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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Save the Date—Partnering for Success

The upcoming 2015 *Partnering for Success* statewide training event is scheduled for May 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the Caribe Royale. The goal of this meeting is to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. The registration fee is \$60. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for many of the breakout sessions. Please share the attached Save the Date flyer with others.

2. Call for Proposals—Partnering for Success

The Planning Committee is accepting proposals from those interested in presenting at the 2015 *Partnering for Success* statewide training event. The focus of the presentations should be on healthy social-emotional development of infants and toddlers and their families. If you are interested in presenting please complete and submit the attached Presenter Proposal form to Haylie Mistrot at Haylie.Mistrot@flhealth.gov by October 15, 2014.

The Planning Committee requests that you share this information with anyone who may be interested in presenting at this exciting event.

3. Webinar - ASD in Young Children: Prevalence and Earlier Identification

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 3:00 pm EDT

Presenter: Catherine E. Rice, Ph.D., Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, CDC

Call-in and log-in information will be e-mailed to registered participants on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

REGISTER HERE:

https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_bpwnth3dq1Ea3d3

This webinar will review information on the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders (ASD), some of the early signs of the ASD, and issues related to early identification of young children with ASD.

This webinar is free and no CEUs will be provided. Registration for this event is open to all, so feel free to share this invitation with interested parties within your state! Questions may be directed to Evelyn Shaw at evelyn.shaw@unc.edu

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MEDICAID UPDATES

4. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has 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. You will receive an email 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 at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe, unsubscribe, or update your subscription.

5. Reminder: Provider Obligations to Repay Money Due to AHCA

Please see [attached](#) information.

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6. Early Steps Orientation Modules Requirement for Providers

Effective October 1, 2014, all applicants interested in serving Early Steps will be required to complete the three online Early Steps Orientation Modules before they are eligible for enrollment in the Children's Medical Services Network. **Providers who are currently in Temporary Status (have not completed the Orientation Modules) will be notified and given a deadline to complete. Those providers who do not respond or do not completed their modules within the specified timeline will be purged.** This will assist in updating the PM system and give us a more accurate reflection of our current "active" provider pool.

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7. Infant Toddler Developmental Specialists and Level II Background Screens

Effective July 1, 2013, Medicaid no longer accepts Level II background screens from any other organizations. In order for an applicant to be eligible for credentialing through Children's Medical Services (CMS), the applicant must either be Medicaid eligible, through a registration process or Medicaid enrolled.

The steps of the Medicaid Registration Process are listed below:

1. Any prospective CMS Provider that is not already an enrolled Medicaid provider MUST complete the Medicaid registration found at <http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Portals/o/StaticContent/Public/Public%20Misc%20Files/MCO%20Treat%20Prov%20Reg%20Rev%20081709.pdf> ***even if they do not plan to become an enrolled Medicaid provider.***
2. Before an ITDS Certificate will be requested, the applicant must register at the link above. The process of submitting requests for ITDS certificates to ESSO remains the same.
3. Once results of background screening are available, a provider may apply for credentialing through CMS.
4. Once credentialed by CMS, a provider will then able apply to become a Medicaid provider.

This form is found on the on the Florida Medicaid fiscal agent website.

8. The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education, New Publication

CADRE (The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education) has developed the attached publication called *In the Best Interests of the Child: Individualized Education Program (IEP) Meetings When Parents Are In Conflict*. Though developed for IEP meetings, there are practical strategies for consideration of IFSP teams when parents are in conflict. Please contact Kelly.Rogers@flhealth.gov if you have any questions.

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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): All

Reminder: Provider Obligations to Repay Money Due to AHCA

This notice is to remind Medicaid providers of their obligation to promptly refund moneys due to the Agency, including any moneys received in error or in excess of the amount to which the provider is entitled from the Medicaid program, or any moneys due as a result of the imposition of a fine or other fees or costs. (See, Section 409.907(3)(g), Florida Statutes and paragraph 5(g) of the Non-institutional Medicaid provider agreement).

Please remember that failure to pay moneys due to the Agency ***in full***, or have a ***written repayment agreement*** in place with the Agency and comply with its terms, is grounds for termination from the Medicaid program, including participation in Medicaid managed care plan networks. (See, Rule 59G-9.070 (2)(s), Florida Administrative Code, and Sections 409.913(25)(c) and 409.913(30), Florida Statutes). Providers who have outstanding debts to the Agency may find that their future Medicaid reimbursements are withheld to offset the debt. However, if the Agency is withholding reimbursements without a written repayment agreement, the provider is not in compliance with the obligation to repay moneys due and may still be terminated from participation in the Medicaid program.

Providers with outstanding debts to the Agency are encouraged to remedy the obligation immediately to avoid upcoming collections and enforcement actions that will include termination of Medicaid participation. In the upcoming weeks the Agency will increase its efforts to ensure that providers are repaying overpayments. Providers who have not reimbursed overpayments and who wish to avoid sanctions and/or investigative costs, should immediately submit a check to the Agency for the amount of any overpayments. To ensure proper credit, be certain you legibly record on your check your Medicaid provider number and the review I.D. numbers related to the overpayment findings. Please ensure the checks are made payable to the Agency for Health Care Administration and are sent to:

Agency for Health Care Administration
Bureau of Financial Services, Revenue Management
2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #14
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Providers are encouraged to conduct reviews of their claims to ensure they have billed the program in compliance with Medicaid policy. Providers who perform self-audits may avoid being selected for audit, as well as avoid the costs of Agency-initiated reviews as well as avoid costly sanctions. Additional information about Medicaid compliance is also available on the [Medicaid Fraud and Abuse](#) and [Medicaid e-Library](#) webpages. On these pages you will find a self-audit guide, an example of a provider self-audit and a Compliance Tips video.