**Section 1066.80 Hearings**

a) Prior to the denial of a certification of an applicant or existing provider, the Department shall send written notice to the provider. If a formal hearing is requested in writing in accordance with 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1001.Subpart A and IVC Section 2-118, the denial shall stand pending the outcome of the hearing. The denial of a certification shall contain the specific reasons why the certification has been denied.

b) Prior to the suspension or revocation of a provider's certification, the Department will conduct a hearing in accordance with 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1001.Subpart A and IVC Section 2-118, in which the Department will present competent evidence to establish violations of any regulations or laws governing providers and seek the appropriate sanctions in accordance with Section 1066.90.