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MEMORANDUM

To: Families Enrolled in Early Intervention and Interested Parties

From: Ron Benham, Director
Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood, and Special Health Needs

Date: June 13, 2007

RE: Update on Annual Fee for Early Intervention Services

Effective July 1, 2007 the Department is modifying the fee system for Early Intervention (EI). The following outlines the new fee structure:

- Families whose size and income is between 301% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines will pay an annual fee of \$60. There will be a fee of \$60 for the second child receiving EI. A family will not be charged more than \$120 annually.
- Families whose size and income is between 401% and 550% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines will pay a fee of \$180. There will be a fee of \$180 for the second child receiving EI. A family will not be charged more than \$360 annually.
- Families whose size and income is between 551% and 750% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines will pay a fee of \$350. There will be a fee of \$350 for the second child receiving EI. A family will not be charged more than \$700 annually.
- Families whose size and income is above 750% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines will pay a fee of \$500. There will be a fee of \$500 for the second child receiving EI. A family will not be charged more than \$1,000 annually.

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (known as IDEA) requires that some EI services are provided free of charge. These include child find activities, evaluations and assessments, service coordination, development of the Individualized Family Service Plan and their reviews and procedural safeguards. Families will be billed the fee by their local EI Program once they have signed an Individualized Family Service Plan.

Please refer to the Annual Fee Brochure or contact your EI Program Director for more information. You may also contact Mary Dennehy-Colorusso from the Department of Public Health, who can be reached at (978) 851-7261 ext. 4016 (TTY: 978-851-0829), if you have questions the EI staff cannot answer,