

School Year 2020-2021 Monitoring Updates



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OSEP Changes Related to Differentiated Monitoring Activities

December 2019 OSEP guidance clarified reporting of indicator data in the APR

- Requirement excludes the use of pre-correction data for purposes of APR reporting
- Issuance of findings has to occur within three months of the identification by the SEA of the noncompliance

Why This Is Important

Previous OSEP interpretations were based on state definition of a finding

Current OSEP interpretation does not include an SEA definition of a finding but defines identification of noncompliance is when the SEA “sees” the noncompliance

Self- assessment and data review monitoring systems allowed for pre-reporting correction and issued findings in accordance with the state definition of a finding

Changes Required to Conform



For DR and SA, due dates have been adjusted and moved up



Differentiated activities further allow for early completion based on level of noncompliance

Due Date Changes

Added more check-ins along the way to ensure PEAs stay on track

Midpoint validation will be finalized by February 12, 2021

Final verification process will be finalized by April 30, 2021

Process Changes



PSM specialists will utilize a tracking form to assist in communication with the PEA and outline next steps in the process

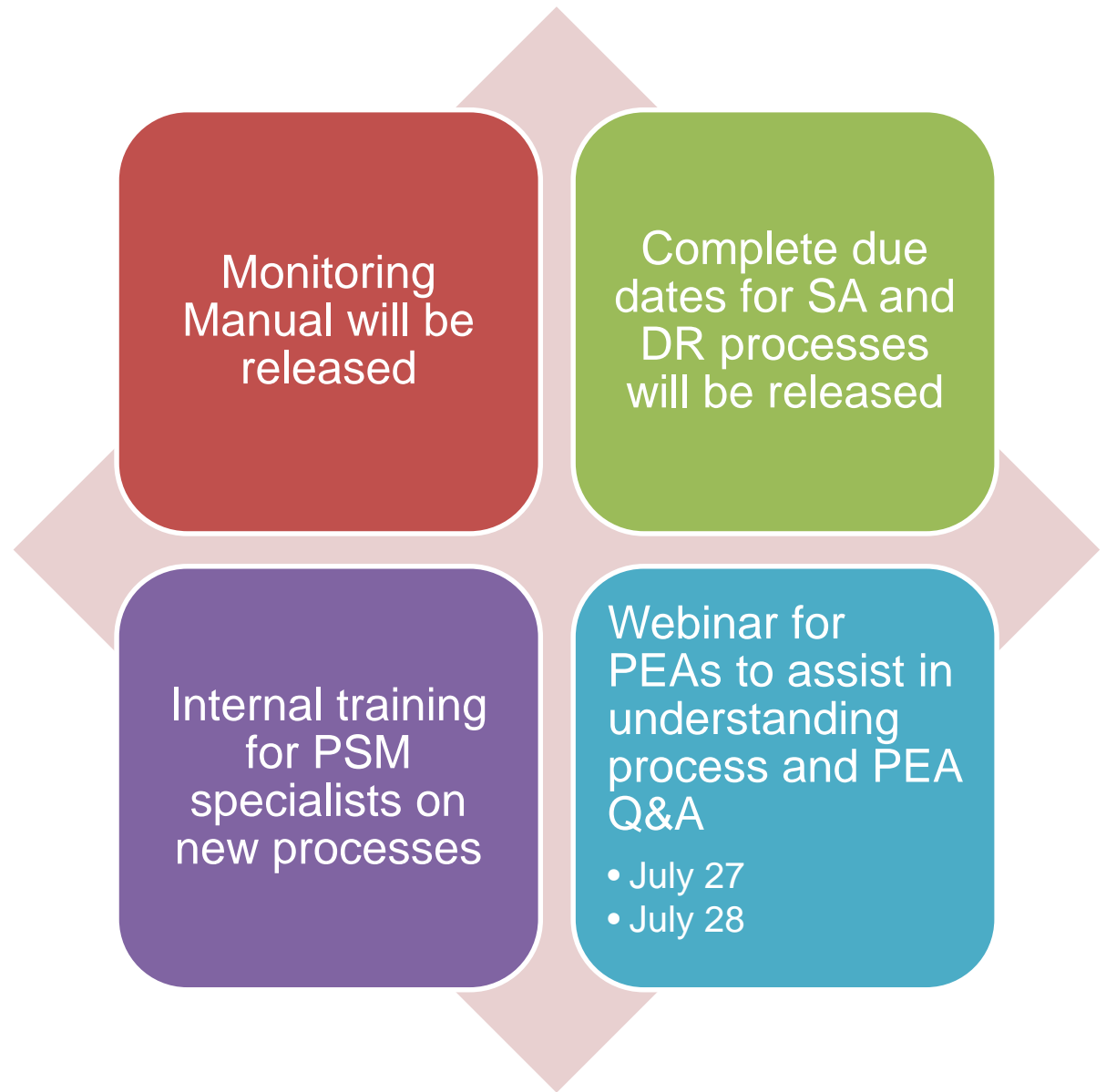


At the validation point, if the PEA evidences individual level of correction in all line items (90% compliant or better), as determined by the draft Summary of Findings (SOF), the PEA will not complete a subsequent file review

So What about COVID- 19?

- No federal waivers regarding monitoring activities **or** APR reporting so.....monitoring activities must occur
- Adjustments to due dates for SA and DR will be made based on statewide mandates, only if needed
- Onsite monitoring dates cannot be moved
- Onsite monitoring activities will be adjusted and individualized to PEA circumstances as needed
- As has been ESS practice, ESS will not access IEP software systems to review files

Next Steps



Questions?



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