**Early Intervention ICC Fiscal & Operations Subcommittee meeting, January 09, 2025**

**Roll Call** (\*appointed members)**:**

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| **Name** | **Email address** | **Present: Y/N** |
| Lori Russell **(co-chair) \*** | lrussell@aspiredevelopmental.org | Y |
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| Tanya Mateer | tmateer@thomchild.org | Y |
| Karen LaPan | klapan@thomchild.org | Y |
| Dina Tedeschi |  | Y |
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**Agenda**

* **Welcome & Roll Call**
	+ Lori Rusell provided opening comments and conducted roll call.
* **Review and Approval of Minutes from September Meeting**
	+ November 2024 notes were reviewed, voted on, and were unanimously approved (LR, SG, JW).
* **Fiscal Federal & State Updates**
	+ DMS 2.0 onsite visit begins November 17, 2025.
	+ Rough draft for the Updated Reimbursement Manual is still under review and not ready to bring to the ICC Fiscal Subcommittee.
	+ Ask Away training has been added to the mass.gov Early Intervention webpage.
	+ FY26 budget expected to be released this month.
	+ Review of Part C Application in the next 2 months.
	+ Question on Assessment Hours (CW): Waiver vs submitting as home visits. The reimbursement manual to be updated with some detailed information on this issue.
	+ Concerns over the waiver approval timeframe (time between the application and approval of the waiver) expressed by Programs.
	+ Ask Away training has been added to the mass.gov Early Intervention webpage.
* **Review of ICC General Session**
	+ For the fiscal impact for the requirement of 2 BDIs, increase in assessment/evaluation hours and availability would be critical.
	+ SG would be reach out to the COSS for specific details.
	+ Adding more assessment hours would have an impact on the budget as well.
* **Ongoing business**
	+ Summary of expenditures for EI services against State Funding shared with the Fiscal Sub-committee. Historic rate increases impacted the expenditures.
	+ At the current rate of spending, State funding line - $30 million anticipated to be spent before the end of FY 25.
	+ Chapter 257 funds ($8 million) requested to be released early to manage the FY 25 expenditures.
	+ Next ICC Fiscal Sub-Committee meeting: February 13, 2025.