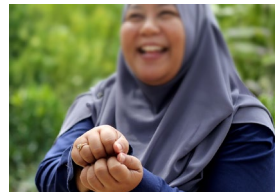


# DDS Training Webinar:

## Quality Incentive Program (QIP) – Early Intervention Quality Measure



May 1, 2024



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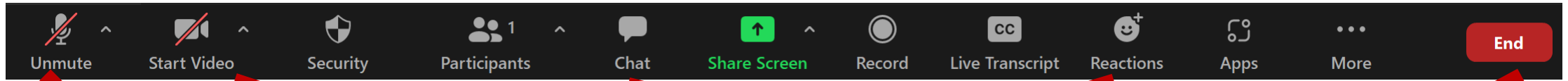


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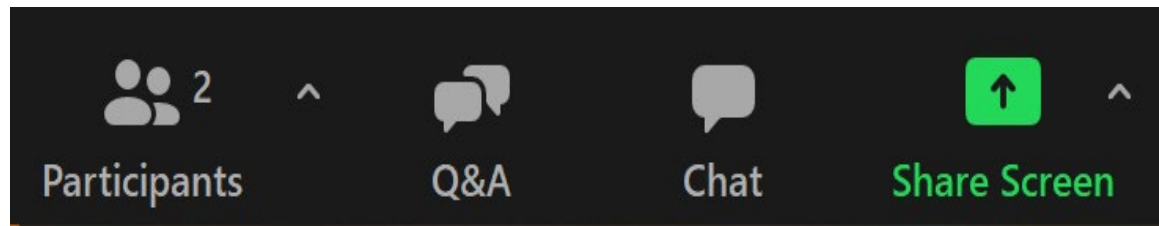


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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of Early Intervention Quality Measure
- Incentive
- Eligibility Determination
- Incentive Payment Processing & Eligibility Criteria
- Training Resources
- Questions & Support

# Overview – Early Intervention Quality Measure

**Desired Outcome:** Children less than three years of age and their families receive rapid delivery of early intervention services

## **QIP Measure Highlights:**

- Incentives payments available to providers operating within the service codes listed in the correspondence enclosure C.
- Incentives are available to providers that initiate newly authorized intervention services to a child less than three years of age or their family within 20 days of regional center authorization.
- Three-tiered payment structure incentivizes rapid service delivery.
- No provider reporting necessary to access incentive payments.

# Eligibility Determination and Incentive Amounts

From January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, service providers who begin providing a **newly authorized early intervention service** to a child less than three years of age in the Early Start program are eligible for this incentive.

- Eligible service codes listed in Enclosure C
  - Evaluations are not eligible for payment incentives.
- Tiered incentive amount based on the number of days between purchase of service (POS) authorization by a regional center to the first date of delivery for that corresponding service code and its subcodes.
  - Examples of incentive payment determination in Enclosure B.
- The service must begin and continue to be provided in accordance with the frequency identified in the Individualized Family Service Plan.

# Early Intervention Incentive Payment Eligibility Criteria

## To be eligible to receive an incentive payment, service providers must:

1. Meet the eligibility criteria for vendorization under [Subchapter 2, Chapter 3, Division 2 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations](#), as evidenced by being a current regional center vendor.
2. Not be subject to a corrective action plan or sanction by a regional center both at the time the service(s) were rendered and at the time of payment, as identified in the Department's December 1, 2023 [directive](#).
3. Authorized intervention services must have begun on or after January 1, 2024.



# Early Intervention: Tiered Incentives - Data

**There were 138,821 first instances of early intervention services delivered in fiscal year (FY 2022/23), excluding subcodes marked for copayment, coinsurance, or deductibles.**

<b>Early Intervention Services FY 2022-23</b>		
<b>Time Frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Services Initiated</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Within <b>26 - 31</b> days	<b>6834</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Within <b>21 - 25</b> days	<b>8036</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
Within <b>16 - 20</b> days	<b>9310</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
Within <b>11 - 15</b> days	<b>14,774</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
Within <b>0 - 10</b> days	<b>85,497</b>	<b>61.6%</b>

# Early Intervention: Eligibility and Incentives

## Service Provider Eligibility

- Provide newly authorized early intervention service to a child less than 3 years old.
- Meet eligibility criteria for [vendorization](#) per Title 17.
- Be current vendor at the time of data collection and incentive payment processing.
- No current [corrective action plans or sanctions](#) when service(s) delivered or when QIP processed.

## QIP Early Intervention Incentives

Number of Days from Purchase of Service (POS) Authorization by Regional Center to the date of delivery for first Instance of Service	Incentive Amount
Within <b>16 - 20</b> days	<b>\$100</b>
Within <b>11 - 15</b> days	<b>\$200</b>
Within <b>1 - 10</b> days	<b>\$300</b>

# Incentive Payment Processing

**Providers are not required to submit data or a report to participate in measure.**

- Data used to determine age of child at time of POS authorization.
- Eligible services and incentive tier determined, using following data sets to calculate the number of days from the POS authorization date to the first date of service:
  - Client Master File (CMF),
  - Purchase of Service (POS),
  - eBilling (claims)

# Early Intervention Incentive Payment Processing

## Calculation and Payment:

- Incentive paid using a contract authorization, the service code associated with the service provider vendor number, and the appropriate subcode.
- Lag in eBilling means claims may not appear for several months.
- If there is no data for a particular claim, DDS will authorize payment when data becomes available.
- Accounting record issued to each regional center of new services receiving incentive payment based on eBilling claim(s).
  - Regional centers can share record with providers.

