

Provider Alert

New York Early Intervention Law (SB-5560) Effective January 1, 2022

What is new?

As of January 1, 2022, pursuant to <u>SB-5560</u> and <u>SB-5560A</u>, New York law requires that payments for Early Intervention services will be paid to Early Intervention providers by the municipality in which the child receiving the services resides. Third party payers such as health insurers or HMOs will no longer provide payment for these services.

Who does this apply to?

- Commercial Fully Insured accounts issued in the state of New York
- New York Medicaid (caveat: FFS is paid directly by Medicaid, not a third-party payer)
- Early Intervention services defined as "services delivered to an eligible child, pursuant to an individualized family service plan under the early intervention program."

What do I need to know?

- All New York state behavioral health providers requesting payment for Early Intervention service claims (identified by adding the TL modifier) must submit their claims to the New York Early Intervention Fiscal Portal at www.eibilling.com.
- Early Intervention service claims submitted to Optum will be denied with a remark code that provides the correct billing contact information.

Where can I go for additional information?

 For additional information, please refer to the New York Early Intervention Fiscal Portal: ElBilling