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NYSACHO EI All County Call – August 6, 2026

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Presentation
General Updates	**Federal/OSAP Update:** OSEP is moving toward a partnership with Health and Human Services (HHS), which will involve transitioning to the HHS grant system. While daily operations are expected to remain "business as usual," administrative processes will change. **Medicaid/Funding Concerns:** There is a noted disconnect between federal efforts to reduce Medicaid (via work requirements) and the expectation for states to deliver more services. The state plans to provide recommendations to OSEP regarding better alignment between OSEP and CMS. **Budget:** The President is recommending a $50 million increase for Part C grants for 2027; Congress is currently considering a $10 million increase.
Data and Program Evaluation Unit	**IFSP Service Location:** To address concerns regarding caregiver home addresses, the unit is working with PCG to keep the existing "Caregiver Home" field (which defaults to the child's home) while adding a new drop-down option for "Other Home Address." This will allow manual entry for alternative locations (e.g., grandparents' homes). This is currently under leadership review.
TA/Training/IS Unit	**Guidance Documents:** Several documents are under revision, including billable service coordination activities, assistive technology (AT) guidance, and a joint transition document with the State Education Department (SED). Timelines range from fall to winter dissemination. **Training:** New trainings (Due Process, Roles/Responsibilities of EI Officials) are in development with Measurement Inc. The state will pilot these with stakeholders before full release. **Immunizations (Mary Amendola):** EI services cannot be denied based on immunization status. However, facility-based services (in licensed daycares) or transport via school bus do require vaccinations per Public Health Law.

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	Children who are not immunized may receive itinerant services in the home or public spaces (libraries, community centers).
Fiscal Planning and Policy Unit	**EI Admin Grants:** The next 5-year cycle (2026–2031) is expected to be at the "Year 4" funding level (excluding the $750k increase formerly associated with Year 5). Reporting requirements will be included in the new contracts. **Transportation:** The state is discussing with Medicaid to use the Medicaid Transportation Manager (MTM) for parent mileage reimbursement. They are working to compile a list of approved service sites to facilitate this. **Medicaid/Health Home Overlap:** Concerns were raised regarding service duplication when Health Home services overlap with EI. The state will coordinate with the Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) to clarify billing protocols.
Information Systems and Quality Improvement Unit	**EI Hub Release 2:** Counties with the appropriate role can now edit closed IFSPs. **Technical Issues:** • **Document Uploads:** The "Upload" button for providers was restored during the meeting. • **Outcomes/Goals:** Issues with attaching goals/outcomes to service authorizations during amendments are being investigated. • **Caregiver Charges:** Discrepancies between service authorization rates and caregiver charges are being reviewed. Counties are advised that invoices will bill at the rate listed in the service authorization. **System Prioritization:** PCG explained that release timelines are often dictated by federal/state regulatory mandates (e.g., the 4% and 5% rate increases), which take precedence over other requested system enhancements.
Open Discussion	**Agency Withdrawals:** Providers must give 90 days' notice for withdrawal. Counties and providers are expected to collaborate on a transition plan for children. **Therapist Turnover:** Agencies are required to maintain service delivery for 30 days even if a therapist leaves, though counties noted difficulty in enforcement when agencies lack replacement staff. **Next Meeting:** The next All-County call is scheduled for December 17th.

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