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Subject: SFY 2012 Final Help Me Grow Allocation Table

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the final SFY12 Help Me Grow (HMG) allocations. Attached you will find the final SFY12 HMG allocation table. It is very similar to the draft allocation table sent on April 12, 2011. The only significant change is the addition of columns regarding the subsidy agreement. As you know, we are providing some flexibility in SFY12 with the subsidy agreement. Although the SFY12 subsidy agreement is intended for Home Visiting funds, up to 38% of the funds allocated through the subsidy agreement in SFY12 may be used to help support Part C / Early Intervention. It should be noted that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) intends for SFY 12 to be a transition year in many regards including the anticipation that we will have a more rigorous Part C / Early Intervention eligibility standard when the new Help Me Grow rules are implemented in January 2012.

As you may be aware, the recently passed budget bill, HB 153, required the Director of the ODH to convene an Early Intervention Workgroup to focus on eligibility. The workgroup will examine the current Part C / Early Intervention eligibility standards and recommend new ones. Their first meeting is July 15, 2011. We will keep you informed of the progress of the group.

The SFY12 subsidy agreement will be sent to local staff in the near future with a webcast scheduled for July 12, 2011 to explain the subsidy agreement as well as the various attachments that need to be submitted to the ODH.

The ODH has also decided to delay the implementation of Medicaid for Help Me Grow Home Visiting until July 1, 2012, pending approval of the associated State Plan Amendment. We want to ensure that sufficient time is devoted to training Home Visiting providers in the nuances of Medicaid. We hope that this information is helpful to counties as they finalize their SFY12 budgets.

We will discuss the above topics on July 12, 2011 during the webcast.

Attachment