

Billing Practices and Annual Participation Fee: Frequently Asked Questions

PIC is an Early Intervention Program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The section of the IDEA law PIC must follow is called Part C. Part C says that some services are provided to children and families without asking families to pay for them or “at no cost to families”. These services are:

- Evaluation and Assessments
- Individualized Family Service Plan Development
- Family Service Coordination
- Implementing your parental rights and safeguards

What will it cost to have my child evaluated by PIC?

Evaluations and assessments are provided at no cost to families. With your permission, PIC will bill Medicaid or your insurance for the evaluation, but any balance will not be billed to families.

Why do I have to sign the consent to bill insurance form?

Part C law states that families must give PIC permission to bill their insurance or Medicaid for services for the services provided by Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Speech Therapists.

What happens if I don't give PIC permission to bill my insurance or Medicaid?

Families have the right to withhold consent to bill insurance. However, you will continue to receive the agreed upon services in your child's IFSP.

Is there a risk to allowing PIC to bill for services?

No. For Medicaid and Denali Kid Care there are no risks to allowing PIC to bill for services. There are **no** lifetime caps or limits that are placed on these public insurances. For private insurances, the Affordable Care Act prohibits insurance companies from imposing annual limits or lifetime caps on essential health benefits. If there are limits to the number of therapy services allowed, PIC will call you to explain any limits so you can make the decision that works best for your family.

PIC can help families apply for Medicaid or Denali Kid Care if requested.

Who can I talk to if I have questions about PIC's billing policy?

You can call PIC at 907-561-8060 if you have any questions.

What happens if I don't have any insurance?

If your child is not covered under an insurance policy, your child will receive all the services without billing any insurance.

You can call PIC at 561-8060, ask to talk to someone about any questions you may have.