

CHAPTER 688 GUIDELINES FOR REFERRAL

Transitional Agency	Student Profile	Corresponding DESE Disability Category
DCF (Area Office) Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/DCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is in the custody of or has an “open case” with the Department of Children & Families. • Exception is if the student is blind, they would then be referred to the Mass Commission for the Blind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All except blindness or deaf/blind (e.g., not codes 02,04 or 09, which would be sent to one of the disability agencies below)
DDS (Area Office) Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/DDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectually disabled • Student may have ID coupled with other disabilities • Students residing in a pediatric nursing facility may be referred to DDS. • Autism or developmental delay* <p>*evidence of intellectual disability should also be present</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 01-Intellectual • All other codes must be coupled with 01 • Code 11 –Autism (see note regarding dx of ID) • Code 13 –Developmental delay (see note regarding dx of ID)
MCB (Springfield Office) Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered with the Mass Commission for the Blind • May have blindness coupled with other disabilities such as emotional disturbance, deafness, or intellectual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 04 Sensory/Vision Impaired or Blind • Code 09-Sensory Deaf/Blind • All other codes if coupled with 02 and is registered
DMH (Area Office) Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dmh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious and long term mental illness that has resulted in functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. * <p>* Serious and long term mental illness is a disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, and that results in an inability to meet the ordinary demands of life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 05-Emotional • All other codes if coupled with 05
MRC (Central Office: Anne Spector, Statewide 688 Coordinator 600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mrc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific learning disabilities; Health related disabilities; Communication disabilities (Voc Rehab Services) • Traumatic Brain Injury (SHIP/Statewide Head Injury Program) • Physical disability with mobility impairment (Independent Living Program) <p>NOTE: Students receiving residential services at the time of 688 referral should not be referred to MRC for transition planning unless specifically directed by the BTP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 03-Communication • Code 06-Physical • Code 07-Health • Code 08-Specific Learning Disabilities • Code 10-Multiple Disabilities • Code 12-Neurological <p>(Codes 11 and 13 may apply if no dx of ID is present)</p>
MCDHH (Springfield Office) Mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf/use of ASL; hard of hearing; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to sustain independent competitive employment • Unable to complete post –secondary education/training without substantial assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 02 – Sensory/Hearing Impaired or Deaf

[Revision Date: 10/2013] **In the event it cannot be clearly determined which agency is appropriate, send the 688 referral and complete referral package to: Bureau of Transitional Planning, Executive Office of Human Services, One Ashburton Place, Room 1109, Boston, Massachusetts 02108**