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To: All Early Intervention Stakeholders

From: Ann Freiburg, Chief *AMF*
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Re: Early Intervention Weekly Update

For the week ending June 26, 2020, we finish our fifth week of meeting as a workgroup to establish a clear plan for moving forward during the remaining Phases of Restore Illinois. As Phase 4 is now a reality, the workgroup is completing a final draft of a plan for resuming in-person service delivery that adheres to safety guidelines.

With this week's update, we continue to support the use of all policies and procedures previously developed for service delivery in Early Intervention (EI) during COVID19, including Phone Consultation, Live Video Visits, and limited medical/clinic-based face-to-face services, until further notice. Our partners continue to develop [resources](#) to support this work.

The Phased Plan to Re-Open Early Intervention workgroup met on June 23, 2020 and received updates from the subgroups working on pieces of the plan that will be included in the final draft. We are currently incorporating the feedback of the workgroup into the draft plan as well as reaching out to Illinois Department of Public Health experts to ensure that our approach aligns with their recommendations.

As expressed previously, the draft guidance to re-open Illinois Early Intervention includes an outline for service delivery during each phase of the Restore Illinois plan. It permits flexibility in service delivery utilizing continued Phone Consultation, Live Video Visits and limited face-to face interactions during Phase 4. It is anticipated that this approach will increase access to families until the data and science allow for the full re-opening across all regions of the State.

The workgroup will continue meeting weekly until the plan for services during each phase of Restore Illinois has been completed. The finalized guidance will be posted sometime next week and will include an implementation date in the near future to allow families, providers and service coordinators time to plan. An important part of this planning will include assessing individual family, provider, and service coordinator comfort level with the available modes of service delivery. Look for another update next week as we commit to consistent communication!