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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders
From: Heather Hofferkamp, Interim Chief ^{AMA}
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Re: Early Intervention (EI) Stakeholder Update

Policy/Procedure Information: Early Intervention/Extended Services (EI/ES) is moving forward. You can review the basics of this option at [Provider Connections](#). This week, we will be submitting the new policy/procedure information to the Office of Special Education Programs for review. Once we receive approval, we will post the information for public comment and hearings.

Voucher Update: Provider vouchers have been processed thru January 19, 2022.

EI Inquiry Spotlight: We have received some requests for EI Data recently. Please note that we post our annual data at [Early Intervention Reports/Applications](#). Any interested community member is welcome to review the data and/or use it for research related purposes. It is important to know that we may not be authorized to provide more region-specific data, due to the risk of violating federal [HIPAA](#) and [FERPA](#) guidelines.

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.

PERM Requests: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is measuring improper payments in Medicaid under the Payment Error Rate Measurement Program (PERM). These are randomly selected claims that are under review by the CMS review contractor, NCI Inc. You may receive a request for documentation to support claims submitted for services in EI. Please provide a prompt and thorough response for these requests. You may be contacted by EI to verify that the information has been sent and we may request a copy of the documentation for our records, if we are forwarded a copy of the request by NCI Inc. If you have any questions about the process, you can send an inquiry to the EI Questions email at dhs.eiquestions@illinois.gov, but please **do not include** any identifying information for the claim/client in question over email.

Live Video Visit (LVV) Consent Update: As of January 24, 2022, EI is not requiring that a written signature be obtained from parents to begin LVV. A [memo](#) regarding this update was posted on January 25, 2022. Please be sure to review your discipline specific licensure/laws/regulations to ensure that you are following all guidelines set for your discipline and LVV. Any questions are welcome at dhs.eiquestions@illinois.gov.

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 can request a tech loan through [EI Clearinghouse website](#). **Please share this information with families who would like to participate in LVV but lack the technology to do this.**