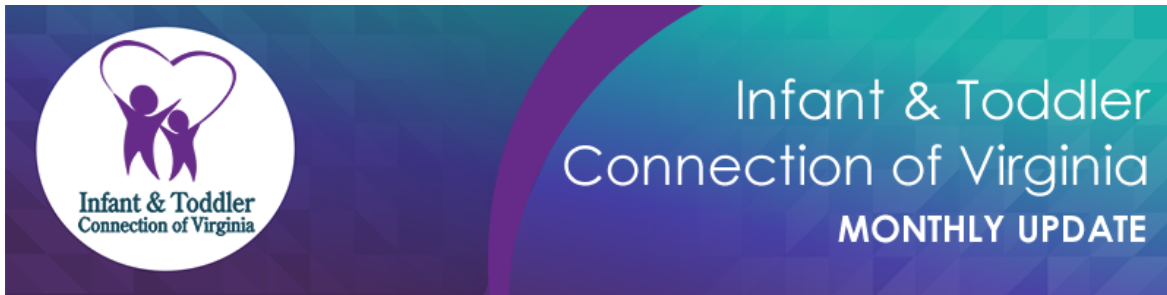


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### EARLY INTERVENTION NURSING CODE UPDATE

According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code G0164 was end dated and no longer effective as of December 31, 2016. The replacement procedure code G0495 is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017. Claims submitted with code G0164 for dates of service prior to January 1, 2017 will process correctly.

**New Procedure Code: G0495** - Skilled services of an RN or Nurse Practitioner in the education and/or training of an individual or family member. The DMAS Early Intervention Provider Manual has been updated to include the changes to the procedure codes accordingly (Chapter V, Billing Instructions, Exhibit 1; Appendix A).

*Chapter 11 of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual has also been updated to reflect the new code and posted to the ITCVA website.*

Previous Early Intervention Procedure Code ended 12/31/16:	NEW Early Intervention Procedure Code effective with dates of service on or after 01/01/2017:
<b>G0164</b>	<b>G0495</b>
G0164 U1 RN Individual services	G0495 U1 RN Individual services
G0164 RN Group (congregate) services	G0495 RN Group (congregate) services

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### EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSITION TO COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE PLUS\*

The health plans that contracted with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) are currently working on enrolling Early Intervention providers in their networks. If you provide services in the Tidewater area, it is especially important that you contact the health plans and begin the process of enrollment as soon as possible. For additional information, DMAS posted a [Medicaid Memo CCC Plus 3/27/2017](#) which summarizes the transition to CCC Plus. The link takes you to the page, and then select the correct memo from the list. It is dated March 27, 2017.

DMAS and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) are working with the health plans to establish meetings between Early Intervention service coordinators and the health plan care coordinators. These meetings will provide a forum for discussion about each role and working together to facilitate service delivery.

Beginning this summer, DMAS will begin holding provider webinars, calls with members, and Town Halls on CCC Plus. These will provide an opportunity for members, families and providers to ask questions and receive answers by DMAS and health plan staff. The webinars will be divided by health care discipline (e.g. nursing facilities, behavioral health, etc) so each webinar can address issues particular to that provider community.

The schedule of Town Halls, webinars and calls, as well as the links to register is posted on the DMAS website at:

[http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/mltss-meetings.aspx](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-meetings.aspx)

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### STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

#### **State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**

Progress on our SSIP continues across a variety of activities, including work on fidelity assessment, an enhanced statewide data system, and the MEISR pilot.

#### **CLICK HERE TO REVIEW VIRGINIA'S SSIP PROGRESS**

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](mailto:k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov).

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### NEW RESOURCES - HANDOUTS FOR FAMILIES AND PHYSICIANS, ETC.

New Resources - Handouts for Families and Physicians & Guidance on Functional Assessment and Inter-Rater Reliability

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### Note about This Update:

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)

Please note the following contact information for questions about enrollment of children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS).

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### Early Intervention Certification

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