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TO: First Steps providers

FROM: Pam Thomas, Coordinator for Early Intervention Services

RE: Early Intervention (EI) Examiners

As you know, Missouri identified the Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC) as a uniform instrument to assist with eligibility determination of developmental delay according to First Steps criteria. According to the publisher, Pro-Ed, qualifications to administer the DAYC include formal training in assessment procedures and a thorough understanding of testing statistics and general procedures governing test administration, scoring, and interpretation. Thus, a variety of First Steps providers can administer all domains of the DAYC.

The System Point of Entry (SPOE) is responsible for identification of the necessary number of providers to assist with the initial evaluation for eligibility in the SPOE region. The SPOE will contact providers, as needed, and invite these providers to attend a DESE-sponsored training provided by the Area Directors.

Beginning September 1, 2009, providers who have successfully completed a DESE-sponsored training will be enrolled as "EI Examiners." When selected to administer the DAYC, the EI Examiner will receive a one (1) time authorization for a flat rate of \$200 to administer the DAYC, write a report using the *DAYC Evaluation Summary*, and submit the report to the SPOE.

With the implementation of the EI Examiner authorization, it is expected that each *DAYC Evaluation Summary* will include a rich, detailed description of the child and family routines gathered during the testing session. After the provider sends the report to the SPOE, it is the responsibility of the SPOE to determine eligibility and inform the family of the determination.

Note: When a provider submits a claim to be paid as an EI Examiner, this procedure does not require a specific Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code for payment.

For more information on the DAYC, please visit our website at:
<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/FirstSteps/DAYCindexpg.htm>