



## *ESSO WEEKLY MEMO*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **1. Children's Week 2014, How to Submit Hand Artwork**

Tens of thousands of paper cut-outs of Children's hands decorated by children and their teachers are collected at child care centers and schools across the state and are hung throughout the Capitol Rotunda creating an amazing display of Children's art.

The hands remain in the Capitol Rotunda the entire week as a reminder to legislators and advocates that we must take care of our most precious commodity our children.

Schools, child care centers, and individuals from across the state have been submitting hands to hang at the Capitol for many years. The official Hanging of the Hands will take place at the State Capitol Rotunda on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Please use the following instructions to submit Children's hand artwork:**

Children's hand artwork should be stapled onto string or ribbon vertically in lengths of 8 to 10 feet. Hands must be hung vertically and strung together before mailing. Please secure hands firmly to string/ribbon (see picture below). Please do not send individual hands without connecting them to string/ribbon. You may decorate the hands with colorful artwork, stories and attach small pictures and posters (no larger than 11" x 14").

#### **All artwork must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 29th and mailed to:**

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region

Northwood Centre

1940 N. Monroe Street, Suite 70

Tallahassee, FL 32303

For information on Children's Week, please visit the website at <http://childrensweek.org/>

### **2. Pay Now or Pay (More) Later, Facebook Chat**

By now most of us have heard that investing in the early years of life is one of the best public investments that we can make. But, what new is happening? Do we have new evidence that the early years are critical to brain development and health? What do we know about whether early intervention works? How early do we need to go?

Please join [Marti Erickson](#), host of Mom Enough,<sup>®</sup> and [Megan Gunnar](#), Regents Professor and Director of the Institute of Child Development, for a LIVE Facebook chat. It's a great way to ask questions and share your views on investing in early childhood development.

For a preview of some of the ideas that might be discussed, [watch this short video](#).

#### **How do you join the chat?**

Meet Marti and Megan on the **Mom Enough Facebook wall at noon CST on Wednesday, January 22** at <http://www.facebook.com/MomEnough>. The chat will take place within a comment thread letting you know they are online and waiting for your questions. Participate and comment using your personal Facebook account or as an administrator for your organization's page.

Refresh your browser throughout the hour-long chat to view the latest questions and replies. You can monitor the chat and post comments via your computer or your mobile device.

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### **3. Florida Down Syndrome Conference 2014**

See attached [Save the Date](#) for more information.

March 7-8, 2014

University of Central Florida 4000 Central Florida Blvd. Orlando, FL 32816

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### **5. ICD-10 Webinar Series**

In order to comply with federal mandate, Florida Medicaid requires that ICD-10 codes must be used for all professional claims with dates of service on or after 10/01/2014. Institutional claims must also use ICD-10 for all claims with discharge dates on or after 10/01/2014. This is a significant transition that will affect all claims submitted to Florida Medicaid. To better prepare our provider community, AHCA and HP invite our provider communities and partners to participate in a series of upcoming ICD-10 webinars. The webinar series, Understanding ICD-10, is designed for providers who want training on billing changes and the impact of the ICD-10 transition. To register for the Understanding ICD-10 Webinar, click [here](#). For additional ICD-10 information and resources, visit the [ICD-10 pages](#) on the Public Web Portal under the Agency Initiatives menu.

### **6. Revised Alert for Early Interventions Services Providers: Medicaid Coverage and Prior Authorization of Applied Behavior Analysis for Children Under 21 with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

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## MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:

### **7. AHCA Webinar on Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services**

January 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time

The Agency for Health Care Administration will be hosting a webinar to provide potential network providers and the public the knowledge and understanding of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services program.

If you have questions that you would like to submit for consideration during the Webinar or during future Webinars, please submit your questions to

[FLMedicaidManagedCare@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:FLMedicaidManagedCare@ahca.myflorida.com).

Attendance for the webinar is limited and will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis. In order to accommodate as many participants as possible, please try to consolidate participation within your organization. If you are unable to attend, please visit the Agency YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/AHCAFlorida> to find previously held webinars as well as video coverage of AHCA events, campaigns and initiatives around the state.

#### **To join the training session:**

1. Go to <https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?7&HMAC=fb1cc71e95ceddc3e48f3f5fbb502740334aa455&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Click "Join Now".
4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

#### **To join the teleconference only:**

To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the training session.

