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The Honorable Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
The Honorable Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair
Legislative Regulations Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Current Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Regulations Concerning Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers and Their Families (aka "Birth to Three").

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Enclosed for the Legislative Regulation Review Committee's consideration are proposed amendments to Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 17a-248-1 to 17a-248-14, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. These regulations concern the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers and Their Families (aka "Birth to Three").

These amendments are being proposed in response to the federal Office of Special Education Programs' (OSEP) requirement that the fee schedule in subsection (b) of section 17a-248-13 be removed and replaced by a schedule of insurance co-payments for any parent whose child receives services from the Birth to Three System and who has an insurance policy and does not assign to the lead agency the right of recovery. This insurance co-payment would be in addition to any contribution that applies to all parents. In addition, these proposed amended regulations make conforming and technical changes.

Please contact Rod O'Connor, Legislative and Regulations Analyst, at 418-6130, with any questions you have regarding the proposed amendments to these regulations.

Sincerely,

Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Kirstin L. Breiner, Administrator