# Early Intervention: Incentive Payment Process



DDS QIP Team analyzes data and issues incentive payment instructions to regional centers.

Data Collection

Quarter Ends

Data Pulled & Reviewed

Incentive Payment Calculations

Create Accounting Record

Send Payment Instructions to Regional Centers

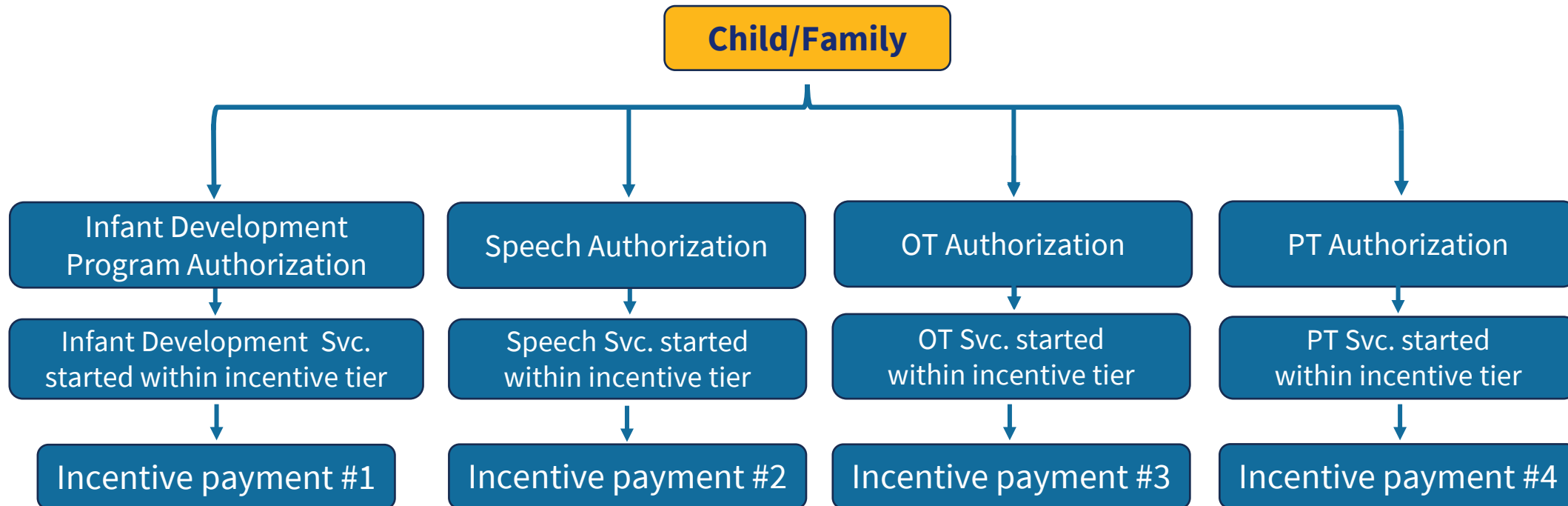
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Jan – Mar 2024

**Quarter Ends**  
March 31, 2024

**DDS Calculations and Processing**  
June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

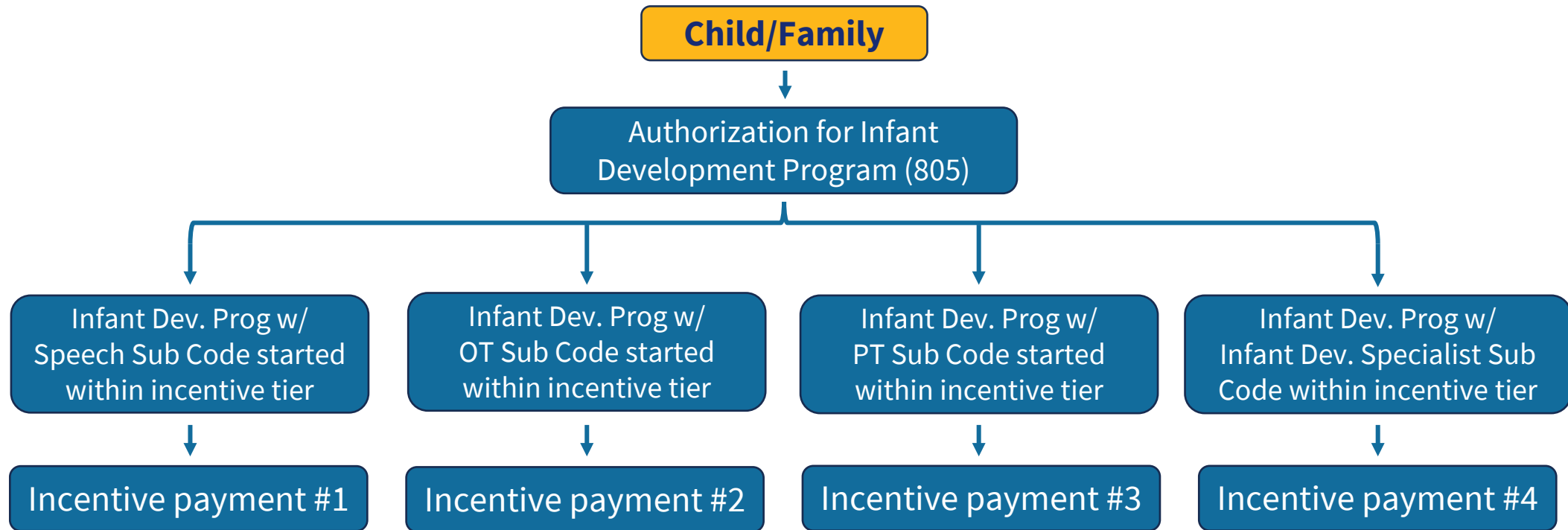
# Early Intervention Incentive Eligibility

