is Open**

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Hi Raymond,

I know the public comments for EAVS were due yesterday at 5pm, but it was a holiday so I missed the reminder until I logged on this morning. Below are some of our team's comments (as it relates to the State of Indiana) are below and are likely more general process-based feedback comments vs specific text / questions:

**1. Provide further explanations around changes to the survey (Year-over-Year, or Draft-to-Draft)**

- a. The "Planned Changes to Section A" document provided by EAC did include an "Intro and Key Survey Changes" breakdown, however the insights below that could have been provided were not present:
  - i. Deleted Sections – some full sections from previous years were removed without being identified
  - ii. Section Sequencing Changes – some sections were re-ordered from the previous year without being identified (ex. Sec. A13 was Sec. A11 in 2022)
- b. Additionally, no changes between draft versions were identified (Planned Changes to Section A vs. 2024 EAVS Draft)
  - i. This component is elaborated on in feedback point 2, however the sentiment above is the same. Updates and changes between drafts were not identified.

**2. Distribute only 1 202# Draft OR Provide insight and direction around how questions have changed between drafts.**

- a. This required what has amounted in almost triple-work by needing to:
  - i. Identify changes between previous year's survey and Draft A
  - ii. Identify changes between Draft A and Draft B
  - iii. Confirm changes between Draft B and previous year's survey

These changes are important for data preparation based worksheets / staging tables since we are unable to use formulas within the final data submission file. Any change in numbering or sequencing is a change even if the question context doesn't change.

**3. Include an Executive Summary for final draft**

- a. Ideally the executive summary would call out new sections, deleted sections, and altered sections across all question groups, A-F. The way the survey drafts were communicated for this iteration, only changes question to group A were ever called out (and not in the final draft). Changes to sections C, E, & F were not addressed and would only be identified through further validation on the side of the States.
  - i. Identifying changes to the other sections was especially unintuitive for this year's survey because a precedent for identified changes was set for only question group A. I would not be surprised if some states approach this EAVS period under the assumption that changes were only made to section A and not any other sections.

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Dear EAVS POCs,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm pleased to announce that the 60-day Public Comment period for the 2024 EAVS has begun. This is your chance to provide any feedback on questions and improvements to the forthcoming 2024 EAVS. The deadline to submit a comment is **January 15, 2024**. You can submit comments at the link below. Let me know if you have any questions.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EAC-2023-0008-0001>

Thanks,

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