

## Webinar #6: The CoE IECMHC Toolbox - Strategies to Finance IECMHC Questions and Answers

### **Q: How does the Early Intervention system in Illinois collaborate with IECMHC services?**

A: In Illinois, families access the Early Intervention system through a regional network of Child and Family Connections sites. Early Intervention has a mental health consultant located at every Child and Family Connections site and the consultant is part of the screening process with new families. The mental health consultant provides services to a family as needed and acts as an intermediary to other services as necessary.

Nationwide, through SAMHSA's Project LAUNCH Initiative, LAUNCH grantees look for opportunities to place mental health consultants within their Early Intervention programs.

### **Q: How would Medicaid reimbursements work through the 1115 waiver?**

A: A Medicaid 1115 Waiver provides states with some flexibility to pilot or demonstrate improvements to their programs. Submission of a 1115 Waiver request is a complex process that is unique to each state. Illinois included Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation as one of several new initiatives they will test under the 1115 Waiver. The state is still awaiting approval of the Waiver from the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS).

As states start to grapple with the question of how to use Medicaid to support group work – such as within a classroom setting – we expect to see additional innovations in the use of Medicaid to fund IECMHC.

Additional information on the Medicaid 1115 Waiver is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/index.html>

### **Q: Contact information for the presenters?**

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