

AGENDA ITEM 7.

ADOPTED RULES

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item reports on the agency's proposed rules for the new programs passed during the last legislative session and signed into law this summer effective for the 2006-07 school year. The programs are the Monetary Award Program Plus (MAP Plus), Forensic Science Grant Program and the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program. Text of the proposed rules was published in the **Illinois Register** on August 11, 2006 and was previously presented to the Commission as an action item at its September 29, 2006 meeting.

Initial publication of the proposed rules triggered a 45-day public comment period that ended on September 25, 2006. At its September 29, 2006 meeting, the Commission accepted the proposed rules, following which the Executive Director authorized staff to initiate the second 45-day review period by submitting the proposed rules to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), the legislative support services agency responsible for reviewing all rulemaking action of state agencies. ISAC's rulemaking is on the agenda for the November 14, 2006 meeting of JCAR.

While there have been no substantive changes made to the rules since the initial publication, some technical modifications have been made in response to JCAR staff suggestions. The anticipated effective date of these rules is December 1, 2006. The full text of the rules is provided under separate cover.

Following approval and adoption of these rules by the Commission, the Executive Director will authorize staff to submit them to the Administrative Code Division of the Secretary of State for publication as final adopted rules. Once adopted, they will be communicated to ISAC's clients through publication in the **Illinois Register** and various client communications, as well as being posted to ISAC's Web site.

Action requested: That the Commission approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approves and adopts the rules for the Monetary Award Program Plus (MAP Plus), Forensic Science Grant Program and the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program, so that they can be effective for the 2006-2007 academic year.”