



Rate Reform FAQs for Early Start Services

Q1. Why are there now multiple rates for the Infant Development Program when there previously was just one rate?

A1. The previous rate used for Infant Development Program (service code 805) did not define the types of services or who was providing the services. This program had a single rate covering all services for an individual. The new rate structure assigns separate rates based on who is providing the service to reflect the differences in service delivery and cost.

Q2. What are the different types of providers/staff now under Infant Development Programs?

A2: The provider types under this service include various licensed professionals as well as three newly defined provider types/staff that may work for an Infant Development Program provider. These are referred to as the Early Intervention Specialist, Early Intervention Assistant and Early Intervention Technician with varying levels of education and/or experience associated with each. The requirements for those services can be found in the Early Start directive found here: [D-2024 Rate Reform-003 Rate Reform Implementation for Early Start and Infant Development](#)

Q3. Can a Behavioral Services provider continue to provide services to individuals under Infant Development Program (service code 805)?

A3. Behavioral services may still be provided to young children, however, vendors providing behavior services will now align to the 600 series service code that best fits their services and credentials of the professionals providing the services.

Q4. Is there a change to the age range for the Infant Development Program eligibility under the and 805 service code?

A4. There are no changes to the age range for Infant Development Program.

Q5. What are the main differences between services under service code 116 (Specialized Therapeutic Services) and service code 805 (Infant Development Program)?

A5. Under both 805 and 116, the therapy the child receives will remain the same regardless of what service code it may be authorized under. A Specialized Therapeutic Services provider under service code 116, such as an individual or group of physical therapists provides only a single specialty therapy and is not individually considered a comprehensive program. The Infant Development Program (service code 805) assumes coordination between multiple specialties within an organization serving the same child and must meet the requirements, standards, and qualifications in Title 17 of the CCR, Article 2 for Standards for All Community-

Based Day Programs, Article 4 for Additional Standards for Infant Development Programs, as well as the new components outlined in the Directive regarding [Early Start Services and Infant Development](#).