GUIDANCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD MICHIGAN MANDATORY SPECIAL EDUCATION (MMSE) AND EARLY ON® SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS BIRTH TO THREE (B-3) FUNDING SUPPORT

Birth to 3 aged child – may be eligible for Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) and/or eligible for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Early On®).

Evaluations conducted to determine eligibility for MMSE services shall meet the requirements of 34 CFR 303.321 of IDEA and R340.1705-340.1717 and 340.1862 of Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education.

**Child is determined to be Part C eligible ONLY.**

Child has an IFSP indicating services will follow Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Early On).

District receives reimbursement under federal Part C only.

The district receives no reimbursement for personnel under state aid for special education and does not receive a foundation allowance or FTE for the child.

**Child is determined to be eligible for Part C AND MMSE.**

Child has an IFSP indicating a disability and determines if the child needs special education related services only or services under MARSE rule 340.1862.

Child needs MARSE 340.1862 services. This is a more comprehensive approach that involves an early childhood special education teacher.

The IFSP will indicate 340.1862 services complete with the duration, frequency and location.

Services are provided by an approved or endorsed early childhood special education teacher or approved related services provider in an appropriate early childhood setting, school setting, community setting or family setting.

The services shall have a parent participation component.

District receives a FTE and foundation allowance reimbursement.

Services must be provided for not less than 72 clock hours within one year.

Approved related staff shall work under the educational direction of an early childhood special education teacher who is part of every IFSP meeting and has contact with the child once a month and signs off on the service provider logs.

The district receives state aid reimbursement for the cost of the approved service providers under Section 51a of the State School Aid Act on the SE-4096 Actual Cost Report.

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