

Written Annual Notice Related to Third Party Billing for IFSP Health-Related Services

Under Part C of IDEA, the following early intervention services are provided at no cost to families:

- Child Find services;
- Evaluations and assessments;
- The development and review of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP);
- Service coordination; and
- Procedural safeguards

As residents of a Birth Mandate state, Minnesota infants and toddlers also receive free appropriate public education (FAPE) services at no cost to the family.

Notice and Consent for Third Party Billing

Although Part C early intervention services for your child are provided at no cost to you, early childhood programs are required to ask for reimbursement from public and private insurance for health-related services included in your child's IFSP. Before billing Medical Assistance (MA) or MinnesotaCare for IFSP health related services, the early intervention program must provide you with written notification including:

1. Parental consent must be obtained to share information with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), the agency that administers MA and MinnesotaCare, for billing purposes and before disclosing your child's personally identifiable information. This consent is only required one time and the early childhood program may not use your child's benefits under MA or MinnesotaCare if that use would result in:
 - a. Decreased available lifetime coverage;
 - b. You paying for services otherwise covered by your public or insurance program;
 - c. Increase in premiums or discontinuation of public benefits; or
 - d. Risk loss of eligibility for your child or your family for home and community-based waivers.
2. The early childhood program may not require you to sign up for or enroll in MA or MinnesotaCare or any other insurance program in order for your child to receive the health-related services in your child's IFSP;
3. Your public insurance benefits will not be affected if used for IFSP health-related services;

4. Consent is required when private health insurance is billed initially and whenever the IFSP is revised due to increase (in frequency, length, duration or intensity) in the provision of services in your child's IFSP;
5. The Early Childhood program cannot require the use of private insurance to pay for Part C services if there is any cost to the family, including co-pays, deductibles, increased premiums or effects on service limits and prior authorization;
6. If private insurance is used and you are charged out of pocket expenses by your insurer, the school district may pay or reimburse co-payments, deductibles or other insurance related costs in connection with health related services in your child's IFSP and may use Federal IDEA Part C or other funds to pay for these costs;
7. If you have private insurance coverage, the early childhood program will seek a denial from your private insurance before public insurance or benefits are used to pay for early childhood services. Services will still be provided if your private insurance denies coverage for any reason; and,
8. You may withdraw your consent at any time, in writing, to disclose personally identifiable information and services in your child's IFSP will still be provided.

Dispute Resolution Options

Federal law states that if there are issues related to the state's system of payments, you may do one of the following: participate in mediation, request a due process hearing, file a State complaint, or use any other procedure established by the State for speedy resolution of financial claims.