

## **Michigan System of Payments Policy for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**

Under Federal law for Part C of IDEA, a System of Payments must address core components to detail how its early intervention system pays for services for eligible infants and toddlers. Michigan's System of Payments includes the core components as outlined below.

It is important to note that Michigan is a birth mandate state, with special education and related services provided for children who meet the eligibility defined in Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education. In general, the eligibility for these services is for infants and toddlers with greater delay than those eligible under the *Early On* definition of delay.

1. **Core Early Intervention Services** are provided at **no cost** to the family as mandated by federal regulations.

- Screening, identification and referral
- Evaluation
- Assessment
- Development and review of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Service coordination
- Procedural safeguards and other components under subparts D, E, and F of the IDEA Part C regulations in 34 CFR Part 303.
- All special education and related services for eligible children under the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education may address:
  - 1) Autism; 2) Deaf-blindness; 3) Developmental delay; 4) Emotional disturbance; 5) Hearing impairment, including deafness; 6) Multiple disabilities; 7) Orthopedic impairments; 8) Other health impairments; 9) Speech or language impairment; 10) Traumatic brain injury; 11) Visual impairment (including blindness) and any related services such as:
    - 1) Transportation; 2) Speech pathology; 3) Audiology; 4) Psychological services (including psychotherapy); 5) Physical therapy; 6) Occupational therapy; 7) Social work services; 8) Medical services for the purpose of diagnosing and evaluating the child; 9) Assistive technology devices or services; 10) Orientation and mobility services; or 11) Interpreting services.
- Michigan Medicaid School-Based Services available to a child with an Individual Education Program or IFSP detailed in the state Medicaid Provider Manual and include such services as: Occupational therapy; Physical therapy; Speech and Language; Orientation and Mobility; Assistive technology services; Psychological/Social Work; Evaluations; Developmental Testing; Nursing; Personal care; and Transportation.

Families with public benefits will not be charged disproportionately more than any other participating families.

All parents are requested to provide consent for use of public benefits (Medicaid) upon enrollment to Part C. Parents incur no costs for Medicaid services. If a parent does not provide consent for use of public benefits as

required under 34 CFR 303.520(a)(2)(i) or (a)(2)(ii), the Part C services on the IFSP will still be made available to the family.

All families are provided a written notification as required in § 303.414. All families will receive an explanation regarding the written notification; all families will receive a statement of no-cost protection provisions as required in § 303.520(a)(2).

3. **There are no fees or out-of-pocket costs to participating families.**
4. **Private and public insurance will not be accessed for Part C services by the intermediate school districts, and thus, no Part C funds are used to pay for costs such as premiums, deductibles, or co-payments.**
5. Parents may use the IDEA procedural safeguards if there are any questions regarding the parent's rights as specified in section 639 of the IDEA, including the provisions in section 615 of the IDEA that apply to the IDEA Part C programs through section 639(a)(8) of the IDEA. Additional information on these procedural safeguards may also be found in the 2013 *Early On* Revised State Plan.
6. **Payor of Last Resort:** Michigan *Early On* assures funds available under Part C of the IDEA shall be used in a manner consistent with 34 CFR 303.527 and will assist families to access all available federal, state, and local resources that provide payment for services and supports.