

“What if I can’t afford the cost?”

Your family may not be denied early intervention services based on an inability to pay your insurance copays, co-insurance or deductibles. Completing the form given to you will determine your ability or inability to pay. If we determine that you are able to pay for these costs, you will be responsible to pay them in full. Your FRC and service provider will help you in this process.

A family may ask for a redetermination of their ability to pay their insurance copays, co-insurance, deductibles or monthly family fee any time there is a change in family income or expenses.

If a family falls behind more than 90 days in paying their copays, co-insurance, deductibles or monthly family fee, the EI program may suspend IFSP services until a payment plan is developed with the EI program.

“I thought my insurance covered the cost for early intervention services.”

Some health insurance plans may cover some EI services while others do not. The EI program will work individually with you to determine your family’s cost participation, if any, for your child’s IFSP services. Family Cost Participation (FCP) is necessary to ensure that all eligible children have access to services.

Questions or Concerns?

The Program Director at your early intervention (EI) program should be able to answer any questions you have about the Family Cost Participation (FCP) or early intervention services.



Your Family Resources Coordinator (FRC) is:

Phone: _____

Program: _____

Washington Early Intervention Services

Family Cost Participation (FCP)

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Washington Early Intervention (EI) Services

“What does the early intervention (EI) program cost?”

There is no way to know upfront what it will cost for your child’s EI services. We won’t know that information until we talk with you and determine what you want to see happen for your child and family as a result of participating in early intervention. The services your child and family will receive are based on your family’s priorities, resources, concerns and your child’s needs. They will be determined by you and the team you are working with. Early intervention services are individualized to each child and family.



Is there a cost for services?

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal law that guides how early intervention services (EI) are provided. IDEA permits Family Cost Participation (FCP) for some EI services. FCP includes the use of a family’s public or private insurance. Under some circumstances, FCP may also include family fees.

“I thought services were free.”

Part C of IDEA requires that some EI activities are provided at no cost to your family. Those activities include:

- **Child Find** (outreach to find children who might be eligible for EI).
- **Evaluation and Assessment** (to determine if a child is eligible for EI).
- **Service Coordination** (activities that find resources for families).
- **Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)** development and reviews of family plan.
- **Family Rights** (known as procedural safeguards and due process).

“How will I know if there will be a cost?”

A form you will be asked to complete will assist you in determining if there will be any cost for services. If you give consent on the form to use your public or private insurance and agree to pay your copays, co-insurance and deductibles, you will not have to provide any financial information. If you think you will be unable to pay your insurance copays, co-insurance and deductibles, financial information will need to be provided to determine if there will be any cost for services.

“What if I choose not to give information about my income or health insurance?”

Families have the right not to provide information about their income or allow the program to bill their public or private health insurance. If you choose not to provide income information, apply for Medicaid (if eligible), or allow the program to bill your insurance, you will be assessed a monthly family fee to pay for services provided that are subject to Family Cost Participation (FCP) based on your family size and income.

More detailed information about potential family costs is provided in the System of Payments and Fees Policy that the Family Resources Coordinator (FRC) will give you.

Family income and expense information is confidential. It is not available to any other program (public or private) without your written permission.

“What if I move or transfer to another early intervention program?”

You will need to provide information about your family’s size, income and insurance to the new EI program and provide consent to use your public or private insurance to help pay for services at the new program.