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To: All North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program Staff, Providers, and Stakeholders

From: Sharon E. Loza, Early Intervention Branch Head

Date: March 30, 2020

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Updated Guidance

The North Carolina Early Intervention Branch is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely. Since the memo dated March 18, 2020, North Carolina has seen an exponential increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and six deaths. In addition, the Governor has issued a statewide Stay at Home Order (Executive Order No. 121) with the intent of ensuring that the maximum number of people stay home in order to limit face-to-face interactions among people and to slow the transmission of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible.

In order to continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program (ITP) will continue to suspend face-to-face services for the Children's Developmental Services agencies until April 29, 2020, after which date the program will re-evaluate the status.

We will be providing ongoing teleservices and beginning implementation of statewide teletherapy. The teletherapy implementation timeline is being aligned with Medicaid teletherapy policies for services that Children's Developmental Service Agencies staff and contract providers offer to families in the ITP.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to infants/toddlers and their families in the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program.

cc: Mr. Mark Benton
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