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D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-005

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – WAVE 2 EARLY INTERVENTION
INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

As described in the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) June 2024 [correspondence](#), the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Early Intervention measure utilizes data to measure the amount of time between the regional center's purchase of service authorization start date and the first date on which a newly authorized early intervention service to a child less than three years of age in the Early Start program was provided.

This directive provides instructions for regional centers to distribute incentive payments for early intervention services initiated during 2024 in Quarter 2 (April, May, and June 2024), Quarter 3 (July, August, and September 2024), and Quarter 4 (October, November, and December 2024). In addition, the Wave 2 incentive list includes services initiated in Quarter 1 (January, February, and March 2024) that were not included in the initial [incentive list](#) based upon newly received claims for service during that period.

Incentive Payment Processing

Please share these instructions with your administrative and fiscal staff responsible for issuing payments to providers. Regional centers are requested to issue these payments within 90 days of this directive. Payments should be made under fiscal year (FY) 2023/2024 according to the subcodes shown in the spreadsheet workbooks (QE3, QE2, and QE1) uploaded to the Regional Center Portal SharePoint site. These subcodes match the amounts and timeframes listed in [Enclosure A](#) of the June 2024 [correspondence](#).

For questions regarding the QIP or the Early Intervention quality measure, please email gipquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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