To:      All Early Intervention Providers
Child and Family Connections Offices

From: Heather Hofferkamp, Interim Chief
Bureau of Early Intervention

Date:   June 30, 2022

Re:     Early Intervention Provider Information Notice-Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2022

This notice is to inform everyone that the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Early Intervention (EI) are reviewing the codes and rate schedule required to implement the 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) announced by Governor JB Pritzker on June 13, 2022. This rate increase will be effective for dates of service beginning on and after July 1, 2022.

Once HFS has approved the rate schedule, EI will post it immediately and include the information in the updated Illinois Early Intervention Provider Handbook. We appreciate everyone’s patience as we work to be sure that the increase is accurately reflected in our information. Please note that providers should continue to bill the usual and customary rate, which reflects the 3% increase for processing. If a provider is unsure of the correct amount of the increase, they might want to consider holding their claims for submission until after we are able to post the updated table, which should be next week.

The rate increase applies to all 16 Core EI Services. Service Coordination is also included and will be reflected in the calculation for Targeted Case Management and the baseline for our Service Coordinators with Child and Family Connections Offices. These rates will be included in the final draft of the Illinois Early Intervention Provider Handbook, which will be effective on July 1, 2022, to be posted soon.

We hope that our Provider Community and our Service Coordinators know that we appreciate their dedication to the EI Program and that we will continue to explore every avenue available to sustain their continued service within the EI Program.