

WRITTEN NOTICE RELATED TO PRIVATE INSURANCE AND MEDICAID

A. GENERAL:

This is written notice to you of Rhode Island Early Intervention financial policies that may impact the use of your private insurance and/or public insurance/Medicaid.

1. Fees may not be charged to you for service coordination, child find referral services, evaluations and assessments, Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development, and implementation of procedural safeguards (Family Rights).
2. Early intervention services authorized on the IFSP will be provided at no cost to you, including any co-payments or deductibles related to these services.
3. Regardless of whether or not consent is provided for the use of insurance, you and/or your child will still receive those services on the IFSP for which you have provided consent.

B. FOR PRIVATE INSURANCE:

1. You must provide parental consent in order for Early Intervention to use the family private insurance to pay for your child's early intervention services. Your consent is required before using the insurance when:
 - a. The Early Intervention provider seeks to use the family's private insurance or benefits at Intake to pay for the *initial* provision of any early intervention service in the IFSP; and again if
 - b. There is an *increase* (in frequency, length, duration, or intensity) in the provision of services in the child's IFSP.
2. You must be provided a written copy of this document, including the Rhode Island System of Payments policies, before providing or declining your consent for the use of private insurance to pay for an early intervention service.
3. If insurance is billed, the insurance company might send the Explanation of Benefits and payment to you rather than directly to the provider. If this happens, and you receive payment, these checks and paperwork **must** be turned over to your Early Intervention provider for payment.

C. FOR Medicaid:

1. If your child is not already signed up or enrolled in Medicaid, or Rite Care then he/she is not required to be in order to receive Early Intervention services.
2. Whether your child is already enrolled in Medicaid or Rite Care upon referral to Early Intervention or enrolls after referral, Early Intervention is administered by OHHS which also administers Medicaid therefore, any Medicaid consent requirements in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C are met and no additional authorization is needed from you.
3. Consent to disclose personally identifiable information to Medicaid for billing purposes is provided as a condition of Medicaid enrollment, so no additional consent is needed through Early Intervention.
4. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time to disclose personally identifiable information to Medicaid for billing purposes, by deciding to disenroll from Medicaid.
5. If you and/or your child are also covered by private insurance, Medicaid requires the use of your private insurance as primary.