

Early Intervention Program Updates #2419 October 1, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We have just a few brief updates for you in this communication. Thank you for everything you do to support children and families in Ohio's EI system!

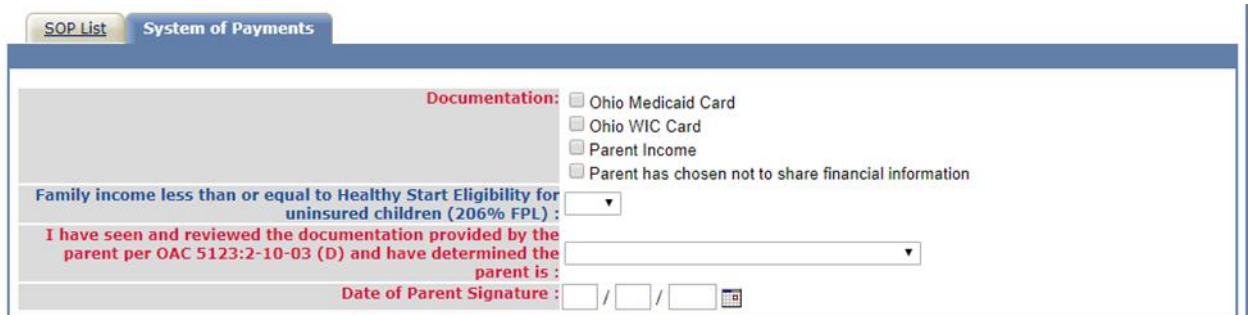
I always invite your feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me at nathan.dedino@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

PROGRAM UPDATES

System of Payments (SOP) Data Entry Reminder

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-03(D) requires Early Intervention (EI) service coordinators to explain the EI System of Payments rule to parents and determine a parent's ability to pay for early intervention services using form EI-15 ("Determination of Parent Ability to Pay for Early Intervention Services") within 45 calendar days of the referral to the EI program and within 45 calendar days of each scheduled annual review of the IFSP.

In addition, under Exhibit E of the Service Coordination grant agreement, EI service coordination agencies must ensure that all data entry required in the EI Data System (EIDS), other than the EI exit information, is completed within 30 days of the event. This data entry requirement applies to SOP data. Data entry fields are located on the SOP tab under Early Intervention in EIDS. See the screenshot below and p12 of the EIDS Data Entry Guide for more information. The SOP Extract can be used to review all SOP data that have been entered into EIDS.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "System of Payments" with a "SOP List" tab. The form includes a "Documentation:" section with four checkboxes: "Ohio Medicaid Card", "Ohio WIC Card", "Parent Income", and "Parent has chosen not to share financial information". Below this is a dropdown menu for "Family income less than or equal to Healthy Start Eligibility for uninsured children (206% FPL)". A red text instruction states: "I have seen and reviewed the documentation provided by the parent per OAC 5123:2-10-03 (D) and have determined the parent is:". This is followed by a dropdown menu and a "Date of Parent Signature:" field with a date picker.

There are no reminder messages in EIDS regarding SOP data, but SOP information must be entered in EIDS for all children served by EI, regardless of whether POLR funds are utilized. SOP data are also subject to compliance monitoring and may be verified for

accuracy and completeness.

Ongoing Monitoring of Service Delivery

DCY will hold a webinar covering service delivery requirements on October 29 from 2:00–3:00pm. The webinar will explain service coordinator and provider responsibilities in delivering services and state and local program responsibilities of monitoring service provision. We will provide a summary of responses to the provider monitoring survey included as part of the February 2024 EI program reports, summary of state activities thus far, and plans for service delivery monitoring going forward. We encourage all EI service coordinators, EI service providers, and local EI program leadership to attend. You can register for the webinar here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/381>

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Training Opportunity: Prenatal Alcohol and Drug Exposure: Supporting the Social and Emotional Health of Affected Children and Youth

Please join presenter, Dr. Ira J. Chasnoff, for this learning opportunity on October 31 from 12:00-1:30pm. The flyer accompanying this communication provides additional details.

Prenatal Alcohol and Drug Exposure: Supporting the Social and Emotional Health of Affected Children and Youth

A Webinar Facilitated by Dr. Ira J. Chasnoff

ABOUT THE TRAINING

Children prenatally exposed to alcohol and drugs face increasing neurodevelopmental challenges as they grow and develop. These challenges translate into behavioral and learning difficulties that affect their social and emotional health. This program will discuss the structural and functional changes in the developing fetal brain that occur as the result of prenatal substance exposure and present evidence-based approaches to treatment and support that can be integrated into a cohesive and comprehensive intervention strategy.

Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D., is an award-winning author, researcher and lecturer, is president of NTI Upstream, and a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He is one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of child development and the effects of environmental factors on the developmental trajectory of children and adolescents. Dr. Chasnoff has served several U.S. presidential administrations on committees and commissions dedicated to organizing and coordinating services for children and families and developing policies and procedures for addressing the needs of children at risk from prenatal and postnatal trauma.



This training is offered in conjunction with the Ohio Practice and Policy Academy and is intended for any professional who supports people with or impacted by SUD.

Join us for this learning opportunity on **October 31, 2024, 12:00PM—1:30PM.**

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.**](#)

CPDUs pending.



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