Alternatively, you can call the following number and enter the access code:

Call-in toll-free number: 1-888-6703525 (US)

Attendee access code: 771 963 1696

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

### **8. “Health Inequities & Children with Special Health Care Needs”**

A new [fact sheet](#) discusses the importance of health insurance coverage for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and groups of CSHCN at greater risk for un-insurance. [Health Inequities and Children with Special Health Care Needs](#) includes topics such as household income, race and ethnicity, functional status, age, primary household language, and immigration status. Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the fact sheet also discusses activities to identify problems associated with insurance inequities and how they impact families of CSHCN, as well as strategies and best practices used by states to address health inequities.

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued:

### **9. Presentation Proposals Now Being Accepted for the 2014 One Goal Summer Conference**

The One Goal Summer Conference will be held July 16-18, 2014 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown and will include general sessions, concurrent presentations, and exhibits of materials.

Workshop presentation proposals are now being accepted. An electronic version of the Presenter Proposal Form is located on the conference website at <http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org>. The deadline for proposal submission is April 7, 2014. All proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee and the primary presenter noted on the proposal will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of the proposal.

The conference registration fee of \$75 will be waived for the primary presenter only. All co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred.

For more information on the One Goal Summer Conference, please contact Frankie Allen at (850) 893-6270 or [frankieallen\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:frankieallen_2000@yahoo.com).

## EMPLOYEE AND LES SPOTLIGHT

### **10. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight**

Has one of your co-workers received an award? Has your LES hosted a successful event or been mentioned in the media? Then this section is for you! Please submit items for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either **LES/ ESSO Employees OR Local Early Steps Programs**. All entries must be emailed to Katie Williams and Patricia Herring by 5:00 EST on Tuesdays. The subject line should read "ESSO Weekly Memo Entry." **Please include a picture when possible.**



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## PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

### 11. List of Program Managers and their Contact Information

The assigned program manager at ESSO is the primary contact person for the LES to submit questions, issues or concerns to. The program manager will be responsible for responding to the LES and prior to responding, will inform and involve others in the ESSO, when necessary, to assist in clarifying or resolving the issue. **Early Steps State Office Telephone Number - (850) 245-4444**

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*Global Down Syndrome Educational Grant Seminar Series*

# Florida Down Syndrome Conference 2014



## March 7-8, 2014

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# FLORIDA MEDICAID

A Division of the Agency for Health Care Administration

## Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert January 2014

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**Provider Type(s): 07, 16, 25, 26, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 91**

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This alert describes provider qualifications, recipient eligibility criteria, the prior authorization request process, service codes and reimbursement rates, the billing process, place of service codes, and instructions for managed care plans. These services require prior authorization.

#### **Provider Qualifications:**

ABA services described in this alert must be rendered by Infant Toddler Developmental

Specialists who have certification in behavior analysis and are enrolled as Early Intervention Services providers (see page 1-4 of the Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook for ITDS enrollment criteria) and who have received prior authorization from Medicaid for the service.

### **Recipient Eligibility Criteria:**

Qualified treating practitioners may render medically necessary ABA to children having any of the following ICD-9 diagnosis codes: 299, 299.0, 299.00, 299.01, 299.1, 299.10, 299.11, 299.8, 299.80, 299.81, 299.9, 299.90, or 299.91.

In order to ensure continuity of care, contact the local Department of Health, Early Steps program for a child ages 0-3 who is receiving services through the program.

### **Prior Authorization Request Process:**

ABA services must be prior approved by Medicaid. If a physician determines that a Medicaid eligible child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder needs Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), the provider must submit a request to the Medicaid area office. The following information must be included:

1. Recipient name, date of birth, Medicaid ID, and current mailing address.
2. Requesting provider name, national provider identifier, address, and telephone and fax numbers.
3. Diagnosis of recipient and diagnosis code.
4. If already assessed, expected duration of ABA treatment.
5. The primary focus of ABA treatment.
6. Medical records that document the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

An optional form for this purpose is available online at the [Child Health Check-Up](#) web page. This optional prior authorization form has been revised effective January 10 2014. Prior authorization documentation as described above must be submitted to the recipient's Medicaid area office. Contact information for the area offices can be found on the [Public Provider Web Portal](#).

