

FAQs - Pilot for Private Intervention Providers

1. What is the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP)?

The Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP) is a subsidy scheme that offers additional choices in Early Intervention Programmes for children who have been referred to the Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Children (EIPIC). The subsidy will help parents to defray the cost of enrolling their children in selected Private Intervention Centres (PICs). The Enhanced PPIP Subsidy scheme is administered by the Service Management and Resources Division (SMRD) of the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF).

2. What are the programmes under the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP) subsidy scheme?

The Enhanced PPIP subsidy applies to the approved Programmes offered by the following selected Private Intervention Centres (PICs):

1. AaytoZee (Hillview) Pte Ltd
2. ABC Center Pte Ltd
3. Bright Path EIP (Busy Bees Singapore Pte Ltd)
4. Genesis School
5. Ichiban Nurtureland Pte Ltd
6. Leapfrogs Therapy Centre
7. Mindchamps Allied Care @ Serangoon Gardens Pte Ltd
8. SBCC Child Development (Previously known as Thomson Paediatric Centre)
9. Train Kids Early Intervention and Educare
10. Zee Juniors

The Enhanced PPIP is an approved programme with a fixed monthly fee. The subsidy is not applicable to services where frequency and fees vary on a monthly basis e.g. ad-hoc therapy services charged on a per session basis.

3. How are Private Intervention Centres (PICs) selected to participate in the Enhanced PPIP Scheme

The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) had conducted a selection exercise to appoint 10 PPIP providers in 2018. MSF and the Evaluation Panel had deliberated through all the proposals based on the ability of the providers to provide quality early intervention programmes at an affordable fee. Besides this, the geographical spread of the appointed centres are also considered, to cater to the demand for early intervention services in Singapore

4. Who is eligible for the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP) subsidy?

Your child must be referred to SG Enable for EIPIC by the Department of Child Development at KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH DCD) or Child Development Unit at National University Hospital (NUH CDU) or a private paediatrician. Your child must also have begun enrolment in an approved programme offered by one of the selected Private Intervention Centres (PICs).

The subsidy will cease when the child:

1. is enrolled in a mainstream or special education school; or
2. is enrolled in a government-funded Voluntary Welfare Organisation EIPIC centre; or
3. is no longer enrolled in the approved programme by the selected Private Intervention Centres (PIC)s; or;
4. turns 7 years old (the last subsidy pay-out is when the child is 6 years and 11 months).

5. Will children enrolled in the Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP) programme also benefit from the reduced fees as announced in January 2019?

Children enrolled in the approved PPIP programmes will be assessed for means-tested subsidies based on the revised monthly per capita income tiers. This will translate to lower fees for many parents. Parents will be informed of the increases in subsidies (if applicable) by MSF.

6. What is the application process?

Upon receiving your child's EIPIC referral from the Department of Child Development at KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH DCD) or Child Development Unit at National University Hospital (NUH CDU) or a private paediatrician, SG Enable will contact the parents to share more information on the various early intervention programme options. If you are keen to tap on the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP) subsidy, please approach any of the selected Private Intervention Centres (PIC)s directly to enrol your child in an approved programme.

Upon your child's enrolment in an approved programme, the PIC will inform SG Enable. The assigned officer will send you an online application form, which is to be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). You will be informed of the application outcome, subsidy period and amount by MSF-SMRD via email.

7. How is the subsidy disbursed?

Once the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PIIP) subsidy is approved, it will be reimbursed on a monthly basis directly to the bank account you have indicated on the online application form. In order to receive the subsidy, you need to pay the monthly fee in full as shown in the PIIP Service Matrix. Reimbursement will take one to two months to process. You will not receive the subsidy if no/pro-rated fee is paid to the Private Intervention Centre (PIC). Disbursement of the subsidy is subject to the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) Service Management and Resource Division's verification of information with the PICs.

8. I own a private intervention centre. How do I register my interest to become a selected private intervention centre for Enhanced PIIP?

The Enhanced PIIP Subsidy scheme is administered by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). You may contact MSF to express your interest via General Enquiries.