

Reimbursement Advisory Panel Members
(no more than 16 members)

Municipal Reps (at least four reps of municipalities)

1. Marie Casalino, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Commissioner for Early Intervention, NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene.
2. Michael Dedee, M.S.W., Special Children's Services Administrator, Monroe County Dept of Public Health, EICC member.
3. Linda Karmen, Deputy Commissioner, Onondaga County Department of Health, formerly Early Intervention Official for many years.
4. Mary Fran Wachunas, Public Health Director, Rensselaer County, EICC member.
5. Patricia Zawisza, M.S. Ed., Senior Special Educator, Otsego County Health Department.
6. Vacant

Provider Reps (at least four reps of statewide and regional provider organizations)

7. Margery Ames, Esq., Executive Director, InterAgency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Inc., EICC member and member of original RAP.
8. Tom Connolly, Partner, Bolton-St. Johns, L.L.C., representing ACTS.
9. Pamela Madeiros, Esq., Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., representing the NYS Alliance for Children with Special Needs.
10. Judi Gerson, VP of Policy and Program Services, Cerebral Palsy Association of NYS, EICC member.
11. Marjane Selleck, P.T., M.S., P.C.S., Associate Professor, Program Director and Department Chair, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, The Sage Colleges, EICC member.
12. Steven Held, Executive Director, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, EICC Member.

Two Family Members

13. Margaret Sampson, Family Rep., nationally renowned in the field of disability.
14. Talina Jones, Parent of a toddler with Down Syndrome, Onondaga county resident who recently relocated from Brooklyn, EICC member.

Two State Agency Members

15. Joanne Howard, Director, Bureau of Rate Setting, Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.
16. April Wojtkiewicz, Bureau Chief, Rate Setting Unit, New York State Education Department.

