



Children and Families Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 6

PART 3

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

Appeals, mediation and dispute resolution

52 Right to mediation

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a decision against which an appeal may be brought under section 51 is made in respect of a child or young person, or
 - (b) an EHC plan for a child or young person is made, amended or replaced.
- (2) Before the end of the prescribed period after the decision is made, or the plan is made, amended or replaced, the local authority must notify the child's parent or the young person of—
 - (a) the right to mediation under section 53 or 54, and
 - (b) the requirement to obtain a certificate under section 55 before making certain appeals.
- (3) If the parent or young person wishes to pursue mediation under section 53 or 54, he or she must inform the local authority of—
 - (a) that fact, and
 - (b) the issues in respect of which he or she wishes to pursue mediation (“the mediation issues”).
- (4) If the mediation issues are, or include, the fact that no health care provision, or no health care provision of a particular kind, is specified in the plan, the parent or young person must also inform the local authority of the health care provision which he or she wishes to be specified in the plan.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 52. (See end of Document for details)*

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 52(2)(3)(4) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(b), 64(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 2**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 52 in force at 1.4.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 3(g)**
- I2** S. 52 in force at 1.9.2014 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 7(a)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2014/2270](#) (as amended (1.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/505](#) and (1.9.2015) by [S.I. 2015/1619](#)))

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