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TO: Executive Directors of DSN Boards, Private Early Intervention Providers,
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FROM: Joyce Kimrey, Office of Children's Services, Interim Director

DATE: March 5, 2019

RE: Upcoming SCDHHS/SCDDSN Joint Training Sessions

In anticipation of changes being made to the BabyNet system effective July 1, 2019, SCDHHS will be conducting four joint training sessions for SCDDSN Early Intervention providers. Details regarding upcoming changes as well as dates, location and times for each session may be found on the attached memo from SCDHHS. Due to space limitations, SCDHHS has asked that no more than two (2) staff persons attend a training session.

If you have additional questions, please contact Joyce Kimrey, Office of Children's Services, at 803 898 9145 or jkimrey@ddsn.sc.gov.

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PROVIDER ALERT

TO: Medicaid Early Interventionists (EI)
SUBJECT: Medicaid Reimbursement for Early Intervention Services Dually Covered by Medicaid and IDEA Part C

On July 1, 2017, lead agency responsibility for South Carolina's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C program transferred to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Having evaluated the program's operations throughout FY 2017/18, SCDHHS elected to enter into a voluntary corrective action plan on behalf of the state with the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to address longstanding deficiencies with compliance, programmatic oversight, and fiscal management of the program.

Several provisions of the corrective action plan relating to financial coordination of benefits and general supervision of the provider community require SCDHHS to internally coordinate IDEA Part C and Title XIX Medicaid policies and procedures and will result in some operational changes for IDEA Part C services.

Provider Enrollment

Currently, Early Interventionists (EIs) providing family training and service coordination to dually-eligible Medicaid and IDEA Part C beneficiaries are qualified providers through the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Effective July 1, 2019, EI providers, including local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards (DSN) providing EI services, will be required to enroll directly with SCDHHS in order to receive reimbursement for Service Coordination, IFSP Development and Assessment, and Family Training services.

SCDHHS will begin accepting provider enrollment applications for EI providers beginning April 1, 2019. A link to SCDHHS' provider enrollment page, which includes the provider enrollment manual and links to the provider enrollment portal is available at the following link:

<https://providerservices.scdhhs.gov/ProviderEnrollmentWeb/>

In order to allow for the processing of enrollment applications by SCDHHS, EI providers should complete the Medicaid enrollment process no later than May 15, 2019. Failure to do so within these timelines may result in payment interruption.

SCDHHS will be conducting joint training sessions for SCDDSN EI providers at the following dates/times and in the following locations:

- **March 13, 2019-** 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office 3440 Harden Street Ext. Columbia, SC 29203 Room 251

- **March 14, 2019**- 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at Charleston County Public Library-Main Branch 68 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401
- **March 15, 2019**- 10:00 am-12 noon at Hughes Main Library-Greenville County Library System 25 Heritage Green Place Greenville, SC 29601
- **March 18, 2019**- 10:00 am -12:00 noon at Pee Dee Center-Multipurpose Building 714 East National Cemetery Road Florence, SC 29506

Fee For-Service Reimbursement, IDEA Part C Reimbursement and HCPCS Coding

Effective July 1, 2019, all participating IDEA Part C providers, including family trainers/service coordinators, will be required to use the BRIDGES case management system to submit service notes and fee-for-service reimbursement requests for services authorized on an IDEA Part C beneficiary's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Providers will be able to submit reimbursement both for Title XIX Medicaid and IDEA Part C claims and will not be required to bill separately through the SCDHHS Webtool for Medicaid reimbursement prior to requesting reimbursement through BRIDGES.

Effective July 1, 2019, the SCDHHS System Point of Entry (SPOE) staff will no longer provide service coordination for IDEA Part C beneficiaries with IFSPs that do not include Early Intervention. All IDEA Part C beneficiaries will receive service coordination from a public or private EI provider.

SCDHHS' current EI policy includes only a single billing code – T1027 – for family training, and service coordination. In order to implement more precise billing and coding practices, SCDHHS will implement the following codes for EI providers beginning on July 1, 2019:

- T1016 TL Modifier – Service Coordination
- T1018 TL Modifier –IFSP Development and Assessment
- T1027 - Family Training

The SCDHHS Early Intervention Provider services manual is available at the following link:

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/provider-type/early-intervention-services-manual-50107-edition-posted-041907>

Coordination with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations

Effective July 1, 2019, SCDHHS will incorporate services dually covered by Medicaid and IDEA Part C into the managed care benefit. SCDHHS is developing a procedure that will allow the services on the IFSP to be communicated to the managed care organizations (MCOs), thereby enabling treatment providers to be reimbursed for these services by the beneficiaries' respective MCO.

SCDHHS is also in the process of sending each MCO a listing of the current BabyNet service providers. SCDHHS anticipates that the MCO's credentialing teams will be reaching out to BabyNet service provider organizations around May 2019 as part of their provider credentialing and enrollment process.

SCDHHS will continue to provide updates to BabyNet providers on these MCO-related processes.

Any questions related to this provider alert should be sent via email to BabyNet@scdhhs.gov.