

California Early Start Program Use of Private Insurance

Current Policy

The use of a family's private insurance to pay for evaluation, assessment, and required early intervention services specified on the infant or toddler's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), shall be voluntary.

For purposes of this subsection, voluntary means there is documentation in the child's record that parents have been informed of their right to receive evaluation, assessment and required early intervention services at no cost to the family and that the use of private insurance is voluntary.

New Policy

Except for services related to evaluation and assessment of the infant or toddler a family's private insurance shall be used to pay for early intervention services specified on the infant or toddler's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that are determined to be medical in nature.

Parents shall be responsible for any deductibles or co-payments in accessing their private insurance plan. The inability of the parent of an eligible infant or toddler to obtain a decision from the private insurance plan regarding approval or denial of a claim for service payment will not result in denial of the service to the infant or toddler by the regional center nor will the process delay the timeliness of the delivery of the service in accordance with federal and State requirements.