



SOPAF

Draft Policy Revisions

WA State Early Support for
Infants and Toddlers Program

Timeline Overview



**November 2023 thru
January 2024**
Monthly Meetings



February 2024
Review Revised
Policy:
OSEP

SICC Finance and
Public Policy

SOPAF Workgroup

Internal ESIT State
Leadership Office



March 2024
60 Day Public
Comment Period



May 2024
Submit to OSEP
with Federal
Grant Application

Priority Focus Areas

“Ability to Pay”

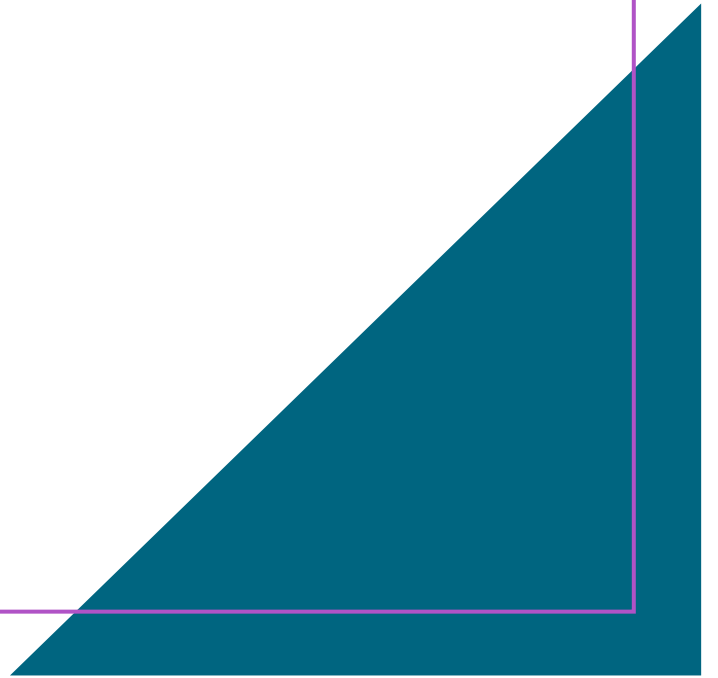
Monthly Fee
Schedule

High-deductible
Plans

Hardship Exemption

Recommendations

Proposed Revisions





Ability to Pay

- Current
 - Adjusted Gross Income above 200% FPL
 - Unreimbursed Expenses over 10% Allowed
 - Ability to waive Determination
 - Reviewed Annually
 - *Changes*
 - *Offer family choice between Monthly Participation Fee or Paying Co-pays/Co-insurance/Deductibles – Informed Decision*
 - *10% Unreimbursed Expense Allowance – Eliminate, ability to claim all unreimbursed expenses*
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Monthly Fee Schedule

- Current
 - Ability to Pay Determination
 - Family Denies Access to Insurance
 - Family has No Insurance
 - Flat Rate for All EIS on IFSP
- *Changes*
 - *No Benefit = Monthly Fee*
 - *Benefit Maxed-out = Monthly Fee*
 - *Reimbursement Denied for all services on the IFSP = Monthly Fee*
 - *Reimbursement denied for some but not all = At No Cost*



High Deductible Plan

- *Current*
 - *Considered Nonviable if Above \$5K*
 - *Services At No Cost*
 - *Changes:*
 - *No carve out*
 - *Ability to Pay Determination*
 - *Hardship Exemption*
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Hardship Exemption

- *Brand New Statewide Criteria*
 - *Ability to Pay Determination*
 - *Extenuating Circumstances*
 - *Reviewed every 6 months*
 - *Parent Attestation*

Hardship Defined

When a family who has been determined to have the ability to pay and who indicates they are still unable to meet their family cost participation obligation due to unexpected events or unforeseen changes that impact cash flow, including but not limited to:

1. A change in income or expenditures
2. Any significant and/or ongoing medical expense(s)
3. A change in employment status (i.e., loss of job or reduced hours)
4. A significant life event (i.e. divorce, relationship breakdown, injury, illness or death in the family) or
5. An emergency or natural disaster.

Hardship Exemption

Families who have been billed co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles, and approved for a hardship exemption; the ESIT Provider Agency may use other agency funds, including Part C payer of last resort funds, to cover these costs.

Recommendations

Consider increasing “Ability to Pay” criteria to match Apple Health for Kids CHIP criteria after impact study is conducted.

