

## **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 services will be paid for in its early intervention system for infants and toddlers. A combination of local, state, and federal resources must be accessed to meet the payor of last resort requirements [34 CFR §303.527]. Michigan's System of Payments includes the core components as outlined below.

1. **Core Early Intervention Services** are provided at **no cost** to the family through a combination of local, state, and federal funds.
  - Screening, identification and referral
  - Evaluation
  - Assessment
  - Development and review of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
  - Service coordination
  - Procedure 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 that constitute a free, appropriate public education or FAPE for eligible children under Michigan's birth mandate. Additional information on Michigan's birth mandate can be found in the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education at:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6598\\_7376-132157--00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598_7376-132157--00.html)
  - Michigan Medicaid School Based Services as detailed in the state Medicaid Provider Manual at: <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch-medicaid/manuals/MedicaidProviderManual.pdf>
  
2. **Co-payments**: Co-payments for services provided through state and local programs will be allowed as specified under participating agency policies. The Michigan Department of Community Health may charge a co-payment for its various health programs. However, as noted in 1 above, no co-payments or costs will be charged for those special education and related services of an eligible child. Additional information can be found at:
  - Michigan Department of Community Health-Public Health  
<https://healthcare4mi.com>
  
3. **Sliding Fee Scales**: Michigan will use the sliding fee scales, if applicable, for services indicated at:
  - Michigan Department Community Health-Mental Health  
<http://www.state.mi.us/orr/emi/admincode.asp?AdminCode=Single&AdminNum=33008005&Dpt=CH&RngHigh=>

Parents must pay the fee indicated on the sliding fee scale except that no fees will be charged to a parent for any FAPE services for children eligible for special education and related services.

4. **Private insurance will not be accessed to pay for Part C services by the intermediate school districts for any child participating in birth mandated special education services under Part C of IDEA.**
5. **Payor of Last Resort:** Michigan *Early On* assures that federal funds available under Part C of the IDEA shall be used a payor of last resort, consistent with IDEA section 640 and applicable provisions in 34 CFR §303.527 and that it will assist families to access all available federal, state, local, and public and private resources that provide payment for services and supports.
6. Parents may use the IDEA procedural safeguards if there are any questions regarding the parent's ability at 34 CFR §303.52(b)(3)(ii). Additional information on these procedural safeguards may also be found in the *Early On* Family Rights Guide booklet available at [www.1800EarlyOn.org](http://www.1800EarlyOn.org).