



ANNOUNCEMENT: EI-19 #01
Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Bureau of Early Intervention Services and
Family Supports

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SUBJECT: 2019/2020 Rate Increase Distribution Plan for Infant Toddler - Early Intervention

TO Infant/Toddler - Early Intervention Leadership

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this announcement is to present the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) plan to distribute a 3% rate increase for Infant/Toddler Early Intervention services.

BACKGROUND:

Based on the Governor's Executive budget, the final Early Intervention budget for 2019/20 included a 3% rate increase for all services except rates that are negotiated locally, such as Special Instruction Vision and Special Instruction Hearing.

DISCUSSION:

The 3% rate increase will be effective as of July 1, 2019. An updated Early Intervention Fee Schedule has been attached to this announcement and OCDEL will update the rate tables in PROMISE to reflect the revised fee. The increases to the fee schedule are retroactive to July 1, 2019.

Service Coordination will receive a 3% increase from their current contracted rate for 2018/19. Special Instruction Vision and Special Instruction Hearing are not included in the 3% rate increase because the rate is negotiated locally and reflects the cost of the services.

Requests for additional funding will be considered only for additional children enrolled in Early Intervention or for special circumstances requiring additional funding. Requests need to be made to OCDEL for approval and will be addressed during the rebudget process.

Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Programs are responsible for monitoring providers to ensure contracted providers are submitting claims for eligible services that are delivered by qualified professionals. This responsibility includes confirming procedures are in place to ensure the appropriate use of funds that meet federal, state and local requirements.

NEXT STEPS:

1. OCDEL will coordinate the rate changes in HCSIS/PELICAN EI.
2. Infant Toddler Early Intervention leadership shall utilize the enclosed Early Intervention Fee Schedule.
3. Questions can be directed to the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports at ra-ocdintervention@pa.gov

Enclosure