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
FEBRUARY 11, 2009 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Phyllis Silver, Deputy Director Office of Public Health	10:15 AM
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of RAP members 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 – 10:25 AM
RAP overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistics and meeting procedures The Early Intervention Coordinating Council Brief background and history of the RAP 	Donna Noyes, BEI Associate Director for Clinical Policy	10:25 – 10:45 AM
Guiding Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion of guiding principles 	Donna Noyes	10:45 – 11:30 AM
Presentation on current EI payment methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement Reform initiatives within the Department of Health Overview of current EIP reimbursement methodology and assumptions 	Phil Mossman, Director Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	11:30 – 12:30 AM
LUNCH 12:30 – 1:00 PM			
Historical data perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment Program utilization patterns Program expenditure patterns 	Brad Hutton	1:00 – 2:00 PM
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of topics, information and data needs for upcoming meetings 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:30 PM
Wrap up and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP members will identify future agenda meeting items 	Brad Hutton	2:30 – 2:45 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:45 – 3:00 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
MARCH 11, 2009 10:15 AM – 2:15 PM
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of February 11, 2009 RAP meeting Future meeting dates and locations 	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 10:25 AM
Review of Requirements for Performance of Multidisciplinary Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program regulations relating to the evaluation process within Early Intervention 	Donna Noyes, Associate Director for Clinical Policy, BEI	10:25 AM – 11:00 AM
Presentation on the current evaluation payment methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the assumptions used to set the current EI evaluation reimbursement rates 	Roland Guilz Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	11:00 AM – 11:15 AM
Preliminary Evaluation Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child data on screening Child data on evaluations Identify additional data needs 	Brad Hutton	11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do the data tell us about current practice? What practice/behavior do we want to encourage? How is the current reimbursement system driving practice/behavior? How do we change the reimbursement system to change practice/behavior ? 	Brad Hutton	11:45 PM – 12:30 PM
LUNCH 12:30 – 1:00 PM			
Overview of reimbursement methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of different reimbursement methodologies that have been used within the Department past and present Advantages and disadvantages of different reimbursement methodologies Discussion 	Phil Mossman, Director Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
Wrap up and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP members will identify future agenda meeting items 	Brad Hutton	1:45 – 2:00 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	2:15 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
 APRIL 7, 2009 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM
 CONFERENCE ROOM 125, ESP- ALBANY, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of March 11, 2009 RAP meeting Future meeting dates and locations Appointment letters 	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 10:20 AM
Historical Data on Evaluation Utilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation experience of children in the EIP Composition of the MDE team 	Brad Hutton	10:20 AM – 11:30 PM
Current EI Evaluation Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An open discussion regarding the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the current system of reimbursement for the evaluation process Factors to consider for evaluation reimbursement 	Brad Hutton	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
LUNCH 12:15 – 12:45 PM			
SED Preschool Evaluation Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How evaluation providers are approved Role of the CPSE Evaluation rates and payments 	Nora Galto, Rate Setting Unit Sandy Rybaltowski, VESID policy Maureen McCarthy, STAC and Special Aid Unit State Education Department	12:45 – 1:30 PM
OMRDD Rate Setting Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of reimbursement methodologies that have been used by OMRDD past and present Strengths and weaknesses of the reimbursement methodologies used 	Joanne Howard Director Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities(OMRDD) Bureau of Rate Setting	1:30 – 2:15 PM
Wrap up and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP members will identify future agenda meeting items 	Brad Hutton	2:15 – 2:35 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:35 – 2:50PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	2:50 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
MAY 5, 2009 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM
OGS CONFERENCE ROOM, MEETING ROOM #4, ESP- ALBANY, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of April 7, 2009 RAP meeting 	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 10:20 AM
Historical Data on Evaluation Utilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplines involved in evaluation for specific eligibility groups. Evaluation expenditures 	Brad Hutton	10:20 – 11:00 AM
Other States Evaluation Process and Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how other states handle evaluations 	Donna Noyes	11:00 – 11:30 AM
Summary of Issues/Discussion to Date on Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of concern Key concepts/recommendations for Improvement 	Brad Hutton	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
LUNCH 12:30 – 1:00 PM			
OMRDD Reimbursement Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Reimbursement Elements of Select OMRDD Methodologies 	Joanne Howard Director Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities(OMRDD) Bureau of Rate Setting	1:00 – 2:00 PM
Service Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Regulatory and Program Requirements 	Donna Noyes	2:00 – 2:30 PM
Wrap up and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP members will identify future agenda meeting items 	Brad Hutton	2:30 – 2:45 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:45 – 3:00PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
 JUNE 2, 2009 10:15 AM – 2:30 PM
 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:30 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of May 5, 2009 RAP meeting 	Brad Hutton	10:30 – 10:40 AM
Review of Requirements for Service Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program regulations relating to Service Coordination within Early Intervention 	Donna Noyes, Associate Director for Clinical Policy, BEI	10:40 – 11:20 AM
Presentation on the Current Service Coordination Payment Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the assumptions used to set the current EI rates for Service Coordination 	Roland Guilz Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	11:20 AM – 12:00 PM
LUNCH 12:00 – 12:30 PM			
Preliminary Historical Data on Service Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Service Coordination utilization patterns Ongoing Service Coordination utilization patterns Service Coordination Costs 	Brad Hutton	12:30 – 1:30 PM
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do the data tell us about current practice? What practice/behavior do we want to encourage? How is the current reimbursement system driving practice/behavior? Should we change the reimbursement system to change practice/behavior? 	Brad Hutton	1:30 – 2:00 PM
Wrap up and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future agenda items NYC and Rochester meeting logistics 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:15 – 2:30 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	2:30 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
JULY 17, 2009 10:15 AM – 2:45 PM
HOLIDAY EXPRESS, W57TH STREET – MANHATTAN

