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Background – Early Intervention Program

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- New York State's Early Intervention Program (EIP) is for infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) with developmental disabilities and their families.
- Federal grant program through Part C of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Title II-A of Article 25 of PHL Implemented July 1, 1993.
- Department of Health is Lead Agency responsible for administration and oversight.
- All fifty-seven counties and New York City have a designated Early Intervention Official/public agency responsible for local administration.

DOH Responsibilities as Lead Agency for the EIP

- Establishing standards for provider approval
- Approving and periodically re-approving providers
- Compiling and disseminating list of approved providers to municipalities
- Monitoring of agencies and individuals providing EI services and municipalities as local administrators
- Enforce State and Federal requirements for the EIP
- Provide training and technical assistance (TA) to municipalities, providers and parents
- Maintain a comprehensive system of personnel development including training
- Ensure availability of procedural safeguards
- Provide electronic data collection and reporting
- Establish a System of Payment (State Fiscal Agent)
- Establish regional reimbursement rates with DOB approval
- Audit and oversight of fiscal operations related to the EIP



Early Intervention Program Eligibility

- Children birth to three years of age with a developmental delay with either:
 - A diagnosed condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay (15.6%), or
 - A developmental delay affecting function in one or more areas of development (cognition, physical, communication, socialemotional, or adaptive development) (84.4%)



Early Intervention Services

- **Developmental services** designed to enhance the child's development and the family's capacity to help their child
- Family-centered services involve parents/caregivers in all aspects of planning and service delivery for individual children AND at the policy level
- Services include service coordination, special instruction, speechlanguage therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, nursing, audiology, family training, home visits, parent support, nutrition, vision, social work, and assistive technology (AT) devices and services



Early Intervention Program Steps

FAMILY CONCERN



1. Referral

(unless parent objects) Referral source or parent suspects child of having developmental delay or disabuty

- * Family informed of benefits of Early Intervention Program
 - Child referred to EIO within 2 days of identification
 - Early Intervention Official assigns Initial Service Coordinator



2. Initial Service Coordinator

- Provide information about EIP
- * Inform family of rights
- Review list of evaluators
- Obtain insurance/Medicaid information
- Obtain other relevant information

3. Evaluation*

- (with parents' consent)
- Determine eligibility
- Family assessment, optional
- Gather information for IFSP Summary and report submitted

TRANSITION

prior to IPSP





- assistive technology devices and services
- * audiology
- * family training counseling home visits and parent support groups
- medical services only for diagnostic or evaluation purposes
- * speech-language nursing services
- pathology nutrition services
- cocupational therapy vision services
- physical therapy health services
- psychological services
- service coordination
- social work services
- special instruction
- * transportation and related costs

REFERRAL

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IFSP

MEETING

5. Review Six Months/Evaluate Annually

- Decision is made to continue, add, modify or delete outcomes, strategies, and/or services
- If parent requests, may review sconer



 Plan for transition included in IFSP Transition to: - services under Section 4410 of

Education Law (3-5 system) OR

- other early childhood services

6. Transition



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(if child is eligible)

- Early Intervention services specified

Family identifies desired outcomes

Develop written plan

Family and EIO agree to IPSP

Identify Ongoing Service Coordinator

4. The IFSP Meeting*

NYS Early Intervention Program (EIP)

- In PY 2021-22, The EIP delivered services to 68,393 children.
- During the same period, total EI spending was \$648M.
- There are currently 8,232 providers in NYS who are approved to deliver EI services (5,397 active within the past 12 months).
- 10,501 non-approved rendering providers also delivered EI services in the past 12 months (work for agencies & Counties).



Payment for EI Services

• No cost to parents

- Reimbursement to providers for services furnished to children and families in the EIP comes from:
 - Medicaid for children who are Medicaid eligible.
 - Private (commercial) insurance if the insurance is NYS regulated (EIP claims are no longer billed to commercial insurance).
 - Covered Lives Legislation effective January 1, 2022, established a pool funded by an assessment on insurance plans (\$40M).
 - Remaining costs are funded through a charge upon the county/NYC in the first instance, followed by State reimbursement at 49% of county/NYC cost.



NYS Early Intervention Program (EIP)

 Program year 2021-22 spending totaled \$648M. An increase of \$89M from the previous program year. Below is a breakdown of PY21-22 spending:

 Medicaid 	\$280M (43.2%)
 County Funds 	\$183M (28.2%)
 State Funds 	\$176M (27.2%)
 Commercial Insurance 	\$9M (1.4%)



Questions?

