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GENERAL UPDATES:

Cancellation of the 2015 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting

It is with deep regret that the *2015 Partnering for Success* statewide training event that was scheduled for May 13-15, 2015, at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. This annual meeting has been a very important comprehensive training event for early intervention and early childhood professionals for the past few years. We are planning to resume the *Partnering for Success* event in 2016.

MEDICAID UPDATES:

Medicaid Training Opportunities Available in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk Counties

Medicaid Field Offices 5 & 6 are offering Medicaid provider training opportunities in Tampa, Largo, New Port Richey and Bartow during the months of January and February for providers located in Regions 5 & 6.

- The General Medicaid Provider Overview and CMS 1500 training will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, in New Port Richey from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The training will be held at the 10841 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL.

- The General Medicaid Provider Overview and CMS 1500 training will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in Tampa from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The training will be held at Medicaid Field Office 6 at 6800 North Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 220, Tampa, FL.

- The General Medicaid Provider Overview and CMS 1500 training will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Bartow from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The training will be held at the Florida Department of Children and Families, 1055 Highway 17 North, Bartow, FL

- The General Medicaid Provider Overview and CMS 1500 training will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in Largo from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The training will be held at the Mary Grizzle State Office Building at 11351 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL.

Due to limited seating, registration is required. You may register online at <http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/medres/index.aspx>. Click on the city where you would like to attend a training and choose your desired training session.

MEDICAID UPDATES continued:

2015 Fee Schedules

Effective January 2015, the Agency for Health Care Administration is publishing new fee schedules to reflect the new 2015 HCPCS codes and fees. The updated fee schedules can be found at <http://mymedicaid-florida.com/>. Select Public Information for Providers, then Provider Support, and then Fee Schedules.

Providers receiving reimbursement through a Medicaid managed care plan should refer to their contract with each plan to determine whether this change will impact their reimbursement from the plan.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

Joint Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Education have released a joint policy statement on expulsion and suspension policies in early childhood settings. This statement may be viewed at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ece/expulsion_suspension_final.pdf.

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