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## **ACA Connects Member Advisory**

### **Children's Television Programming Certifications Have Moved From a Quarterly to an Annual Process**

***No Quarterly Certifications Must Be Collected or Posted by April 10***

***First Annual Posting of Certifications Will Occur in 2021***

On December 20, 2019, the FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) announcing that changes to its children's television programming (i.e., "KidVid") rules adopted in a July 2019 [Report and Order](#) were going into effect on January 21.

Under the old rules, cable system operators were required to collect KidVid certifications each quarter and post them to their online public files by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the following quarter. Under the new rules, system operators are required to collect and post these certifications on an annual basis only, within 30 days from the end of each year. The final quarterly posting of certifications was due January 10, 2020, and the first annual certifications must be collected and posted by January 30, 2021. In the meantime, there are no requirements to collect or post certifications on a quarterly basis, including the certifications that system operators would have been required to collect and post by April 10.

ACA Connects reminds members that cable systems with fewer than 1,000 subscribers are exempt from this recordkeeping requirement.

#### **For More Information**

For answers from the FCC to questions about legal-related matters, you may contact Kathy Berthot, Policy Division, Media Bureau, 202-418-2120 or by e-mail at [Kathy.Berthot@fcc.gov](mailto:Kathy.Berthot@fcc.gov), or Evan Morris, Legal Advisor, Media Bureau at 202-418-1656 or by e-mail at [Evan.Morris@fcc.gov](mailto:Evan.Morris@fcc.gov).

For more information about the KidVid certification posting requirements from ACA Connects, you may consult ACA Connects' webinar, "[Regulatory Planning for the New Year](#)," at slides 13-14 and beginning at 24:00 on the webinar recording. Moreover, you may contact Brian Hurley, ACA Connects' Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, at [bhurley@acaconnects.org](mailto:bhurley@acaconnects.org)

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