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Dear Early Intervention Services Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify provider requirements for screenings and evaluations.

Page 2-8 in the Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook dated July 2005 states screenings and evaluations must be performed by a minimum of two licensed healing arts professionals from different disciplines, at least one of whom must be enrolled as a Medicaid early intervention provider.

Effective June 1, 2006, screenings may be performed by one early intervention professional. This means an Infants and Toddlers Developmental Specialist (ITDS) can perform screenings, bill Medicaid, and be reimbursed.

Effective June 1, 2006, evaluations may be performed by an ITDS if a licensed health care professional acting within his or her scope of practice is part of the evaluation team. Billing for these evaluations should be done using the licensed health care professional's early intervention provider number.

The Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook is under revision to include these changes.

If you have questions, you may contact Richelle Cook in the Bureau of Medicaid Services at (850) 922-7316 or your area Medicaid office.

Sincerely,

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