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## FIT Family Fact Sheet 1 - Insurance

- The Department of Health, Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program provides early intervention services statewide through provider agreements with a network of private provider agencies. Your FIT provider agency is \_\_\_\_\_\_
- The Department of Health, Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program pays for early intervention services with funds including: New Mexico state general funds; an annual grant from the US Department of Education; Medicaid; and private health insurance.

## Private Insurance:

- FIT Program early intervention services are included as a benefit under private health insurance plans (as a result of Senate Bill 589 passed in 2005).
- Private health insurance plans are required to pay for FIT Program early intervention services, up to a yearly cap (maximum) of \$3,500. Early intervention services provided over this amount are paid by the Department of Health.
- What you should know about billing your child's health insurance plan:
  - o This will not affect your child's lifetime therapy benefit;
  - You will <u>not</u> be required to pay a co-pay;
  - You will <u>not</u> be required to pay a deductible.
- You will be asked to sign your consent (agreement) to bill your child's insurance plan and informed that you can withdraw consent at any time.
- Please make a copy of your insurance card and give it to your family service coordinator.

## Medicaid:

- Medicaid pays for FIT Program early intervention services (Department of Health pays the state match).
- Families will not be required to pay a co-pay for FIT services funded by Medicaid and it will not affect your child's lifetime benefit through Medicaid.
- You will be asked to sign your consent (agreement) to bill your child's Medicaid plan and informed that you can withdraw consent at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the FIT Program toll free 1 (877) 696-1472 or (505) 476-8974.

