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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

From: Ann Freiburg, Chief *AmF*
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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Weekly Update

The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention's Reopen Illinois EI Workgroup plans to meet again on January 12, 2021. The workgroup will continue to review current data and discuss concerns brought to them from stakeholders.

We remind everyone to continue to utilize the most recent [updated guidance](#) for in-person service delivery. There are also [COVID-related resources](#) on the EI Training Program's website to assist providers in understanding current resources for options of service delivery.

The updated [guidance](#) on authorizations and claim submission has posted. As a reminder, this guidance is to clarify how to properly authorize and submit claims for using Live Video Visit (LVV) as the billing place of service. All other billing for the limited in-person, clinic setting or Phone Consultation remains the same as it always has been.

The Bureau has received information that PPE is planned for delivery very soon and the work to distribute the PPE is almost complete. We will post information on the EI Provider Connections website as quickly as it is available in the near future.

The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) continues to be the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities currently restricted and permitted within each region. The entire state is continuing to remain in Tier 3 mitigation strategies through at least January 9th. With the holidays upon us, we encourage you to review the CDC guidelines for [safe celebrations](#). Given that these holidays will be unlike those before, we continue to remind everyone about the availability of Call4Calm, a mental health support line available to everyone in Illinois. **Call4Calm**, is the free-of-charge emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19. Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health professional can text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0, or for Spanish, "HABLAR" to the same number: 5-5-2-0-2-0.

Please continue to monitor the [Provider Connections website often as all updates to policy and procedure will be posted here](#). The [EITP website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, and the [EI Clearinghouse](#) website should also be monitored for information and resources.

The Bureau wants to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! We are so appreciative of all that you do on behalf of the children and families we serve.