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TO: Early Intervention Services Providers

SUBJECT: Early Intervention Services Provider Manual Published

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has published its Early Intervention Services provider manual. As announced in Medicaid bulletin 23-013, the program information and requirements described in the Early Intervention Services provider manual are effective June 1, 2023. The manual is available on the provider manual page of the SCDHHS website. SCDHHS appreciates providers taking time to submit feedback on the draft of the manual that was distributed April 12, 2023. As a result of the feedback received from providers, the agency has added clarification on several topics in the published manual. Those topics include:

- Services delivered prior to the initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP);
- Signing service notes/logs;
- Addition of the Routines Based Interview (RBI) as an approved assessment tool; and,
- Removal of language related to the split service delivery model.

Language allowing providers the flexibility to deliver service coordination and special instruction/family training in a split model was removed. This flexibility will be added to the BabyNet Policy and Procedures manual in the coming months. Additional details and guidance are forthcoming.

As a reminder, the Early Intervention Services provider manual specifically includes the provision of two services, service coordination and special instruction/family training. The BabyNet Policy and Procedures manual includes additional guidance on delivery of services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C program, which is commonly known as BabyNet in South Carolina. Providers should direct questions regarding the Early Intervention Services and the BabyNet Policy and Procedures manuals to BabyNet@scdhhs.gov.

Guidance regarding the delivery of other Medicaid services is outlined in the agency's respective provider manuals.



Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid and BabyNet programs.

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