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BILLING POLICY

Programs for Infants and Children, Inc. (PIC) provides early intervention services to eligible children and their families.

Children **enrolled** and receiving services (except services that are at no cost) will be charged a Participation Fee that is determined by the family size and income. The fee is annual and is renewed each year or when there have been significant changes to the family financial situation. The participation fee is waived for children who have Medicaid, Tricare, or Indian Health Service.

The Participation Fee is designed to give parents a total amount that they will be paying for all services listed on their Individual Family Service Plan for the year. The cost will not go up if more services are needed. At least yearly, a participation fee agreement will be signed, clearly stating what the fee will be for next year.

Effective July 1, 2022 Participation Fees have been reduced to \$0.

Services Available at No Cost to Family

Federal Part C Regulation 303.521(b) states that the following functions must be provided at no cost to families:

- screening;
- evaluation/assessment;
- family service coordination;
- IFSP development.

Consent to Bill Insurance

PIC will ask parents for their consent to bill Medicaid or any other insurance company for billable services provided by licensed providers, such as physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech-language therapists. When parents sign the Consent to Bill form, they give PIC permission to bill their insurance but parents will not be responsible for any co-pays or deductibles. PIC will accept any payment from the insurance companies as payment in full.

Reduction of the Participation Fee

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