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Dear Health Officers and Executive Directors:

We wanted to make you aware of an important activity that will be initiated in the near future and to ask for your participation and cooperation. As most of you may know, state and local partners and families have been involved in the Early On<sup>®</sup> Redesign process to develop a more effective system of services for Part C of IDEA infants and toddlers and their families. The next step in the Early On<sup>®</sup> Redesign is the fiscal study. This study will provide information about how much Early On<sup>®</sup> costs and how it is funded. The results will be used to help make informed decisions about the Early On<sup>®</sup> system and to further the work of development of a comprehensive system for young children and their families.

The details of the fiscal study are included in the attached Memorandum to ISD Special Education Directors and Early On<sup>®</sup> Coordinators, and the Early On<sup>®</sup> Fiscal Study Background document. Additional information about the fiscal study is posted on line at [www.earlyonredesign.com](http://www.earlyonredesign.com), under Redesign Process, Step 3. Because of the importance of this study, we encourage you as local partners in Early On<sup>®</sup> in your communities, to participate in the study as requested.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Peeler, Early On<sup>®</sup> Coordinator for Public Health, in the Division of Family and Community Health (517-335-9230) [peelern@michigan.gov](mailto:peelern@michigan.gov), or Sheri Falvay (517-241-5762) [falvay@michigan.gov](mailto:falvay@michigan.gov), or Lori Irish (517-241-5761) [IrishL@michign.gov](mailto:IrishL@michign.gov) in the Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families.

Thank you for your assistance and participation in this phase of the Early On Redesign.

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