



Reminder: Federal Entitlement to Medicaid and Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services

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This notice focuses on and clarifies the situations where Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) contractors are providing similar services from more than one type of provider for our Medicaid members.

Early childhood Intervention (ECI)

Early childhood Intervention (ECI) is a state-wide program for children, birth to age three, with disabilities and developmental delays. A child must have a medically diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay and auditory or visual impairment, or a developmental delay, to be eligible and receive ECI services from an ECI contractor.

Reminder

The Health and Human Services Commission was notified of home health agencies and rehabilitation centers in the following service areas: Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo, MRSA Central, and MRSA West requiring families to choose between ECI services and other Medicaid-covered therapy services.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) would like to ensure that our providers are not creating barriers to access medically necessary Medicaid services, including ECI services for our Medicaid members.

Please review the federal entitlement to Medicaid and ECI services as described in [UMCM, Chapter 16.1, Section 16.1.9](#).

Based on the federal statutory language, rules, and guidance, located in the federal entitlement, families do not have to choose between ECI and other Medicaid services providers. If there is a medical necessity for Medicaid services, the child is entitled to receive her or his services from multiple providers.

Questions

For questions or additional information, please:

- Contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Network team at **1-855-212-1615**, or
- Submit via email to [Texas Medicaid Network Department](#)