

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers Fiscal Committee

Event Date:

Friday October 25th, 2019 9am-11am

Location:

AzEIP Conference Room
1789 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Agenda:

Review meeting with the AHCCCS Director, other Early Intervention Provider concerns and create an action plan based on the meeting discussion.

Attendees: Dana Hutchings, Chair, Leo Huppert, Kristin Mancuso, Lana Graber, Sharon Pierson, Jenee Sisroy, Ashley Boruff

Minutes: Open Discussion

- Providers having issues with Customer Service Center for provider claims with DDD
- How do we be compliant with electronic verification for DDD? Is it for all providers? Applicable to AzeIP? Jenee will follow up
- DDD issues:
 - Previously met with Zane and Patrick, need to meet again to make DDD Waivers timely. Issue not fixed. Got better temporarily, but has reverted back
 - District Central: Transition, Authorizations didn't transfer over to RISE through DDD. RISE and Dynamite have pending Authorizations still from July 2019
 - 58% DDD SC don't have Authorizations, have not been submitted for RISE. Can't get IFSPs from DDD, Rise would do if had IFSPs, not entered in ITEAMS....is problematic
 - Can we pull report for authorizations?
 - DDD SC not updating insurance information as required
- Legislative Day for Early Intervention

- connect with advocate, presence of contractors/families, advocate on behalf of needs of Early Intervention system
- Arizona Department of Education
 - Need to gather data on special education enrollment and impact over referrals to special education without Early Intervention services
 - School districts seeing overabundance of children in special education who didn't receive Early Intervention but would have benefited
 - Amy Hill has info/insight into school 602-373-3136
- Governor's Letter- follow up
 - Jenee will give Dana email/contact information to send letter as follow up with receipt of letter
- Idaho Early Intervention Report
 - AHCCCS wants as much information how Idaho system works for Early Intervention
 - Action Item: provide reference guide with executive summary of Idaho Early Intervention Medicaid rate
- APAD
 - Invite to ICC meetings
 - Follow-up with APAD on advocacy work and Legislative Day
 - Invite to Fiscal committee Meetings
- AHCCCS meeting with fiscal committee
 - AHCCCS stated that AZEIP can initiate process for requesting AZEIP only Service Coordinator (SC) funds from AHCCCS
 - AZEIP will forward to committee Flat rate reasoning for AHCCCS
 - SC Rates- AHCCCS stated they already pay SC to DDD, is part of contract with DDD, DDD-only not drawing down target funds, sounded like DDD is already drawing down funds
 - AZEIP will need to talk with DDD how to get those funds
 - AHCCCS is Interested in adopting IDAHO's approach, will send the Medicaid information to AHCCCS
 - If AZEIP can find a code for DSI, AHCCCS interested in adopting like Idaho's
 - Invite all the AHCCCS health plans to the ICC or Fiscal Committee to have a meeting to get everyone together to build understanding of AZEIP, 1:1 AZEIP, when Early Intervention providers call AHCCCS claims they don't understand AZEIP
 - AZEIP will schedule meeting with Judy Walker, AHCCCS preliminarily to discuss need and issues EI providers are having. Then can schedule secondary meeting with representatives from each plan to meet with Fiscal Committee
 - Need to establish point of contact for each AHCCCS plan
 - Need to establish standard work on claims, documentation
 - SLP Rate:
 - Plans not accepting SLP rate

- Adopt SLP rate after 3yrs of age
- Provider network
 - AHCCCS said they have the provider network per reported by the plans and leadership is unaware that they don't.
 - AZEIP will request from providers through survey monkey:
 - Any request forms coming back to SCs from AHCCCS (bounce back for services) compile to submit as examples to AHCCCS to share with Dr. Tack
 - Mercy Care audits issues with AzEIP forms used/accepted

Action Items:

- Fiscal Committee will summarize Idaho Medicaid Reference Guide, create an Executive Summary, to send to Dr. Tack/AHCCCS
- Fiscal Committee coordinate Early Intervention Day at the Capital
- Email concerns with DDD
 - Schedule meeting with Zane, Business Director
- Meet with Judy Walker, AHCCCS to plan for meeting with AHCCCS Health Plans
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- Follow up with letter to Governor's office of Strategic Budget and Planning
- School district data on special education enrollment
- Work on SC rate reimbursed from AHCCCS

Next Fiscal Committee meetings are November 8th at 1pm, November 15th at 9am and December 12th at 9am.