



Consent to Access Family's Health Insurance

Delaware's early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) are coordinated through the Child Development Watch (CDW) program. CDW has the following available at no cost to families:

- Evaluations and Assessments to determine initial and ongoing eligibility
- Implementation of Procedural Safeguards/Family Rights
- Service Coordination
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development
- Transition services
- Child Find

Once a child is determined eligible for CDW, a Service Coordinator will work with the family to develop the IFSP and to discuss early intervention services that meet the child's needs. Service Coordinators will discuss family cost-sharing for early intervention services. Under these policies there are considerations for medical and financial hardship. Children and families will not be denied services because they are unable to pay for them. Any questions or concerns regarding these procedures can be discussed with your Service Coordinator.

IDEA 2011 Federal Regulations at §303.520 and 303.521 provide for asking families to share in the cost of early intervention services by permitting access to their private and public health insurance plans. Consent is required to access private health insurance. The State must also obtain consent prior to using the public health insurance of a child or parent if that child or parent is enrolled in such a program after being determined eligible for Part C. Consent may be revoked at any time. Contributions to the costs of early intervention services include insurance premium payments. Depending on the private insurance plan, out-of-pocket expenses may be incurred as a result of deductibles, co-pays and/or coinsurance. In cases where out-of-pocket expenses cause financial hardships, families may request to complete the Delaware Part C Financial Assistance Form. Child Development Watch may determine a reduction or waiver of co-pays and/or co-insurance based on the family's ability to pay. No other costs may be billed to families after out-of-pocket expenses for early intervention services. (To maximize federal and state Part C funds, Part C is the payor of last resort after all private and public sources).

Families have the right to choose not to use their health insurance to pay for early intervention services. Those who elect not to permit access to private coverage for early intervention services may encounter financial contributions as explained in Delaware's Birth to Three Early Intervention System: Part C System of Payments Policy.

- I have received a copy of Delaware's Birth to Three Early Intervention System: Part C System of Payments Policy and acknowledge notification of these policies.

-AND-

- YES - I authorize the use of my private and/or public insurance (Medicaid, CHIPS/Delaware Healthy Children's Program) for early intervention services.
- OR-*
- NO - I do not authorize use of my private for early intervention services and I understand that I may be responsible for direct payments to the provider according to the System of Payment Policy.

Child's Name (please print): _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

CDW Service Coordinator (print): _____

CDW Service Coordinator Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____