

Birth to Three Opposition

My name is Megan Pirrello. I live in Beacon Falls, CT. I am a Special Education Teacher and have been a Birth to Three professional since January 2009.

I am concerned about the changes in Birth to Three. I think a change in the Lead Agency and a change in billing practices for Medicaid is too much. Medicaid billing will place enormous burdens on the provider community. This will impact the quality and reliability of the valuable services that Birth to Three provides to the vulnerable children of CT.

Research has shown that 51% of the children who receive Birth to Three services no longer require Special Education services at age 5; which not only promotes the child's independent learning, it also benefits the school districts and the government by eliminating the cost of the Special Education services that would have been required without the early intervention. I ask you to find an alternative for Medicaid billing that will ensure the continuity of excellent services and supports for Connecticut's children and families. Please contact me with any questions at (203) 365-8953.

Respectfully,

Megan Pirrello, MA