

MEMORANDUM

TO: CDS Mainstream Developmental Therapy Providers
CDS Regional Site Directors

FROM: Laurie Bertulli, Department of Education, CDS State Office Director
Marianne Ringel, Director, Policy and Provider Services, Bureau of Medical Services

DATE: July 11, 2005

RE: New MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 27, Early Intervention

We have implemented the new rules for Early Intervention Services and would like to clarify the documentation required to establish a rate for a 1:1 or 1:2 paraprofessional in a mainstream setting.

Included with this memo, please find the worksheet and new, standardized instructions. This worksheet replaces any other 1:1 Aide worksheet that may have been used in the past. The worksheet is also available in an Excel format. The purpose of the worksheet is to break down the additional costs associated with this position, such as administration and benefits, to an hourly amount that is captured in the amount billed to either CDS or MaineCare. To that end, the same worksheet can be used to determine the rate for either a 1:1 paraprofessional or a 1:2 paraprofessional. The daily allowance is adjusted from .5 hours per day for the 1:1 service to 1 hour per day for the 1:2 service.

A 1:1 paraprofessional is billed under ER15. A 1:2 paraprofessional is billed under ER15UN. Reimbursement will be at the rate supported by the Worksheet for Calculation of Maximum Aide Payment, but cannot exceed the maximum as stated within the rule. As IFSP/IEP's are renewed, or at the child's initial ECT, if the team has determined that a 1:1 or 1:2 paraprofessional is appropriate, the provider of the service must fill out the aide worksheet in order to bill either CDS or MaineCare for the service.

Also, the rules that are specified in DOE Chapter 115 will apply to those who hold Ed Tech authorizations, as will the supervision requirements that align with each authorization.

Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions. Thank you for your assistance with this transition and continued service to CDS and MaineCare members.

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