

## RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REGARDING IDEA 2011 NEW REGULATIONS

### Financial Matters

**Are we required to bill private insurance for evaluations conducted to determine eligibility for AzEIP? If so, and the private insurer does not pay the amount the State pays, can we then bill the State for the remainder?**

With consent, private insurance may be billed for an evaluation conducted to determine AzEIP eligibility. There is no cost to the family for evaluations.

- You cannot collect a co-pay or any of the deductible from the family for evaluations.
- The family cannot be required to contribute to the cost under Family Cost Participation.

If the private insurer pays less than the contracted rate with the State, the provider bills the State for the difference up to the contracted rate.

**Are we required to bill the Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) for an evaluation to determine eligibility for AzEIP?**

Early Intervention Programs should not, at this time, bill the AHCCCS acute care health plans for evaluations conducted to determine AzEIP eligibility.

**Does Family Cost Participation apply to families who have a 0% to pay due to participation in AHCCCS, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) or other reasons?**

Yes, families whose enrollment in AHCCCS or WIC is verified will have 0 % to pay, as part of Family Cost Participation.

**What should an early intervention program do when a private insurer requires prior authorization for the eligibility evaluation, but the authorization is taking so long that the 45-day timeline for the initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting will not be met?**

Programs should seek to use all available funding sources, however, if the timeline to obtain authorization for an evaluation will result in not meeting the 45 day timeline for the initial IFSP the program should proceed with providing the evaluation and billing the State.

**When is the Consent for Insurance discussed with the family, and why is it included on the IFSP Addendum pages, but it is not part of the IFSP?**

There are several points in the early intervention process when the service coordinator discusses the Consent related to use of insurance:

- During the initial planning process, consent to use private insurance is obtained prior to the evaluation and could be accessed to assist in paying for the evaluation; therefore it must be a separate form.
- At the initial and annual IFSP meetings, consent to use insurance to pay for IFSP service(s) is obtained; therefore it must be a separate form.
- At a 6-Month or other Individualized Family Service Plan Review, the Addendum pages are used to reflect any changes/updates to IFSP. The Consent For private Insurance section of the Addendum is for changes to services that are covered by private Insurance only. This section must be completed anytime there is a change in services (frequency, length, duration, or intensity) that are covered by private Insurance. Completion of this section is not required if there is a change to services covered by public Insurance, after the initial consent.

**When is it appropriate to include FCP as a funding source for services on the IFSP?**

Family Cost Participation (FCP) applies to all families except those:

1. eligible for the Arizona Long Term-Care System (ALTCS) through the Division of Developmental Disabilities;
2. in the legal custody of the Department of Economic Security (e.g., a foster child), a tribe, or another state's child welfare agency; or
3. those with a signed, Arizona adoption subsidy agreement.

All other families are part of FCP, even those who pay 0% of their costs. It is correct to list FCP (or 3) on the IFSP as a funding source for all families except those that meet the criteria above.

**If a family has filed the FCP paperwork with AzEIP must they file another one after the DDD intake?**

The Financial Information Form only needs to be completed by a family one time, unless there is a change in circumstance as described in the Family's Guide to Funding Early Intervention Services in Arizona.

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The DES/AzEIP Office, DDD and ASDB coordinate to share information if a child becomes eligible through the team-based early intervention contractor and then becomes eligible for DDD or ASDB.