

LEIS Regional Meetings for May 2022

Regional Determinations:

All of the regions in SC ended up in Needs Assistance category. Refer to the Babynet website for more specifics in a particular area.

Transition:

Protocol must be followed in order to count it as transition conference. School district has to be invited. If they are invited and do not attend, you can still hold the conference however unless there is documented invitation, it should not be considered the conference.

Children determined eligible after 33 months of age are not required to have a conference. If they are determined eligible prior to 33 months, the conference should be held along with the IFSP meeting. After 34.5 months we will only refer to the LEA unless there is reason to open the case.

Ashley Davies is the new DOE contact .

Family Surveys:

1. 6-month IFSP participant codes are no longer entered in the communication log. EI agency supervisors receive a list of the participant codes and should be disseminating those to staff.
2. Please remember to give families a family survey postcard at EXIT. The exit responses we receive are the ones that we report to OSEP. In addition, we want to be able to compare responses from the first 6-month IFSP to exit responses to see if families are gaining a better understanding of the program.
3. Spanish version of online survey is now accessible.
4. On July 1, 2022 SC's should begin to use the new password on the postcards. The new password is scfamily2
5. If SC's need more surveys, please contact Angela Floyd Angela: Angela.Floyd@scdhhs.gov

MCO updates:

Babynet will not and can not cover therapy services for children signed up with an MCO. Providers do not bill through bridges for services when the child is in an MCO.

Day Care:

Children should be seen in the classroom setting which is considered the Natural environment. There are no exceptions.

Telehealth updates:

Service can continue to be provided through telehealth for one year after the pandemic is over, however it must be for a COVID related reason.

Late IFSP reasons:

- Child/Family/Guardian Unavailable: if there are documented delays in the communication log within the eligibility office that resulted in a delay such as cancelled appointments by the parent or child was ill and it resulted in late referral to ongoing, that would be parent delay reason.
- Delay in Receiving medical report: if you need confirmation of a diagnosis and it has been requested by eligibility and the delay resulted in late IFSP choose that reason.
- Delay in Receiving medical records
- SPOE staffing: only if transfer to service coordination is sent past 25 days from the original referral
 - This reason would also be used to document lack of availability of EI providers and SCs should clearly document why the IFSP is late in the IFSP meeting notes and service log.
- Ongoing SC delay: delay that occurs because of the ongoing SC
- COVID 19 Family: Family has requested a change in appt due to COVID in the family or concerns for family members
- Covid 19 System: delay because the SC or agency was affected by COVID
- **Reasons should be clearly documented in the service log and IFSP meeting notes field.**

DATA:

- Documentation should be completed within 7 days, if not, note it as late entry.
- Document all contact even if non-billable.
- This is the only way we can see why services are late or not being provided
- Change Review IFSP's can be completed face-to-face over the phone

Interpreter service at this point are required to be face-to-face unless reason is related to COVID.

Eligibility will continue to be done over the phone as the current assessment is designed for parent report.

Next face to face meeting is planned for August