



To: All Birth to Three Providers

Date: 08/05/2025

Subject: Early Intervention Specialist Credential (EISC)

The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding paraprofessional staff who have attained the Early Intervention Specialist Credential and are now providing services and supports as a professional in the Connecticut Birth to Three System.

Key Information:

1. **Early Intervention Specialist Credential (EISC)** has replaced the previous Infant Toddler Family Specialist (ITFS) for staff who meet the personnel standards for professional staff under Developmental Specialist (DSP). All newly credentialed DSP/EISC must adhere to all current procedures and policies set forth by the CT Birth to Three System. Please refer to the personnel standards, the credentialing and certification guidance, and the EISC Manual on the B23 website for additional information.
2. **Personnel Standards:** Until Personnel Standards are revised to include EISC, staff will be dually awarded the Developmental Therapy Specialist designation with the distinction of EISC (DSP/EISC).
3. **Service Delivery:** DSP/EISC are considered professional providers per the CT Birth to Three System's personnel standards, and therefore, may provide Early Intervention Treatment Services (EITS), Evaluation, Assessment, and IFSP services. All newly credentialed EISC staff previously providing supports as a paraprofessional can begin signing and billing under the professional designation of DSP/EISC once their credential is approved. It is best practice to update each IFSP with the family as soon as practicable to ensure the service grid represents the new credential. Until that can be done, the service provided by the DSP/EISC must be marked as a "variation from the IFSP".

4. **IFSP:** During the next IFSP review meeting, the newly credentialed EISC staff must be listed on the service grid as DSP.
5. **Payment Process:** The billing of services provided by a DSP/EISC must adhere to the Payment Procedure as well as be documented in the service delivery screen of the Birth to Three Data System according to current procedures and will be billed under the DSP.

This addition to the Birth to Three data system and personnel standards supports our ongoing mission to provide comprehensive, high-quality, and family-centered services to children across Connecticut. Please keep in mind:

- Services provided by an EISC credentialed DSP must adhere to all standards and procedures of the Birth to Three System.
- EISC/DSPs must be considered as part of the larger transdisciplinary approach, ensuring that goals are family-centered, activity-based, and aligned with the child's IFSP.

For any questions or further clarifications, please feel free to reach out to our office. Thank you for your dedication to providing quality services to Connecticut's children and families.