

Early On® - GEER funds may be used for the following three purposes:

- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for providers and families of children eligible for *Early On* for use during home visits/service provision. These supports must help providers and families return to in-person services.
- Program and assessment materials to leave with families to support children between visits. These supports must help children and families adopt or improve remote learning or return to in-person services.
- Provide technology/connectivity for families of children eligible for *Early On* who need to participate in remote services and cannot be due to technology barriers. These supports must help children and families adopt or improve remote learning.

The following chart demonstrates clarification on allowable expenditures in addressing pandemic needs through GEER, Section 54d, and federal Part C funds.

Expenditure Type	GEER Allowable Cost	Section 54d Allowable Cost	Federal Part C Allowable Cost
Collapsible tent/covering for outdoor services	No. Concern about sanitation, safety concerns with sides on tent, and about how much of year this could be useful to justify it as a reasonable cost.	No. Concern about sanitation and about how much of year this could be useful to justify it as a reasonable cost.	No. Concern about sanitation and about how much of year this could be useful to justify it as a reasonable cost.
Gas cards for transportation to service locations	No. The only allowable expenditure related to in-person services is PPE.	No. May have parents seek reimbursement for mileage.	No. May have parents seek reimbursement for mileage.
PPE for staff or families	Yes	Yes	Yes
Digital signatures	Yes, this would be considered part of connectivity for families and supports remote services. If software will also be used by other programs, would need to need to prorate costs appropriate to program.	Yes. If software will be used by other programs, need to prorate costs.	Yes. If software will also be used by other programs, need to prorate costs.

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Technology devices for families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablets • <i>Surface Pro</i> tablets with microphones and cameras • iPads and iPad cases • Tripods • Computing devices and cases 	Yes , if clear in budget and/or narrative that equipment is for families and to support remote services, not for staff use.	Yes, for families or staff.	Yes, for families or staff.
Hotspots, data plans, and/or internet service fees	Yes, if clear in budget and/or narrative that equipment is for families and to support remote services, not for staff use.	Yes, for families or staff.	Yes, for families or staff.
Document cameras	No. Technology must be for family use.	Yes, if can provide documentation showing it as reasonable, necessary, and allocable.	Yes, if can provide documentation showing it as reasonable, necessary, and allocable.
Filtering software or other software	If requesting filtering software, discuss with <i>Early On</i> consultant.	If requesting filtering software, discuss with <i>Early On</i> consultant.	If requesting filtering software, discuss with <i>Early On</i> consultant.
Green Screen kit to support Virtual Playgroup to engage infants and toddlers in a more meaningful way.	No. Technology and materials must be for family use.	Yes, if can provide documentation showing it as reasonable, necessary, and allocable.	Yes, if can provide documentation showing it as reasonable, necessary, and allocable.
Developmentally appropriate consumable materials for use by families to enhance play and learning opportunities to support early intervention strategies between visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manipulatives • books • toys 	Yes, if the grant indicates that the materials are intended for use by families between visits. Primary use may not be for staff use during visits.	Yes, with discussion between MDE consultant and ISD providing TA around use of natural environment materials and research-based practice to extent possible.	Yes, with discussion between MDE consultant and ISD providing TA around use of natural environment materials and research-based practice to extent possible.

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Therapy/playgroup materials/resources	No. Materials for in-person services is limited to PPE. Materials for remote services is limited to technology/ connectivity for families. Program materials must be intended for use by families between visits/services. Primary use may not be for staff use in general or for use during visits/services by staff or families.	Yes, with discussion between MDE consultant and ISD providing TA around use of natural environment materials and research-based practice to extent possible.	Yes, with discussion between MDE consultant and ISD providing TA around use of natural environment materials and research-based practice to extent possible.
Evaluation/ Assessment Tools and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA Manipulative and Assessment Kits • Peabody Materials to be left for Door Drops to complete evaluations virtually • Developmental Profile 4 and REEL 4 to be used for MMSE and/or Part B Special Education evaluations virtually 	No, if materials are only for remote evaluation. Yes, with conversation with consultant if primarily for families to use between visits. Conversation must ensure materials are intended for use by families between visits if not explicitly written. Primary use may not be for staff use during visits/evaluations, especially materials specific to an evaluation tool.	Yes	Yes
e-DECA Assessment license and individual ratings	No. Assessment materials must be for family use between visits, not for staff use at visits.	Yes, but conversation with consultant first to ensure coordination with State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) work.	Yes, but conversation with consultant first to ensure coordination with SSIP work.