



New York State Department of Health
New York Early Intervention System (NYEIS) Electronic Mailing List
Co-Visits in NYEIS

Dear Colleague,

With the recent release of NYEIS Version 1.6 on June 4, 2012, a claiming validation was activated that denies a claim if 2 services were provided that overlap by more than 9 minutes unless authorized and claimed as a co-visit. The Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI) has received some questions regarding this validation specifically related to Family Training visits and Team Meetings.

As per EIP regulation, section 69-4.30(b), a billable visit shall mean a face to face contact for the provision of authorized early intervention services between a provider of early intervention services and the individual(s) receiving such services, except for service coordination as described in subdivision (c)(3) of this section. Duration shall mean the time spent by a provider of early intervention services providing direct care or client contact. Activities such as case recording, training and conferences, supervisory conferences, team meetings and administrative work are not separately billable activities.

However, it is allowable for two or more therapists providing different types and length of services to conduct co-visits if authorized on the IFSP. The details of the plan for the co-visits should be spelled out on the IFSP with specific information about the purpose and appropriateness of the co-visits, and also information on location, frequency, duration, and identification of the professionals who will be delivering the co-visits. The total number of units authorized on the Service Authorization (SA) for a specific service will include the number of co-visits authorized. It is the responsibility of the municipality to ensure that the IFSP contains the necessary information for authorization of co-visits determined by the IFSP team to be needed.

Reimbursement for team meetings when the parent is not present is factored into the reimbursement rates for provision of EIP services. Providers cannot bill or be reimbursed for attendance at these type of team and/or IFSP meetings. A team meeting where the family is present could be considered a co-visit if approved on the IFSP and Service Authorization as a co-visit and billed as such. Additionally, if a service is being provided to the child and a service is being provided to the family at the same time, this should also be reflected in the IFSP/Service Authorizations and billed as a co-visit since there are 2 therapists providing services to the child and/or family at the same time.

The guidance issued in 2006 by the Bureau is posted in the NYEIS User Manual Documents on the Health Commerce System - Appendix G. Any questions on how to locate this, please contact the NYEIS Helpdesk at (518) 640-8390.

The recent inclusion of this validation in NYEIS is effective for any claim entered into the system after the new version was installed (6/4/2012) including those services provided prior to this date as this has been the Bureau's guidance for many years regarding co-visits and these services should have always been authorized and billed in this fashion if appropriate for the child and family. If you have additional questions related to the Bureau's guidance, please contact the Bureau of Early Intervention at BEI@health.state.ny.us or by calling (518) 473-7016.

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Thank you.

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