**Example #1:** Child has separate authorizations for each intervention service (Infant Development Program, Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy). Service provider is eligible for one incentive payment for each authorized intervention service, totaling four incentive payments.



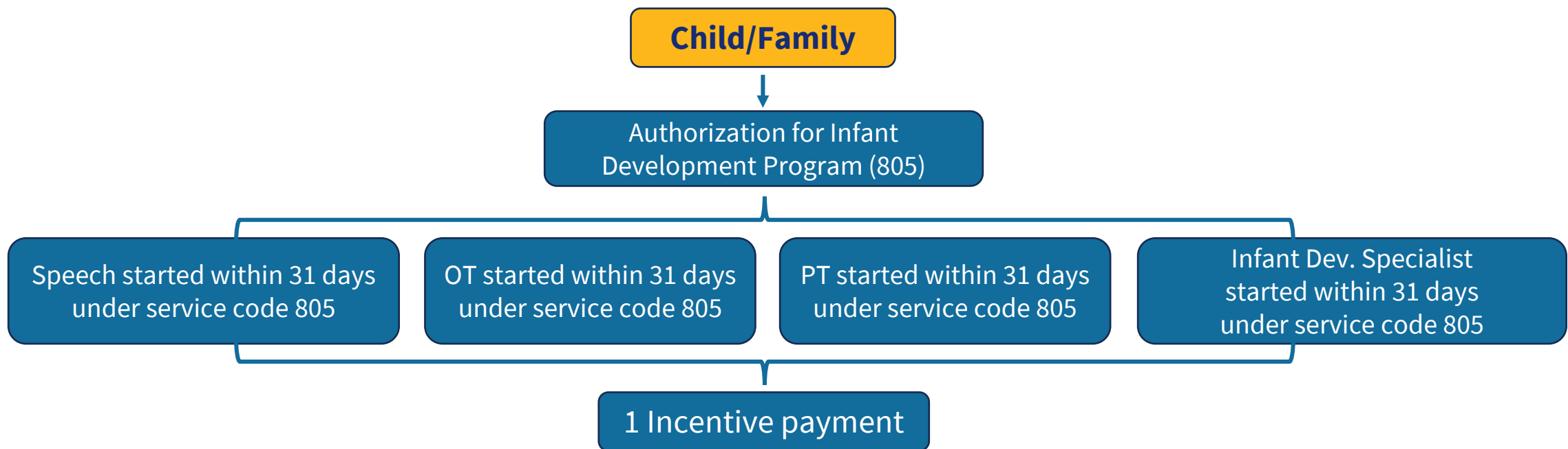
# Early Intervention Incentive Eligibility

**Example #2:** Child has one authorization (Infant Development Program “805” svc. cd.) which includes subcodes for other intervention services (Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy, Infant Development Specialist). Service provider is eligible for one incentive payment for each service identified in the authorization with a subcode, totaling four incentive payments.



# Early Intervention Incentive Eligibility

**Example #3:** Child has one authorization (e.g., Infant Development Program “805” svc. cd.) without subcodes for other intervention services. Service provider is eligible for only one incentive payment for the authorized Infant Development Program. Other intervention services that lack a separate authorization or subcode within the authorized service do not qualify for incentive payments.





# DDS and Regional Center Roles

Responsibility	DDS	Regional Center
Provider Primary Point of Contact		<b>X</b>
Data Analysis and Calculations	<b>X</b>	
Accounting Record Creation	<b>X</b>	
Payment Authorizations	<b>X</b>	
Payment Processing		<b>X</b>
Provider Eligibility	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

# Training Resources

- Early Intervention webpage: [Quality Incentive Program \(QIP\) - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
- Email questions about the QIP or the Early Intervention quality measure to: [QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto:QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov)

# Questions & Support

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***Thank You For Attending!***