

The SoonerStart program does not collect co-payments, sliding scale fees or private insurance reimbursement for IDEA Part C services. The SoonerStart program is supported by the following funding sources:

1. Medicaid
2. State general revenue
3. IDEA Federal funds

SoonerStart does not require a parent to enroll in a public benefits (Medicaid) program as a condition to participate in early intervention services. If the child is currently enrolled in the Oklahoma Medicaid program (SoonerCare), SoonerStart bills Medicaid for Medicaid compensable services.

SoonerStart does not need to obtain the parent's consent to bill Medicaid if the child is currently enrolled because the parent has already given consent when they enrolled in the Oklahoma Medicaid program. However, **SoonerStart must provide Prior Written Notice (PWN) to the parent before billing Medicaid.**

SoonerStart does not bill Medicaid for any children who are dually covered by Medicaid in addition to other medical benefits/insurance. If a family reports the child is dually covered by Medicaid and other medical benefits/insurance, the service provider should not complete the procedure code section of the Service Provider Progress Note and ensure that all IFSP team members are aware that the child's Medicaid will not be billed.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that Part C programs be the payor of last resort and requires that Part C funds only be used for Early Intervention Services that an eligible child needs but is not currently entitled to under any other Federal, state, local, or private sources.