

FIT ANNUAL MEETING

Overview

Family Infant Toddler Program DRAFT Standards and Definitions FY21

06/16/2020

ICC Quality Sub Committee Input

- **Critical Issue #2:** Alignment of Service standards, regulations and processes.
- *Goal: Provide input to support FIT in providing all agencies with current and accurate information regarding FIT Service Standards, Regulation and Processes.*

Overall Changes

- DOH references changed to ECECD
- DDSO references changed to Family Support and Early Intervention Division
- Format changes for alignment
- Rearranged items for clarity
- Aligned with Regulations
- Aligned with TA documents
- Further clarification in area of Transition

Evaluation/CME

- Changed the two Newborn sections into Newborn (under 1 month) and Infant (1-4 months)
- Changed Informed Clinical Opinion to match TA document. New ICO form to be used for documentation of ICO use.
- Changed – if child has CME and is not eligible and is re-referred within 6 months; FIT approval needed for 2nd CME. If child is re-referred over 6 months; FIT approval not needed for 2nd CME.

CME

- Added 6 months to the training requirements for new staff re: hearing and vision screening.
- Any personnel conducting hearing screenings must be trained by New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD) in the use of the equipment and completion of the NMSD Hearing Screening form within 6 months of hire.
- Any personnel conducting the vision screening, must be trained by New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI) in the use of the NMSBVI Vision screening tool within 6 months of hire.

FSC: Service Requirements

- Brought in language from NMAC:
 - Intake/Referral
 - IFSP
 - Ongoing Assessment
 - Periodic Review
 - Annual IFSP
- IFSP meeting participants – changed to match IDEA: added “as appropriate” to EI personnel and clarified that the evaluation team member can be represented by report (or be on phone). (The evaluation team member is the only one that can be on the phone.)

FSC

- Changed language in prior authorization to match language and requirement on form
- Changed ECO to match ECO manual: The IFSP team must rate the initial ECO within 30 days of the IFSP meeting (prior to services starting). The ratings need to be entered in FIT KIDS within 30 days of the rating determination

FSC

- On transfers re: 15th of the month – added “on or before” the 15th
- Release of Information required for transfer of data and hardcopies between FIT programs.
- Transition – tried to clarify what steps are if child is not potentially eligible for Part B or ...”what steps are for children who qualify for Part C only under an At-Risk category”

Early Intervention

- Under staffing requirements – Clarification the IPDPs are on a 3-year cycle but are updated annually. The self assessment must be done only at the beginning of each 3-year cycle.
- Re-formatted the Rate/Location chart
- Removed “other” as a location on the Rate chart

Transdisciplinary Team Consultation

- May be billed when an IFSP team member spends time on the phone discussing important medical/health information with a medical professional.
- May be billed when CESU calls an IFSP team member to gather information about a child scheduled for an evaluation

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

- FIT Program was allocated \$1 Million for rate increases during the legislative session in January.
- Several different rate options were sent to the ICC Finance Committee for review/discussion.
- ICC Finance Committee submitted their recommendation to FIT.
- FIT accepted the Finance Committee recommendation and forwarded to Medicaid.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Service	Unit	FY20 Rate	Rate study Recommendation	FY21 Rate*	FY21 Variance \$	FY21 Variance %	% of Recommended Rate Funded
Family Service Coordination	Monthly	\$ 180.00	\$ 194.50	\$ 189.50	\$ 5.00	2.57%	92.54%
Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation	Event	\$ 660.00	\$ 781.50	\$ 725.00	\$ 56.50	7.23%	84.45%
Home and Community (Individual)	Hourly	\$ 116.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 1.00	0.83%	96.67%
	15-minute	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 29.75	\$ 0.25	0.83%	
Home and Community (Group)	Hourly	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
	15-minute	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ -	0.00%	
Center-Based (Individual)	Hourly	\$ 74.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	20.00%	74%
	15-minute	\$ 18.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	20.00%	
Center-Based (Group)	Hourly	\$ 26.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 12.00	30.00%	65%
	15-minute	\$ 6.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	30.00%	