



**New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Early Intervention Electronic Mailing List**

Insurer Payment Agreement Requests

Dear Colleague:

The Bureau of Early Intervention has recently received numerous inquiries regarding agreements being sent to EIP providers by insurers or insurer clearinghouses in response to claims submitted for EIP services. The agreements ask EIP providers to accept claim amounts proposed by the insurer as payment in full from the insurer for the claim which are lower than the State-established EIP rate.

This is to advise EIP providers that providers should sign and return these agreements to insurers as requested. The agreement is specific to each claim. The interim State Fiscal Agent, McGuinness, is tracking all reimbursement from insurers to individual providers. The balance owed to EIP providers who receive a payment less than the State-established rate for EIP services from insurers will be included in Key Bank payment files and reimbursed through the escrow account.

Please note that the language in insurer payment agreements which states that the provider must accept the insurer's payment as payment in full does not apply to payments from the escrow account. Nothing in this language prohibits payment to the provider by the municipality from the escrow account. However, it is recommended that prior to signing and returning the agreement to the insurer, providers cross out "financially responsible party" and insert "payor". This can be hand-written on the agreement, so that the sentence in the agreement reads as follows:

"Provider agrees not to bill the patient or the payor for the difference between the Billed Charge and the Expedited Amount."

This will make it clear to the insurer that the provider will not bill either the child's parent or the payor for the difference between the insurer's rate and the State-established rate for the EIP service.

Please do not reply to this e-mail announcement.

Thank You.

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