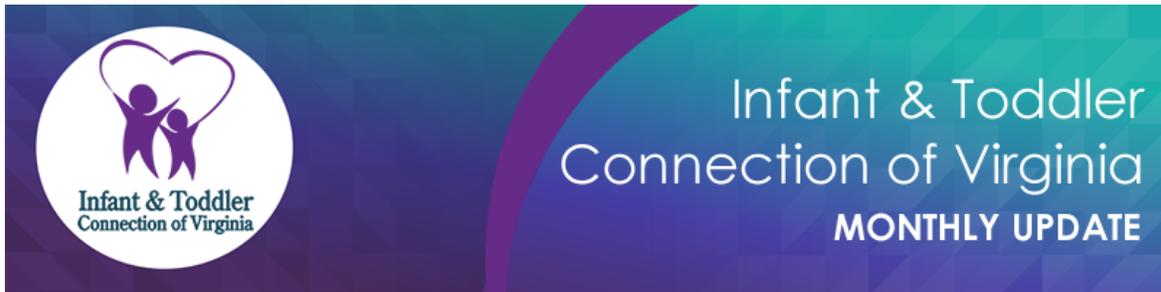


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EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSITION TO COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE PLUS*

***CCC Plus only impacts approximately 700 early intervention enrolled infants and toddlers.**

Remember to check the Department of Medical Assistance Services' (DMAS) website for updates. http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-home.aspx

DMAS is facilitating workgroups that include the managed care organizations (MCOs), DMAS, and Early Intervention state and local representatives.

DMAS will also be conducting Town Hall meetings about the CCC Plus program. The meetings will be held regionally and scheduled for the month prior to the "go live" date for CCC Plus.

Families will be notified about the change to CCC Plus approximately 30 to 35 days prior to the start of the program. The information about the health plan to which the family is assigned will be mailed the last week of June for the August 1 implementation in Tidewater. They will receive:

1. an enrollment letter that includes their MCO assignment and explains the action that is needed on their part, (i.e., they can keep the assigned plan or choose a new plan)
2. a brochure that describes the CCC Plus program,
3. an MCO comparison chart that explains the MCOs including the extra services that the MCO provides that are not generally covered through Medicaid, and
4. an invitation to the Town Hall.

The assignment letter will also include the CCC Plus Helpline phone number and website information. The CCC Plus Helpline is not affiliated with any of the plans. The Helpline provides MCO choice counseling. They will help the family to understand how the CCC Plus

program works and will help them to make an informed MCO choice. For example: The Helpline will have the full network of providers file for each MCO. The member will be able to search the Helpline website or call the Helpline to find out if their providers participate with their assigned plan or one of the other plans on the comparison chart. The Helpline website can answer questions about the extra benefits offered by each plan. They can also answer any questions the member has about CCC Plus. The Helpline will also capture the Member's MCO choice, either telephonically or via the website.

DMAS will develop one-page information sheets that Early Intervention providers can give to family members. When the providers check eligibility, they will be able to see if the child is in the CCC Plus program and the child's MCO assignment. This information will be available in the Medicaid and ARS on June 19th for the August 1 effective date in Tidewater, and similarly each month thereafter.

Early intervention services will continue to be covered under fee for service for Medallion and fee-for-service enrolled individuals. The CCC Plus program will include children who are on the Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver, the Technology Assisted (Tech) waiver, or who qualify for Medicaid due to being blind or disabled. There are approximately 700 Early Intervention enrolled infants and toddlers, statewide, who will be enrolled in CCC Plus.

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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

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With April comes the start of our second year of SSIP implementation. A number of activities that started last year are continuing, including work on fidelity assessment, an enhanced statewide data system, and the MEISR pilot. There will also be a number of new activities starting in this second year of implementation. We want and need you to be engaged with us as we work on these new activities (projected timelines are noted in parentheses):

- Establish expectations for local system orientation of new providers (7/17 - 12/17)
- Explore with families the best way to provide orientation/training to families about coaching and natural learning environment practices (7/17 - 12/17)
- Re-design the state website (7/17 - 6/18)
- Establish expectations and process for a mentoring network or communities of practice for ongoing support in implementing coaching and natural learning environment practices (9/17 - 9/18).

If you are interested in participating on a stakeholder group related to one of these topics, please contact Kyla Patterson, k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov, to sign up.

The SSIP report to OSEP on our first year of implementation has or will soon be posted to the SSIP section of our website. This report includes an update on our implementation of the SSIP, including the evaluation plan, as well as outputs accomplished and next steps.

As a reminder, all SSIP-related materials have been posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>. These materials include stakeholder and reviewer group membership lists and meeting notes. If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact Kyla Patterson at k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov.

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PRACTICE MANUAL REVISIONS:

Select revisions have been made in four Practice Manual chapters. Those revised chapters will soon be posted to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website (www.infantva.org). Changes include the following:

- **Chapter 3, page 4:** Clarified that an IFSP Review is not needed in order for services to start in the new local system when a child transfers.
- **Chapter 8, page 2:** Revised language in #4 to be consistent with Contact Note Checklist and EI Activity Note template
- **Chapter 8, pages 12 and 19** - Revised instructions regarding discharge reasons when the parent feels their child has reached age level, to match federal definitions and to clarify practices.
- **Chapter 9, page 9** - Contact note checklist revised to clarify that "Title" means provider discipline and credentials, consistent with information on page 5 of the chapter
- **Chapter 11, pages 35 and 38** - Corrected the Medicaid billing code for nursing.

The Version Control Table at <http://www.infantva.org/Pr-PracticeManual-Forms.htm> will also be updated with links to Track Changes versions of each chapter (showing what changed) and a list of pages that will need to be reprinted in order to update any printed copy of the manual.

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PROVIDER IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY REPORT:

The first annual Provider Implementation Survey was conducted in October - November 2016. Service providers, service coordinators, local system managers and administrators completed the survey to assess how functional assessment, the child outcome rating process, coaching and natural learning environment practices are being implemented in Virginia. A written report of statewide results from this survey is now available and has or soon will be posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>. We encourage you to review this report in order to understand the baseline data established by this first annual use of the survey. This baseline data will be used along with data from subsequent years to evaluate our statewide improvement efforts and identify resources and supports needed in order to implement evidence-based practices.

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RECEIVING EI AND HOSPICE SERVICES

A Concurrent Care for Children Requirement:

DMAS provided clarification that Early Intervention children may also receive hospice services concurrently. On April 1, 2011, Virginia's Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) incorporated the federal requirement that children under the age of 21 must be permitted to continue to receive curative medical services, even if they also elect to receive hospice services. This change was implemented in order to enforce Section 2302 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, termed the "Concurrent Care for Children" requirement.

Please note the Virginia Administrative Code was also revised in 2011 to reflect this change:

"Service election. To be eligible for hospice coverage under Medicare or Medicaid, the recipient shall be "terminally ill," defined as having a life expectancy of six months or less, and **except for individuals under 21 years of age**, elect to receive hospice services rather than active treatment for the illness" (12 VAC 30-60-130).

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Audible Egg Hunt Flyers

Please share the information below with any providers who may be working with families who have children with visual impairments.

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This Update is prepared by the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia State Team at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a means of sharing current information from the DBHDS/Part C Office.

Enrollment of Children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS)

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