

## **Bureau of Early Intervention Coordinating Council**

### Agenda for the Task Force Meetings

Empire State Plaza Concourse, Conference Room 5, Albany, NY

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

#### **Provider Workforce Capacity**

##### **1:30pm-2:30pm**

1. Progress – Bureau- State Education Department engagement discussion outlined in the Council Proposed Engagement Letter September 12, 2024.
2. Bureau update/progress - implementation- Academic program Approval Process.
3. Registered Behavioral Technician- Next Steps.
4. Modification to transition requirements to support service capacity.

#### **Rate Setting Methodology**

##### **2:30pm-3:30pm**

1. Distribute and discuss the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Speech, and Service Coordination for Medicaid services delivered in NYS outside of the Early Intervention (EI) program:
  - a. Are these rates coupled with utilization limits.
  - b. How feasible would it be to regulate and standardize EI utilization.
2. Where are we with the 5% retroactive rates.
3. On April 1, 2025, a 4% increase for underserved areas (work completed previously) must be calculated. What amount of money does this 4% represent.
4. Discuss a new motion for the release of the Covered Lives monies that have not been distributed.
5. Discussion about two-level rate reduction in teletherapy.