

DDS Training Webinar:

Quality Incentive Program (QIP) – Early Intervention Quality Measure, Updated



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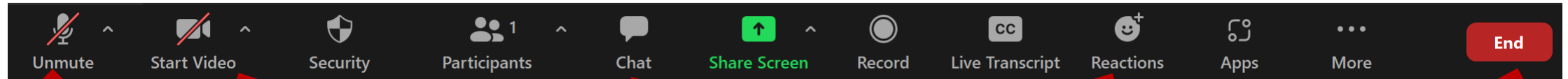


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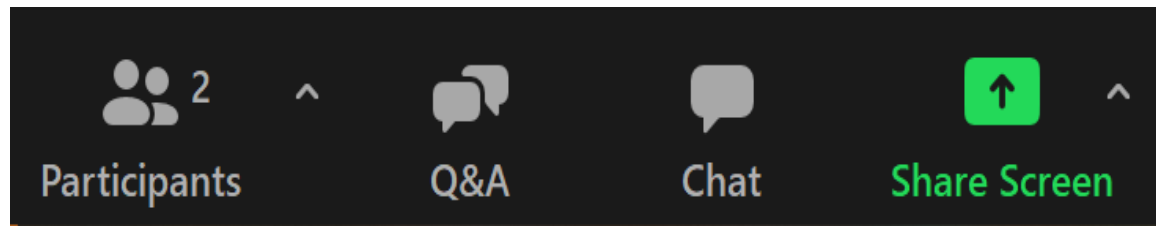


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Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of Early Intervention Quality Measure
- Eligibility Determination
- Incentive Payment Processing & Eligibility Criteria
- 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

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
- 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.

Eligibility Determination (continued)

The following types of claims are not eligible for incentive payments:

- One-time visit services totaling \$100 or less
 - Mileage or travel reimbursement
- Copayment, coinsurance, or deductible
- When service authorizations are stacked (i.e., same service code, same service start date, various subcodes), one incentive payment will be allocated

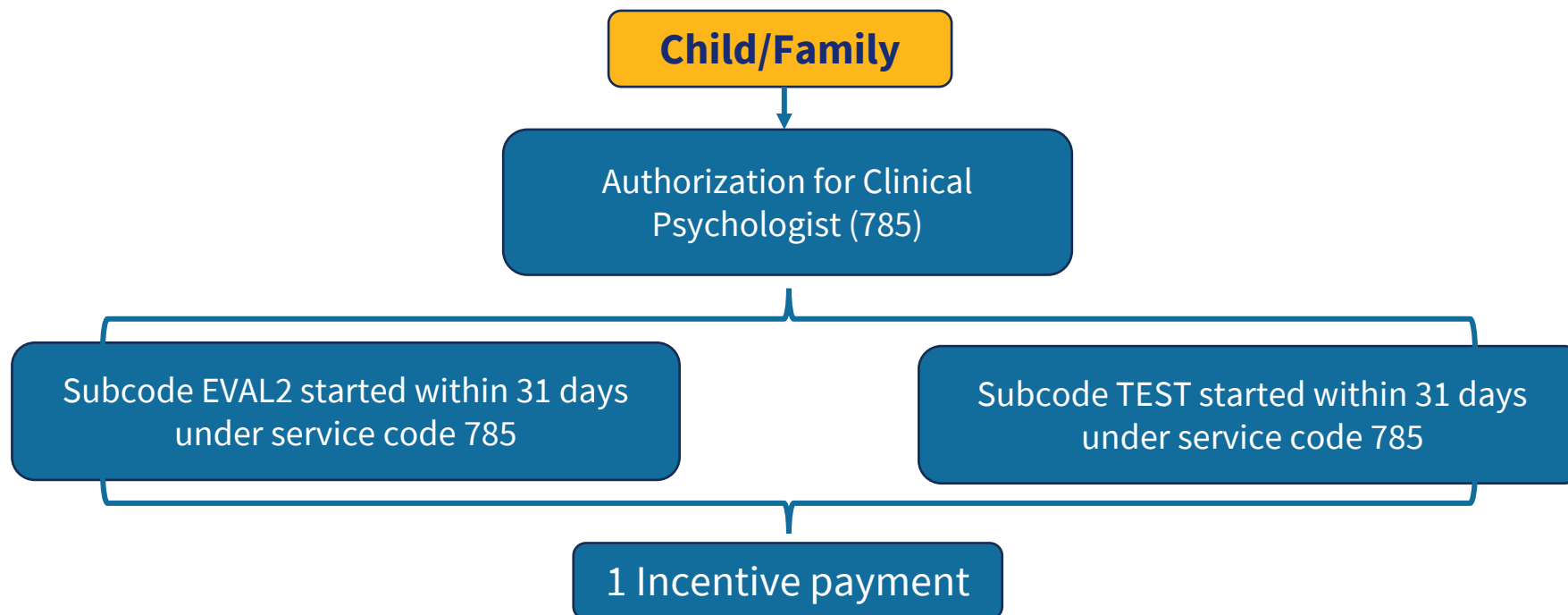
Early Intervention Incentive Payment Processing

Calculation and Payment:

- Incentives paid using a contract authorization, a service code associated with the service provider vendor number, and the subcode for the appropriate tier.
- 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.
- Q1 payment instructions to regional centers – anticipated September 2024

Incentive Determination – Example of Stacking

Example: Child has separate authorizations, same service codes, and same start date but different subcodes for each intervention service (Clinical Psychologist). Service provider is eligible for one incentive payment for the stack of authorized intervention services.



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

Questions & Support

- **Questions?**

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Thank You For Attending!