

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 & 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' _____ (3), the State charges parents fees on a _____ (4) for some Part C services and for co-payments

Word Box

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

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| 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 | |

and deductibles related to using parents' insurance.

- The early intervention service (EIS) program is required to obtain _____ (5) for using public insurance, because Susana is not already enrolled in Medicaid.

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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.

The service coordinator also provides parents with _____ (6) of the _____ (7) under IDEA Part C, which specify that the State may not use a child's public benefits or insurance to pay for Part C services without obtaining parental consent if that use would result in parents _____ (8) such as a decrease in the child (or family's) available lifetime coverage, an increase in _____ (9), or a loss of coverage for the child or family. The notice also provides information about the out-of-pocket costs, such as

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_____ (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).