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1. Message from the Early Steps Bureau Chief

UPDATE: The meeting with AHCA regarding Medicaid managed care issues was postponed due to Medicaid conflicts. The meeting will be rescheduled with an update to follow as available. Meanwhile, please continue to provide documentation of issues related to Medicaid managed care provider enrollment, authorization and/or claims payment to your program manager with copy to Carol Burch. ~ Penny Geiger

2. PowerPoint Presentation from Early Steps Policy Webinar

Attached to the Weekly Memo email is the PowerPoint presentation used during the August 20 and 21 Early Steps Policy Webinar. You may use the presentation to orient staff, providers and other stakeholders in your area to changes that will be implemented October 1, 2013.

Posting of the updated policy documents is in process. You will find them at:

http://www.cms-kids/home/resources/es_policy/es_policy.html.

The updated documents have "Effective October 1, 2013" after the document name. You may need to refresh your browser to see them. Before sending questions to your ESSO program manager, please review the actual policy language and forms to see whether you understand the updates, rather than trying to understand completely based on the PowerPoint slides.

If you keep a hard copy binder of the Early Steps policies, please do not print the updated documents from the web until we notify you that all October 2013 documents are posted and links are directed to the appropriate attachments, forms, etc.

Please note - the draft TCM Billable Activities Crosswalk document discussed during the Webinar has been posted so you should be able to access through the Early Steps website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3. Webinar: "Occupational Therapy and Transitions in Early Childhood"

Occupational therapists work across the lifespan to improve results. The Cradle to College and Career practice group of the IDEA Partnership and the Early Intervention workgroup of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) are presenting the following webinar: **Occupational Therapy and Transitions in Early Childhood**.

August 26, 2013 -- 2:00 PM EST. The link to the meeting is: <http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/partnership/>

Login: Please choose the guest option and type your name

Conference Number: **1-800-201-2375**

Participant Code: **434706#**

The webinar will discuss strategies for supporting successful and meaningful transitions in early childhood. Evidence-based practice and occupational therapy's role in transitions will be discussed as well as collaborative efforts to support transitions in various settings.

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UPCOMING EVENTS, continued:

4. Webinar: “Toxic Stress and the Science of Early Brain and Child Development”

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Central

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern

Research shows that significant adversity in childhood changes the foundational architecture of the brain, which has lifelong consequences. Advances in epigenetics and neuroscience are confirming, at the molecular and cellular levels, what pediatricians have known for a long time: what happens in childhood doesn't stay in childhood!

Join Healthy Child Care America, Building Bridges Among Health & Early Childhood Systems and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics for a 60-Minute webinar that will:

- Provide a general overview of advances in developmental science
- Present an organizing, integrated, ecobiodevelopmental framework
- Define toxic stress and discuss its potentially lifelong consequences

Registration: <https://citrix.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1021308>

MEDICAID UPDATES:

5. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has created an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the [Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts](#) page to subscribe now, or to unsubscribe or update your subscription at any time. Please direct questions about Medicaid policies to your local Medicaid area office. The Medicaid area offices' addresses and phone numbers are available on the [Area Offices](#) web page.

6. Provider Training: Florida Medicaid Provider General Handbook, Chapter 5: Medicaid Abuse and Fraud

The Bureau of Medicaid Services is offering training on the Florida Medicaid Provider General Handbook, Chapter 5: Medicaid Abuse and Fraud. The training session will be conducted via webinar on **Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. E. T.** By attending this training participants will increase their knowledge about Medicaid provider's responsibilities regarding claims submission and prevention of fraud and abuse of the Medicaid program. We look forward to your attendance.

To join the webinar on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. ET, please:

1. Dial: **1(888) 670 - 3525** and at the prompt enter the Participant passcode **633 897 8710 then #**

2. Go to:

<https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?ED=232178187&UID=1614500357&HMAC=8ebf8b950b1f128ef3170b33f738e94e766891f3&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

You don't need to register or reserve space; just call and log-in at the designated time. The training will follow a PowerPoint presentation found at the [Florida Medicaid Provider Training e-Library](#) website. To download the presentation to view during the webinar, please click on the "Upcoming Training and Schedules" tab, then right click on the hyperlink for the Training Presentation, choose "Save Target As..." and save a copy of the presentation to your computer. You may also click on the hyperlink for the training presentation and view it online.

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STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

7. New Guidelines

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo will now be used for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either LES/ESSO staff OR local 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.**

8. ESSO Staff Spotlight

The Early Steps State Office is very pleased to announce that Jesse Kemper has joined our team. She is an Operations Review Specialist in the Performance Improvement Unit. She has a Master of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and ten years of experience working with children and families. She was a service coordinator at Big Bend Early Steps and in the state of Mississippi's Part C program. Her work experiences have also included child welfare/protection services and teaching Kindergarten.



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9. LES Staff Spotlight

Submitted by Central Florida Early Steps staff

Meet Mary Grimmer, the Program Coordinator of Central Florida Early Steps and the Assistant Manager for The Developmental Center for Infants & Children located at the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families in Orlando, Florida. She and her husband, Tom, have dedicated their adult lives to nonprofit organizations and services. It is this commitment that brought them to Florida from Colorado and led her to Central Florida Early Steps.

Mary is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and started her Early Steps career as a clinic evaluator. She quickly transitioned to her role as a Family Care Coordinator Supervisor and during the 2009-2010 fiscal year was ultimately promoted to Program Coordinator/Assistant Manager.

This lady is not only a team leader, but a true team member. In addition to her active participation as Secretary of Florida Consortium of Advocates for Infants and Toddlers (FCAIT), Mary is also a member of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. She is always willing to volunteer to participate in work groups to continue to improve Early Steps services to children and families and her thoroughness and follow-up are invaluable to ensure each team member has a voice.



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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

10. 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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