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1. 2013 Partnering For Success Statewide Meeting

Partnering for Success

The **2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting** on **November 13 – 15, 2013** is almost here! The goal of this meeting is to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for most of the breakout sessions.

The ***At-A-Glance*** is attached to the Weekly Memo email. It provides information on the exciting topics and presenters that will be included in the general and breakout sessions.

Please make your reservations. Since the reservations deadline (October 28) has passed, you may or may not receive the special group rate. Please call 1-800-421-8001 to make reservations and specify that you are attending the **2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting** to receive the group rate.

At this point in time, anyone who plans to attend any part of the meeting must register on-site.

The registration fee is \$45 and can be paid by a check made to Children's Forum with notation "Partnering for Success" when registering at the meeting.

Please share this information with everyone who would find this of interest. We look forward to seeing you on November 13!

2. The 21st Annual Statewide CARD Conference - January 17-19, 2014

The 21st Annual CARD Conference is only 81 days away. Visit their website at <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/CARDconference/> for a preview of this year's conference. Early registration will be ending on December 20, 2013.

In addition, a 2-day ADOS-2 workshop will be held on Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center, at the Florida Mall, to teach professionals how to use the ADOS-2 to assess autism. This workshop is for professionals. Registration space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Register now at

<http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/CARDconference/ados2.html>.

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MEDICAID UPDATES

3. 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.

4. Medicaid Managed Assistance, AHCA Plan Selection

The attached document is an updated list of selected plans for Medicaid's Managed Assistance competitive procurement, - set to roll out in Spring/Summer 2014. The plans highlighted in yellow are recent additions since September, as a result of appeals and negotiations after the initial selection process. If there are formal administrative appeals, more changes could come.

CMS Network is going to be a statewide plan but is not included in this list since the Network did not have to competitively bid.

5. Fall 2013 Florida Medicaid Provider Bulletin Now Available

The Fall 2013 Florida Medicaid Provider Bulletin is now available on the [Public Provider Web Portal](#). The bulletin contains policy clarification and important Florida Medicaid information.

6. Upcoming Changes to 835 Code Reporting (CAQH/CORE Rule 360)

Florida Medicaid has begun changes to how adjustments will be reported on the weekly 835 remittance advice files. Per CAQH/CORE (Rule 360, section 1104), each payer is mandated to pull from a specific set of adjustment reason codes and remark codes. In compliance with this new rule, Florida Medicaid is issuing a new set of ARC/Remark Code combinations for claims reporting. This code set will go live in the production database on **12/27/2013** and will appear on the 835 generated for the **1/3/2014** financial cycle. To assist providers and billing agents in preparing for this upcoming change, Medicaid has generated a list of these new code combinations that Florida Medicaid will be implementing and has posted it in the Submission Information sub-section of the EDI page on the Florida Medicaid public Web Portal at <http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider/EDI/tabId/51/Default.aspx>.

Note: These changes will have no effect on the PDF version of the weekly remittance advice that is currently available on the secure web portal via the Reports menu.

Any claim adjudicated prior to 12/27/2013 will use the current set of ARC/Remark codes employed by Florida Medicaid.

If you wish to see a more detailed explanation of CAQH/CORE Rule 360, that information can be accessed on the official CAQH website at

[http://www.caqh.org/Host/CORE/EFT-ERA/CARCsRARC835 Rule.pdf](http://www.caqh.org/Host/CORE/EFT-ERA/CARCsRARC835Rule.pdf)

Any questions regarding this change may be directed to the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Operations department at 1-866-586-0961.

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INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

7. Act Early Forum Webinar: Now Archived

The Act Early Forum webinar, *Creative Ways to Reach Hard to Reach Populations – Part 2 of 2: Addressing Literacy in Low Income Families with “Learn the Signs. Act Early,”* has now been archived.

Please visit www.aucd.org/webinars to view the webinar.

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

8. 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.**

Happy Halloween



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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

9. 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.

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