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Legislators Help Secure an Additional 2.5% for Early Intervention Rates

We were pleased that Governor Murphy understood the importance of bolstering Early Intervention when on May 6, 2021, Commissioner Pershicilli and the New Jersey Department of Health made an unprecedented move announcing that effective July 1, 2021, the Early Intervention provider rate would increase by 5%. Furthermore, the NJ Legislature appropriated funds in the FY'2022 Budget and through the efforts of Senator Troy Singleton, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, and the Administration, the Department of Health will be moving forward with an additional 2.5% increase for a total of 7.5% for Early Intervention.

Early Intervention providers, because they effectively had not had a rate increase for 16 years, have been unable to compete with the salary levels offered by hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation facilities and 573 public school districts for licensed professional therapists many of whom are hired on a full-time basis vs. the predominantly part-time practice in the early intervention system. Practitioners receive the same service provision rates today as they did for infants and toddlers now reaching their full potential and succeeding in their final/early years of high school and college. From the sheer duration of this time-period to the last 3 years in which providers have been financially devastated by the improper handling of the Early Intervention Management system and the effects of COVID 19, many providers were demoralized by what they interpreted as a lack of recognition for the critical importance of a program which can make a real difference in the lives of children by changing their developmental path and improving their outcomes.

Our thanks to Governor Murphy, Commissioner Persichilli, Senator Singleton, and Assemblywoman Lampitt for recognizing the value of Early Intervention Services by helping to prevent the erosion of these therapeutic services, that change the life trajectory of infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

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