



# INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

## FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Fiscal Committee Agenda & Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. - <https://meet.google.com/qfc-uoxp-zzq>

#### Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Dana Hutchings, Chair  
Stacy Reinstein, DES/CCA

Amber Neubauer, EI Service Provider

#### Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Leo Huppert  
Kristin Mancuso (absent)  
Senator Rosanna Gabaldon (absent)  
Jennifer Ibanez  
Sylvia Acosta  
Vance Phillips (absent)

Cristina Renteria  
Kate Dobler  
Lauren Encinas  
Peggy Peixoto  
Jenee Sisroy

#### Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel

Jeremiah Hale

1. Call to Order -- 10:02 am
2. Read Public Comment Notice
3. Approve Minutes from the January 27, 2022, meeting
  - a. Jenee made a motion to approve the minutes, and Kate seconded. The vote was unanimous.
4. Discussion Items/topics
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Service Coordination Billing Approach
    - i. Dana gave a brief description of the need for this change. The proposal was discussed. It was shared that DCS has a similar set up and payment structure. The tier rate structure within the contracts was explained. Language in page 2 Item 4 was edited for clarification. The proposal, with this change, will be forwarded to the ICC Executive Meeting. Leo made a motion to approve as amended. Kate seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - c. FOCUS Authorization Issues
    - i. This has been an issue since 2020. The provider group is meeting with Ginny Rountree regarding this. Services are not being paid timely for those children that are ALTCS eligible.

- d. AHCCCS issues
    - i. Several members are trying to find out who is replacing Judi Walker. They will try to determine who is in the role now.
    - ii. Question raised regarding AHCCCS matching AzEIP's new rates, specifically for SPL which has an AzEIP specific rate. Jeremiah noted AzEIP has been working with AHCCCS. AHCCCS was not able to make a change in October due to the timing being mid-fiscal year, but this will be brought up again closer to fiscal year end. There was discussion around how the committee could support this process and requirements under the 5 state Agency IGA.
    - iii. The providers are still experiencing short pays for the SPL rate and in zip codes where the AzEIP tier does not match the county wide AHCCCS rate. The AHCCCS tiers were supposed to be changed to align with AzEIP tiers, but this never occurred. It was discovered that the GT code for telehealth may be part of the issue. A suggestion was made for AzEIP to write the requirements and send to the health plans. Jennifer offered to help with specific Mercy Care claims. Kate will support with identifying a point of contact for claims within each health plan.
    - iv. AHCCCS has released information regarding changes to AHCCCS health plans, particularly in the northern region.
  - e. Other funding sources – no discussion
  - f. Possible Legislation / Funding Issues – no discussion
  - g. Parking Lot Items
    - i. Budget Information Request
      - 1. It was requested that additional budget information be shared with the Fiscal Committee.
    - ii. Fiscal Monitoring – no discussion
5. Action/follow-up
- a. Dana will forward the SC Proposal to the ICC Executive Committee with the changes.
  - b. Kate will support getting a contact for claims at each AHCCCS health plan.
  - c. Jeremiah and Lisa will update the committee on the FOCUS claims issues.
  - d. Kate will locate information regarding health plan changes for the northern region from the AHCCCS website and send to Lisa to share with AzEIP and the Fiscal Committee.
6. Public Comment - none
7. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. The committee discussed switching to every other month. It was decided to continue meeting monthly for the next couple of months so as not to lose track of a few hot button issues. This will be revisited.
8. Adjourn – 11:02 am