### **Service Codes and Reimbursement Rates:**

ABA services must be prior approved by Medicaid. Please consult the Medicaid Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook for service requirements; any exceptions to service limitations will be described in this alert. Effective with the publication of this provider alert, Early Intervention Services providers may use the approved codes for the treatment of recipients through age five (5). Services may not duplicate school-based interventions provided under the recipients Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Service delivery must take into consideration the recipient's age and ability to actively participate in interventions. Daily service documentation must include a description of the child's participation and how the child benefitted from the interventions, particularly when interventions are greater than one hour in duration. Reimbursement shall be provided for the time that the provider is directly and actively engaged with the recipient; reimbursement will not be provided for services rendered by paraprofessionals, for the supervision of paraprofessionals, or for rest breaks between sessions. When billing for services for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, the claim must include one of the following as a primary diagnoses: 299, 299.0, 299.00, 299.01, 299.1, 299.10, 299.11, 299.8, 299.80, 299.81, 299.9, 299.90, or 299.91. Eligible service codes and rates of reimbursement for Applied Behavior Analysis services are:

Description of Service	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Rate	Limits
<b>Assessment Services</b>						
Screening	T1023	UD	--	--	\$50.00 per assessment	Three screenings per calendar year
Evaluation	T1024	UD	HN	UK	\$27.75 per half-hour unit	Maximum of four units per event, one event per lifetime
Follow-up Evaluation	T1024	UD	TS	--	\$27.75 per half-hour unit	Maximum of four units per event; maximum of three events per calendar year
<b>Treatment Services</b>						
Early Intervention Individual Session	T1027	UD	SC	--	\$12.50 per quarter-hour unit	Maximum combined daily limit of up to 32 quarter-hour units Maximum combined weekly limit up to 160 quarter-hour units of treatment services
Early Intervention Group Session	T1027	UD	TT	SC	\$6.25 per quarter-hour unit	

**Billing Process:**

To bill for the services, providers must submit claims in accordance with the Provider Reimbursement Handbook, CMS-1500 located on the [Provider Handbook](#) page of the Public Provider Web Portal. All claims for ABA services for children with autism spectrum disorders must be billed fee-for-service, even for those recipients enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan. When billing for services for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, the claim must include one of the following primary diagnoses: 299, 299.0, 299.00, 299.01, 299.1, 299.10, 299.11, 299.8, 299.80, 299.81, 299.9, 299.90, or 299.91. Enter "1" for the diagnosis code reference number (pointer) to relate the procedures performed to the primary diagnosis.

Billing is allowed for dates of service beginning with the date of prior authorization.

DO NOT SEND any attachments or medical records to the Medicaid fiscal agent with the CMS-1500 claim form. Regardless of place or dates of service, attachments for Applied Behavior Analysis are not required. All CMS-1500 claims for Applied Behavior Analysis services for children with autism spectrum disorders will be processed per these instructions.

**Place of Service Codes:**

Services must be billed using the correct place of service code for the location of the service provided. These services may be provided in the provider's office, the recipient's place of residence or anywhere in the community. However, in all cases, behavior analysis services must also be provided in the setting(s) relevant to the behavior problems being addressed.

The following place of service codes should be used by Early Intervention Services Providers when submitting claims (see page 2-10 of the Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook):

- 11 – Office
- 12 – Home
- 99 – Other Place of Service

Place of service code “99 - Other Place of Service” is not acceptable except for unusual circumstances that are documented in the recipient’s treatment or service plan, or in the recipient’s treatment notes. Medicaid will monitor providers who frequently utilize place of service code 99.

### **Instructions for Managed Care Plans:**

Managed care plans are not currently required to authorize or cover Applied Behavior Analysis Services for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. If a child enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan requires ABA services, the plan may refer the recipient to any of the identified qualifying providers to receive the service under Medicaid fee-for-service. Alternatively, the managed care plan may refer the recipient to the Medicaid area office for assistance with finding a qualified provider. Managed care plans must share information on how to access ABA services with their contracted community behavioral health and physician providers.

### **Other Key Information:**

For questions, contact your local Medicaid area office. Contact information for the area offices can be found on the [Public Provider Web Portal](#).

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## **LINKS**

[Florida Medicaid Web Portal](#) | [Florida Medicaid Health Information Network](#) | [Florida Medicaid HIPAA Information](#) | [HIPAA Transactions & Code Sets Standard](#) | [National Provider Identifier Standard \(NPI\)](#) | [Florida Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#) | [FloridaHealthFinder.gov](#)

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## **QUESTIONS ABOUT FLORIDA MEDICAID?**

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