

December 29, 2025

D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – FINAL EARLY INTERVENTION  
INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

As described in the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) June 2024 [correspondence](#), the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Early Intervention measure utilizes data to measure the amount of time between the regional center's purchase of service start date and the first date on which a newly authorized early intervention service was provided to a child less than three years of age in the Early Start program.

This directive provides instructions for regional centers to distribute incentive payments for early intervention services initiated during 2024 in Quarter 1 (January, February and March 2024), Quarter 2 (April, May, and June 2024), Quarter 3 (July, August, and September 2024), and Quarter 4 (October, November, and December 2024). In addition, the final incentive list includes services initiated in each quarter that were not included in the previous incentive lists based upon newly received claims for service during that period.

This incentive list includes all incentive payments for the measure in a comprehensive spreadsheet. Regional centers may disregard payments for prior quarters if those payments already have been made. Regional centers must reconcile the qualifying incentives in the attached spreadsheet with those already paid in previous Early Intervention incentive lists and should pay the difference between the amounts already paid and those newly listed in the attached spreadsheet. There will be no further updates or payment authorizations for this incentive.

### **Incentive Payment Processing**

Please share these instructions with your administrative and fiscal staff responsible for issuing payments to providers. Regional centers are asked to issue these payments within 90 days of this directive. Payments should be made under fiscal year (FY) 2023-24, in order to use older funding first, according to the subcodes shown in the spreadsheet workbooks (QE3, QE2, and QE1) uploaded to the Regional Center Portal SharePoint site. These subcodes match the amounts and timeframes listed in [Enclosure A](#) of the June 2024 [correspondence](#).

For questions regarding the QIP or the Early Intervention quality measure, please email [qipquestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto:qipquestions@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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