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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders
From: Heather Hofferkamp, Interim Chief ^{HMH}
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Date: February 18, 2022
Re: Early Intervention (EI) Stakeholder Update

Voucher Update: Provider vouchers have been processed thru February 9, 2022.

1099 Access: Vendor 1099s can be obtained at the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (IOC) site [here](#).

IMPACT Information: EI recently asked that all EI providers and EI payees review their information in the IMPACT system and verify that the email address on file is accurate. It is extremely important that your contact information in IMPACT is kept up to date, as there are email notifications sent by IMPACT that can have a direct effect on your enrollment in EI and you do not want to miss them.

Provider Quarterly Meeting Offering: The Bureau of EI is working to ensure that we provide support for all stakeholders and that everyone has an opportunity to share their questions/concerns and suggestions. The [EI Questions email](#) has provided quick access when a question arises, but we would like to support more options. To this end, we have reached out to the leaders of the various associations that support EI providers and offered to begin Quarterly Meetings. These meetings will have a preset agenda that will enable the EI Bureau, our partners and our providers to engage in focused, productive discussions of current EI processes. We plan to request that our providers send us their questions prior to the meeting, so we can share answers verbally and in written form with everyone without needing to table discussions due to lack of time. We plan to structure the quarterly meeting agenda in a way that allows us to focus on one specific area (1st Quarter-Credentialing/Enrollment; 2nd Quarter-Claims/Insurance; 3rd Quarter-Technical Assistance/Monitoring; 4th Quarter-Training/Resources) each time, while allowing some time for follow-up or new topics, if needed. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding this option at [Provider Connections](#) and/or your association websites.

Provider Connections Website Change- Provider Connections is pleased to announce the migration to a new and improved website effective March 1, 2022. The new site will have a different URL. Users who use the current URL will be redirected to the new site address which will be www.providerconnections.org. Until the migration on March 1, 2022, occurs, the aforementioned web address is to the current Provider Search page. After March 1, 2022 it will be the new homepage of the Provider Connections site. We are hopeful this effort will provide users with a more easily navigated website.

COVID-19 Guidance- The Illinois Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS) has updated their guidance as of January 31, 2022, which pertains to EI providers working with children in Licensed Day Care Centers/Homes. [Restore Illinois - Licensed Day Care Guidance](#) (01-31-2022) , ([Español](#)) , ([中文](#)) , ([français](#)) , ([Polskie](#))

Innovations: The EI Clearinghouse received Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds to support the purchase of equipment for LVV. They have technology items such as iPads and hotspots that can be borrowed by families participating in EI services. Families and providers can request a tech loan for any EI family through [EI Clearinghouse website](#). **Please share this information with families who would like to participate in LVV but lack the technology to do this.**