

1402: SYSTEM OF PAYMENTS

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.

Parental consent must be obtained before personally identifiable information is disclosed to bill Medicaid. Parents have the right to decline SoonerStart's request to access their child's Medicaid benefits. They may also withdraw their consent for SoonerStart to release personally identifiable information to bill for Medicaid compensable services at any time. If the family does not provide consent for SoonerStart to bill Medicaid for Medicaid compensable services, the SoonerStart program must still make available the services on the IFSP to which the parent has provided consent.

SoonerStart must also provide the **Systems of Payments - Notification to Parents (Appendix M)**.

System of Payments is explained in **Parent Rights for SoonerStart Services – Notice of Procedural Safeguards (Appendix H)** handout which is provided annually to families. The family initials on **Consent For Screening and Prior Written Notice ((OK-SS Consent-Screening) or Consent for Initial Evaluation/Assessment and Prior Written Notice (OK-SS-Consent-Evaluation) and Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)**. Consent means they received a copy of Parent Rights. This action satisfies that the families were informed that SoonerStart bills Medicaid for Medicaid compensable services.

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 (Appendix N)** 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.