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of June 2, 2009 RAP meeting 	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 10:30 AM
Service Coordination in other States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Via conference call, Dr. Bruder will discuss her national study on service coordination in State Part C Early Intervention Systems 	Mary Beth Bruder, Ph.D. Director University of Connecticut Health Center	10:30 – 11:30 AM
Historical Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional historical data for service coordination within the EI Program 	Brad Hutton	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
LUNCH 12:00 – 12:30 PM			
Medicaid Comprehensive Case Management Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda will provide a programmatic perspective of Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management Programs Roland will detail how rates were developed for a specific Medicaid Case Management Program 	Linda Kelly Director, Special Populations Group Roland Guilz Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	12:30 – 1:30 PM
Summary of Issues/Discussion to Date on Service Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of concern Key concepts/recommendations for Improvement 	Brad Hutton	1:30 – 2:00 PM
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future agenda items Rochester meeting logistics 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:15 – 2:45 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	2:45 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
OCTOBER 6, 2009 10:00AM – 3:00 PM
MONROE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:00 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of previous RAP meetings 	Brad Hutton	10:05 – 10:30 AM
Review of Regulatory Requirements for the Provision of EI Group Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program regulations relating to service models 	Donna Noyes, Associate Director for Clinical Policy, BEI	10:30 – 10:50 AM
Presentation on Payment Methodology for Group Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the assumptions used to set the current EI rates for providers of group services Discussion 	Roland Guilz Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	10:50 AM – 12:30 PM
LUNCH 12:30 – 1:00 PM			
Preliminary Historical Data on Group Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilization patterns for group services 	Brad Hutton	1:00 – 1:40PM
Open Discussion & Wrap Up and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do the data tell us about current practice? What practice/behavior do we want to encourage? How is the current reimbursement system driving practice/behavior? Should we change the reimbursement system to change practice/behavior? Future agenda items 	Brad Hutton	1:40 – 2:00 PM
Future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of a 2010 meeting schedule for the RAP 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:15 – 3:00 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
NOVEMBER 18, 2009 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened 	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of previous RAP meetings 	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 10:30 AM
Data on Group Services Presentation and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional utilization patterns for group services • A review of information on group services that was collected by the Quality Assurance unit in BEI • Feedback from panel members on the types of group services demonstrated in the survey 	Mike Heeran HPA 1, BEI	10:30 – 12:00 AM
LUNCH 12:00 – 12:30 PM			
Group Services in other States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief presentation on how group services are defined and administered in other State Part C programs 	Donna Noyes, Associate Director for Clinical Policy, BEI	12:30 – 1:00PM
Open Discussion & Wrap Up for Group Services discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What practice/behavior do we want to encourage? • How is the current reimbursement system driving practice/behavior? • Is there a need to define group services for reimbursement purposes? - Possible EICC interaction? • Identifying issues around the group service 	Brad Hutton	1:00 – 1:30 PM
Preliminary discussion on Home and Facility based services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying issues and concerns regarding Home/Community and Facility based rates • Identifying possible data presentations 	Brad Hutton	1:30 – 2:00pm
Future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the 2010 meeting schedule for the RAP • Future agenda items 	Brad Hutton	2:00 – 2:15 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment 	Brad Hutton	2:15 – 3:00 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

EICC- REIMBURSEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
JANUARY 13, 2010 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
EAST GREENBUSH, NY

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Old Business	Recap of November 18, 2009 RAP meeting Continued discussion on Group Services	Brad Hutton	10:15 – 11:00 AM
Proposed Regulation on ABA Interventions using ABA Intervention Program Aides	An overview and discussion of sections of the proposed rulemaking open for public comment on the use of ABA intervention program aides in ABA intervention programs	Donna Noyes, Associate Director for Clinical Policy, BEI	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LUNCH 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM			
Panel Discussion on Reimbursement Mechanisms for ABA Paraprofessional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A look at what is currently being paid for ABA services • The process for setting reimbursement for ABA Paraprofessional Services • Factors to consider when determining reimbursement for ABA Paraprofessional services • What practices/behaviors do we want to encourage 	Brad Hutton Mike Heeran BEI	12:45 – 2:45 PM
Public Comment	Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment	Brad Hutton	2:45 – 3:00 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

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MARCH 4, 2010 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

EAST GREENBUSH, NY

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Objective	Presenter	Time
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members will be welcomed and meeting will be opened	Brad Hutton, BEI Director	10:15 AM
Department Plans for Rate Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Department Rate Package• Discussion	Brad Hutton	10:20 AM
LUNCH 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM			
Proposed Methodology and Rates for ABA Paraprofessionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap of January 13th discussion• Concepts and assumptions being considered• Timelines and next steps• Discussion	Donna Noyes Mike Heeran Roland Guilz Bureau of HCRA Operations and Financial Analysis	1:00 PM
Review of Home/Community and Facility Based Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program and Reimbursement Regulations• Utilization Data• Discussion	Donna Noyes Mike Heeran Brad Hutton	2:00 PM
Future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda planning for upcoming meetings	Brad Hutton	2:30 PM
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to comment	Brad Hutton	2:45 PM
Adjournment		Brad Hutton	3:00 PM

**Early Intervention Coordinating Council
Reimbursement Advisory Panel (RAP)
Schedule of Upcoming Meetings: 2010**

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – 10:15am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn Express, East Greenbush, NY

Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 10:15am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn Express, East Greenbush, NY

Monday, May 3, 2010 – 10:15am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn Express, East Greenbush, NY

Wednesday July 14, 2010 – 10:15am-3:00pm
Holiday Inn Express, East Greenbush, NY

*For questions or assistance, please call Bernie Buell of the
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