

*Monroe County
Clerk of the Legislature*

**Jack Moffitt
Clerk**



**David Grant
Deputy Clerk**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: March 10, 2020
RE: Substitution of Referral No. 20-0048

At the direction of President Dr. Joe Carbone, memorializing referral no. 20-0048 entitled, “Memorializing the NYS Assembly and Senate to Pass and Governor Andrew Cuomo to Sign A00356 and S03338 Entitled, “Provides for State Funding to Municipalities for Early Intervention Services for Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families”, to Review and Revise Reimbursement Rates for Early Intervention Services, Establish Rate Equity between Early Intervention and Preschool Education Services, and Authorize a Covered Lives Assessment for EI Providers to Access Payment for Services – Democratic Minority Leader Vincent R. Felder” has been replaced with the attached document.

Attachments



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VINCENT R. FELDER
MINORITY LEADER

GEORGE J. HEBERT
LEGISLATOR-DISTRICT 15

March 9, 2020

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

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Honorable Legislators,

Early intervention has successfully helped children with disabilities and their families. We have witnessed first-hand the children who have benefitted and it is imperative we have enough providers and service coordinators to carry out this important work at a fair wage. In addition, we appeal to Governor Cuomo to ensure the Early Intervention Program more closely aligns with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a federal education law, of which it is part.

Reimbursement rates for providers, which did not restart 2009 rate reductions, and service coordinators for EI and Preschool Special Education have not been adjusted since 2011, and as a result many providers are dropping out of the program. Counties across New York State, including Monroe County, are facing a shortage of providers, as well as service coordinators. This is quickly becoming a crisis, especially in Monroe County. *In addition, we ask New York State to revise the wage structure statewide to ensure rates are in keeping with the cost of living and to establish rate equity between the EI and Preschool Special Education programs.*

Specifically, we ask that the State:

- Change state health law relating to coverage for EI services by passing bills A00356/S03338, and signing into law to increase reimbursement from private health insurance companies and authorize the covered lives program.
- Raise reimbursement rates for EI and Preschool Special Education Services by a minimum of fifteen percent each
- Establish funding and reimbursement rate equity between the EI Preschool Special Education systems.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to join us in memorializing the NYS Assembly and Senate to Pass, and Governor Andrew Cuomo to Sign A00356 and S03338 Entitled, "Provides for State Funding to Municipalities for Early Intervention Services for Toddlers with Disabilities and their families".

Respectfully Submitted,



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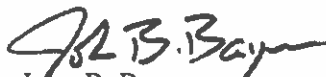
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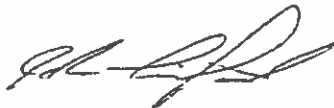
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