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Provider Information Notice

TO: All Early Intervention Providers
FROM: Benjamin Delgado, Jr., Chief
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DATE: January 08, 2024
RE: Incentive Payment Update

We want to keep you informed about the progress of processing incentive payments. Here are key updates:

Total Incentive Payments:

- There are 4,591 incentive payments that will be processed through our payment system.

Payment Uploads Started:

- We're pleased to inform you that the payment processing has commenced, and payments have begun to be uploaded into the payment system.

First-Time Individual Payments:

- The majority of individuals will be receiving payments directly in their individual names for the first time because of this the payment system will take a few days to process the payment.

Processing in Batches:

- The payment system can process approximately 1,000 payments at a time. Therefore, payments will be processed in batches every day from today through the end of next week (1/19/24) until all 4,591 payments are issued.

Payment Methods:

- The majority of incentive payments will be issued via a check in the mail, with "Part C Early Intervention Incentive Payments" mentioned in the memo line. However, some providers may receive payments via direct deposit if they have been billing the EI system directly using their individual SSN and have an existing direct deposit arrangement.

Incentive Payment Amounts:

The incentive payment amounts will be determined based on the original credentialed /enrollment date and the tiered structure below:

- \$1,300 for 10+ years of service
- \$1,000 for 3 to 9 years of service
- \$700 for 0 to 2 years of service

Important W9 Update:

- As mentioned in our incentive payment update on 01/08/24, we are actively monitoring cases for individuals who were required to submit a W9 but failed to do so correctly or did not submit a W9 by the due date.
- Any individual payments identified with a W9 issue will be contacted directly.

Recent Processing Update:

- We are pleased to share that 382 provider payments were successfully processed through on the night of 1/11/24. These vouchers have been sent on to the Illinois Office of Comptroller (IOC) and should be visible on their website within the next few business days.
- Vendor payment searches on the IOC should be done utilizing individual social security numbers when searching for incentive payments. Please allow time for United States Postal Service delivery of checks.
- At this time, there is no need for individuals to proactively contact the bureau or the CBO regarding the status of their incentive payment as we have all the required information to facilitate communication. We will continue to provide updates as more payments are processed.

We are excited to acknowledge your continued dedication to the Early Intervention program as fee-for-service providers and service coordinators through the issuing of these incentive payments. Thank you for your continued support to families.