Activity Sheet 12

Putting It All Together: Case Study I

Instructions: You've heard a lot about how early intervention services are funded and what the Part C regulations require of States and lead agencies. This activity looks at two case studies. You've been given one of those studies. Your task is to fill in the blanks in the story, using words or phrases listed in the *Word Box.* Each word or phrase is used only once in the story.

The Part C Lead Agency ξ the Medicaid Agency = in the Same Agency

This occurs in about 50% of States.



Meet Susana

Susana is almost two years old and has Down's syndrome. Her IFSP team, which includes Susana's parents, determines that Susana needs speech therapy twice a week for 30 minutes and occupational therapy once a week for 30 minutes. Susana is eligible

for Medicaid, but her parents have not yet enrolled her in Medicaid.

The State & Its Policies

Susana lives with her family in a State where the
Part C lead agency is the same agency that
administers(1).
The State has a(2) that
expressly requires parents to pay some costs (true
in less than 25 States). State written policies and
regulations include the following:

•	Based on parents'	<u>(3)</u> , the State
	charges parents fees on a _	(4)
	for some Part C services and	l for co-payments

Word Box

Use these words or phrases to fill in the blanks in Susana's story.

ability to pay	Medicaid

assessments no-cost protections

at no cost parental consent

copays premiums

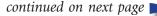
deductibles sliding scale

El services system of payments

inability to pay written notification

incurring costs

and deductibles related to using parents' insurance.



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Now What?

The family's service coordinator meets with Susana's parents and explains:

- the State's system of payments;
- that Medicaid can pay for some of Susie's EI services if the parents enroll Susie in Medicaid;
- that one incentive to enrolling Susie in Medicaid is that it will ensure that she has access to health insurance not only for IDEA Part C services but also for medical care such as well baby visits and immunization shots; and
- that parents do not have to enroll Susie in Medicaid and that the EIS program will still provide the services to Susana and family.

Word Box			
ability to pay	Medicaid		
assessments	no-cost protections		
at no cost	parental consent		
copays	premiums		
deductibles	sliding scale		
EI services	system of payments		
inability to pay	written notification		
incurring costs			

(10) and(11), that the			
parents may incur as a result of participating in a			
public benefits or insurance program, depending			
on the State's definition of(12).			
The notice also clarifies that certain core Part C			
services must always be provided(13),			
including all evaluations,(14),			
IFSP meetings, procedural safeguards, and service			
coordination services.			

Result

Susie's parents agree to enroll Susie in Medicaid.

Note that if the parents had not agreed to enroll Susie in Medicaid, the EIS program would still have to provide ______(15).