

**New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council
 Provider Workforce Capacity and Rate Setting Methodology Task Forces Meeting
 Minutes – September 4, 2025 10:00am-12:00pm**

Agenda Item	Discussion				Action Items
Welcome	<p>The following task force members and advisors attended the meeting. P= Provider Workforce Capacity task force member, R= Rate Setting Methodology task force member</p> <p>X= Present</p>				
	X	Heidi Bond (municipal representative) P, R (Otsego)	—	Leah Esther Lax (parent member) P, R	
	X	Raymond Bowman (State Agency) R	X	Lidiya Lednyak (co-chair & Municipal Representative) P, R (New York City)	
	X	Bonnie Catlin (state agency) R	--	Lynn Shea (discretionary seat/provider) P	
	X	Joy Connolly (state agency) P	X	Angella Timothy (State Agency) P	
	X	Brigitte Desport (Personnel preparation or Training) P, R (NYC)	X	Elina Tsenter (State Agency) P	
	--	Amy DeVito (parent member) P, R	X	Marina Yoegel (co-chair & municipal representative) P,R (New York City)	
	X	Steve Held (provider representative) P, R (Suffolk)	X	Patricia Zuber-Wilson (State Agency) P	
	X	Roxana Inscho (Advisor) P (Rochester)			
	<p>Department of Health staff present: Peter Baran, Diane Ginsburg, Deborah Gutierrez, Michael Iorio, Kelli Lyndaker, Ken Moehringer, Raymond Pierce, and Shu-kung Tai.</p> <p>Guest: Maureen O'Grady, BCBA, LBA- Associate Director, The Peter Haje Center for Autism, New Alternatives for Children and chair of the public policy committee for the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis.</p> <p><i>All references to the Department refer to the New York State Department of Health, Bureau to the Bureau of Early Intervention, and the Program to the Early Intervention Program.</i></p>				
Task Force Update	<p>Meeting convened by Raymond Pierce at 10:20am.</p> <p>Provider Workforce Capacity 10:20am-11:15am</p> <p>Maureen O'Grady and the task force discussed the potential of utilizing Registered Behavior Technicians in Early Intervention to increase behavior services.</p> <p>1. Bureau of Early Intervention Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Approval Process - clinical supervisors allowed to obtain Continuing Education Units/ Continuing Teacher and Leader Education • Clarification - number of hours to account for academic coursework vs. clinical experience hours. • Data analysis of children remaining in Early Intervention beyond their 3rd birthday 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will send analysis to the task force.

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	<p>2. Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Behavior Technicians- develop recommendation on the use of Registered Behavior Technicians in EI • Transition Westchester County Data analysis- children remaining in EI beyond their 3rd birthday. • Explore other ideas to expand capacity? <p>3. Discuss: City University of New York research team recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dear Colleague Letter • Measurement Inc. Training Modules • New workforce • Micro- Credentials <p>Rate Setting Methodology 11:15am-12:00pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of April 1, 2025, the 4% modifier should begin (assuming the State Plan Amendment is delivered and approved at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on time.) 2. Discussion about appropriate content of session notes for telehealth services. 3. Discussion relating to session notes that provide hybrid deliverables for infants and toddlers. 4. Identification of a hybrid in-person Individualized Family Service Plan and teletherapy Individualized Family Service Plan. <p>A list of questions regarding the methodology of the 4% modifier was received by the Bureau from the New York State Association of County Health Officials. A copy of questions from the Office of Health Insurance Programs were also received.</p> <p>The Bureau received questions from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding the 5% increase. Rates must meet certain criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will provide basic responses to the questions from New York State Association of County Health Officials and the Office of Health Insurance Programs. • The Bureau will provide the committee copies of the two letters. • The Bureau will respond to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. • The Bureau will analyze if Medicaid billing was affected by coordination of benefits.
Future Agenda Items	<p>Agenda items suggested by task force members for future task force meetings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid retroactive payments • Cost of children who stayed in the Program past three years of age. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Peter Baran at 3:50pm.	