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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

From: Ann M. Freiburg, Chief *AMF*
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Re: SFY20 Rate Increase Announcement

As many of you are hearing and reading, the Early Intervention (EI) Program was appropriated an additional \$5 million state revenue dollars for SFY20 to allow for a rate increase for all EI services. I am pleased to announce the Governor's office approved Developmental Therapy rates to increase by 6% beginning with dates of service on July 1, 2019 with ALL OTHER EI services to increase by 3% beginning with dates of service on July 1, 2019.

The Illinois Department of Human Services released a Budget Highlights Memo on June 27, 2019 which outlines the various programs who also received increases with the enacted budget signed by Governor Pritzker for SFY20. This Memo may be viewed at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=118075>.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services (HFS), the state Medicaid agency, also posted announcements of the various Medicaid reimbursement rate increases. The EI rate increase notice is listed at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/062519EIServicesPublicNotice.pdf>

As the EI Program is a fee-for-service program, it is important to note that the Bureau of EI will work with HFS and the EI Central Billing Office to implement the new rate structure as quickly as possible to ensure proper payments are made for dates of service beginning on July 1, 2019.

The Bureau of EI is also preparing updates for the *Illinois Early Intervention Provider Handbook* to show the increased rate amounts and will provide another Information Notice when that is completed. If you have any questions, you may contact the Bureau of EI at 217/782-1981.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving children in the EI Program!