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# **RATE SETTING METHODOLOGY TASK FORCE UPDATE**

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**EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2026 | 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 presentations from our work over the last three years were sent to Council members prior to the meeting for review.
- Our motion from December 2025, was sent to every legislative representative, and Governor Hochul. Three representatives expressed support for our motion.

# RATE SETTING TASK FORCE UPDATE

- At our last meeting, our discussion focused on “next steps” for the Rate Setting Task Force.

They are:

1. Discuss consolidating the 16 identified regions of the State into 3 geographic regions (this may alleviate competition from one county to another for service providers).
2. Discuss a monthly rate for service coordination.
3. Discuss whether moving to a 15-minute unit of billing for Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Speech Therapy services makes sense.

# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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