



**New York State Department of Health
New York Early Intervention System (NYEIS) Electronic Mailing List**

Group Overlaps in NYEIS

Dear Colleague:

With the recent release of NYEIS Version 1.6 on June 4, 2012, a claiming validation was activated that will deny a claim for payment if 2 services were provided to the same child that overlap by more than 9 minutes; this validation will prohibit payment for multiple Group Developmental Intervention sessions that overlap for the same child. It has been reported to the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI) that multiple Group Developmental Intervention sessions are being provided to the same child on the same day and, in many instances, at the same time.

Example 1: Child attends an Enhanced Group Developmental session with 1:1 Aide from 8 AM - 10 AM, but is pulled out of that group to attend a Basic Group Developmental session from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM, then once again attends the same Enhanced Group Developmental session with 1:1 Aide from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Example 2: Child attends an Enhanced Group Developmental service from 8 AM - 11:00 AM and during that time, the child receives a push in Basic Group Developmental service from 10:00-10:30.

Please be advised that the Department of Health does not support these practices. While a billing waiver does exist that allows more than 1 Group Developmental Intervention session to be provided on the same day, it does not allow the provision of a group service at the same time or within the same time period as another group service, as described in the examples above. Services provided and claimed in this fashion will continue to be denied by NYEIS, including those services provided prior to the release of NYEIS Version 1.6.

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Thank you.

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