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BABYNET UPDATE

TO: BabyNet Providers and Service Coordinators

SUBJECT: Consent to Use Insurance Resources Form Updates

Pursuant to federal regulations related to operating South Carolina's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C program, known as BabyNet, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), requires use of the *Consent to Use Insurance Resources* form. Use of this form is federally required to obtain informed, written parental consent from parents of BabyNet-enrolled children before billing private insurance for early intervention services. SCDHHS is announcing updates to the processing of this form and updates to the form itself.

Process Update

To support roles and responsibilities of service coordinators, SCDHHS is returning responsibility of obtaining and ensuring completion of the initial *Consent to Use Insurance Resources* form to the BabyNet Eligibility (Intake) Coordinator effective May 1, 2026. Changing this responsibility back to BabyNet intake coordinators will reduce administrative burden on service coordinators and allow them to focus on coordinating services for BabyNet-enrolled children.

Form Update

In addition to changing who obtains and reviews the form, the form has been amended to simplify language. For enhanced clarity, Section 3 has been revised to separate the consent and acknowledgement statements. Additionally, the exclusion statement in Section 4 on the form has been removed.

Guidance on how BabyNet services are covered in South Carolina is available in the BabyNet [System of Payments](#) policy.

For any questions related to this update, please contact Stephanie Donald at Stephanie.Donald@scdhhs.gov or call (803) 898-4439.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections and BabyNet programs.

