

**A. GENERAL:**

- This written notice is to inform you of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)/IDEA Part C's financial policies that may impact the use of your private insurance and/or Medicaid.
- All family rights and protections under IDEA/Part C apply to the system of payments. The family has the right to seek resolution of disputes regarding the system of payments, including filing a formal written complaint, requesting mediation, and/or requesting a due process hearing.
- SCDHHS will not charge you fees for services that your child is otherwise entitled to receive at no cost, including any fees charged to you as a result of using one or more of your private insurance benefits or Medicaid. SCDHHS will also cover most copayments, financial responsibility associated with any deductibles, and other coinsurance associated with services listed on an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).
- Although consent is not required for SCDHHS to coordinate IDEA Part C and Medicaid financing, consent is required for the use of private insurance. Consent to use private insurance is NOT required for your child to receive IDEA Part C services.
- If you elect to use a provider that is not contracted with SCDHHS in your community when one is available, you may be responsible for the full cost of EIS services. If an out-of-network provider is required to provide services, a single case agreement must be on-file with SCDHHS before services will be reimbursed.

**B. PRIVATE INSURANCE:**

- If your health coverage is through private health insurance, it will only be used with your consent as expressed by your signature on the Consent to Use Insurance Resources form.
- You must be given a copy of this notice, including where to review IDEA/Part C System of Payments policies, before giving your consent for the use of private insurance to pay for IDEA/Part C services.
- If you give IDEA/Part C permission to use your insurance to help cover the cost of services, IDEA/Part C will cover payment for applicable deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance associated with the services on my child's IFSP but does not assume responsibility for payment of my health insurance premiums.
- In the event your insurance reimburses you directly for services covered both by private insurance and IDEA Part C, it is your responsibility to forward that payment on to your Early Intervention Service (EIS) Provider.

**C. MEDICAID:**

- If your child is not already enrolled in Medicaid, he/she is not required to become enrolled in order to receive IDEA/Part C services.
- If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, additional consent is not required for SCDHHS to coordinate financing between IDEA part C and the Title XIX Medicaid program. The IDEA requires that Medicaid be billed for services on your IFSP if your child is dually eligible.

## IDEA/PART C SYSTEM OF PAYMENTS POLICIES

<b>IDEA/PART C SYSTEM OF PAYMENTS POLICIES</b>	<b>FEDERAL REFERENCE</b>
The IDEA/Part C system of payments does not include any sliding or cost participation fees but includes the use of public and private insurance, as outlined in System of Payments of the IDEA/Part C Policies.	IDEA §632(4)(B) 34 CFR 303.520 34 CFR 303.521(a)
The IDEA/Part C system ensures that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are not charged any out-of-pocket costs for any IDEA/Part C services.</li> <li>• Fees will not be charged for the services that a child is otherwise entitled to receive at no cost to the parents.</li> <li>• The inability of the parents to pay for services will not result in the delay or denial of services to the child or the child's family.</li> <li>• Services on the IFSP are available regardless of consent to use insurance.</li> </ul>	34 CFR §303.520(b)(1)(2)(3)(4) 34 CFR 303.520(c) 34 CFR 303.521(a)(4)(i), (ii) 34 CFR 303.520(a)(3)(iii)
Services on your child's IFSP may not be delayed or denied because of disputes between agencies regarding financial or other responsibilities.	34 CFR §303.511(d)
Neither your IDEA/Part C Service Coordinator nor your IDEA/Part C Early Intervention Service (EIS) Providers may charge fees for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the child find requirements;</li> <li>• Evaluation and assessment;</li> <li>• Service coordination; nor</li> <li>• Administrative and coordinative activities related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The development, review, and evaluation of IFSPs;</li> <li>○ The implementation of procedural safeguards and the other components of the statewide system of early intervention services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Early intervention services authorized on the IFSP, including any co-payments or deductibles related to these services.</li> </ul>	IDEA §632(4)(B) 34 CFR 303.500(b) 34 CFR 303.521(b) 34 CFR 303.521(a)
If you elect to use a provider that is not contracted with SCDHHS in your community when one is available, you may be responsible for the full cost of EIS services.	34 CFR 303.26
You are responsible for the cost of any private insurance premiums or any other potential long-term costs not directly connected to the cost of receiving EIS services	34 CFR 303.520(b)(1)(ii) 34 CFR 303.520(b)(1)(iii) 34 CFR 303.521(a)(6)
All family rights and protections under IDEA/Part C apply to the system of payments. You have the right to contest a fee via dispute resolution options, including filing a formal written complaint, requesting mediation, and/or requesting a due process hearing. Your rights are in the Family Guide to the IDEA/Part C System and available through your Service Coordinator.	34 CFR 303.521(e)(1) 34 CFR 303.521(e)(2)
Proceeds or funds from private insurance or Medicaid reimbursements will not be treated as IDEA/Part C program income.	34 CFR §80.25 34 CFR §303.225 34 CFR §303.520(d)