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of Health**

RATE SETTING METHODOLOGY TASK FORCE UPDATE

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**EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025 | EMPIRE STATE PLAZA | ALBANY, NY**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- Chairperson: Steve Held
- Parents: Leah Esther Lax
- Personnel Prep or Training: Brigitte Desport
- Discretionary: Lidiya Lednyak
- Municipal Representatives: Heidi Bond and Marina Yoegel
- State Agency: Bonnie Catlin and Raymond Bowman

RATE SETTING TASK FORCE UPDATE

- The 5% rate increase for in-person services that was included in the 2024-25 enacted budget is still pending approval of our State Plan Amendment from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Once the plan is approved, the 5% increase will be retroactive to October 2024.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has begun to review this Amendment, and the Bureau is in the process of formally answering questions raised.

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- The Department has submitted a second Amendment for the 4% enhancement as it relates to identified zip codes that have been proven to be “hard to reach”. The formula that was developed and accepted by the Rate Setting Committee includes two measures. The first is the length of time actual zip code regions await the start of an Individual Family Service Plan; the second is based on two different poverty measures.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved this amendment. Eligible zip codes have been published by the Bureau of Early Intervention.

NEXT STEPS

- Review any feedback to the Bureau on the State Plan Amendments.
- Formally invite a representative of the Division of Budget to convene a meeting with the Rate Setting Committee.
- A discussion with the State Division of Budget was held through Zoom on September 17, 2025.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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