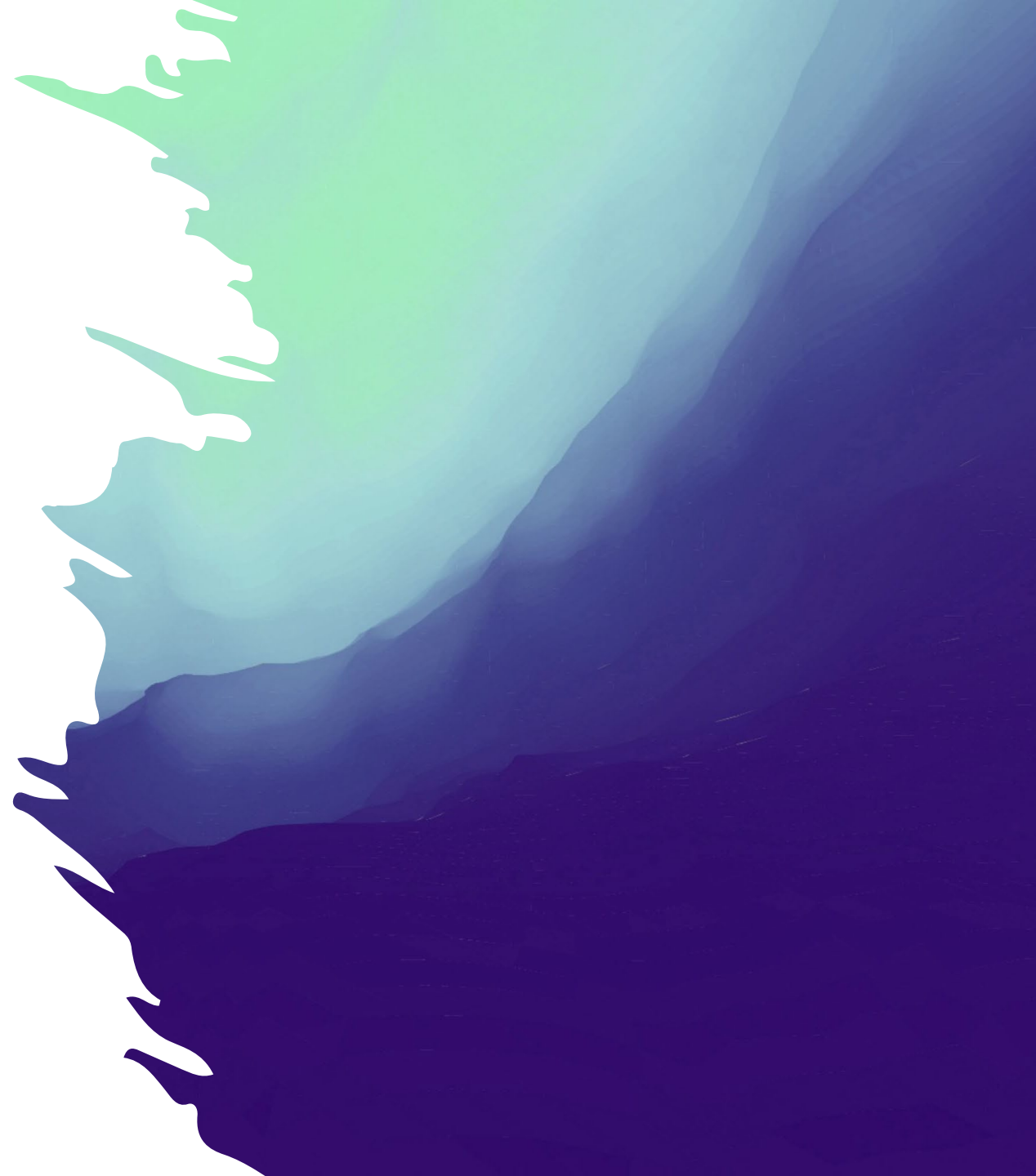
Consider a monthly cap on family fees after impact study is conducted

Eliminate all Family Fees

Establish Safety Net Funding

90-day Training & TA Period (July-Sept)

Effective for all families enrolled after October 2024



Next Steps:

February

Internal/External Review

March

Public Comment Period - March

May

Submit with FFY25 Grant Application

July-Sept 2024

90-day Training & TA period

Oct 2024

Proposed Effective Date



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