



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO – MAY 12, 2011

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

1. Public Awareness Materials

All the local Early Steps Areas should have received their shipments of ES stickers and pencils. If you have not seen these materials, please check with your shipping/mail room for the shipment. Contact catherine_duncan@doh.state.fl.us if you have questions.

2. Reminder: NPI Changes were Implemented May 1, 2011

This is a reminder that X12 claim transactions containing the Florida Medicaid ID will no longer be accepted for providers who are required to obtain an NPI. Starting May 1, 2011, electronic claims that contain the Medicaid ID will be denied. **Florida Medicaid has implemented these NPI changes as of May 1, 2011.** Providers must make necessary changes to their Medicaid claims data. Providers with multiple Medicaid IDs are urged to ensure that their electronic claims are completed using an exact match to the NPI, taxonomy code and ZIP code that have been registered with Florida Medicaid to crosswalk an NPI to a Medicaid ID. Please refer to the [National Provider Identifier \(NPI\) Quick Reference Guide](#) for additional guidance.

3. Provider Training Opportunity: Medicaid Provider Compliance Program & Provider Self Audits

The *Fraud Prevention and Compliance Unit* in partnership with the *Bureau of Medicaid Services* will be delivering “**Medicaid Provider Compliance Program & Provider Self Audits**” teleconferences, May 17th, and May 24th of 2011.

To join the teleconference training, please dial **1-888-808-6959** and, at the prompt, enter the conference code **827 998 7547**. **Registration is not necessary – simply call in at the designated time.**

The training will follow a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation (which you may want to obtain prior to the training) found at the following link:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/deputy_secretary/recent_presentations/index.shtml

All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

Date	Time
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 24, 2011	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

If you have any questions about this training, please contact Yolanda Sacipa at: Yolanda.Sacipa@ahca.myflorida.com

4. CMS Special Open Door Forum: ICD-10 Conversion for 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Programs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum on the 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System (previously known as the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative or PQRI) and E-Prescribing (eRx) Incentive programs. **This Special Open Door Forum will focus on ICD-10 Conversion.**

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011

Time: 2:30-3:30 pm ET

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID: 44767414

(Please dial in at least 15 minutes prior to call start time.)

Following the presentation, the telephone lines will be opened to allow participants to ask questions of the CMS subject matter experts. Reminder be sure to use the correct 2011 Physician Quality Reporting Measure Specifications as these documents are updated from year to year:

- 2011 Physician Quality Reporting Measure Specifications for Claims and Registry Reporting of Individual Measures
- 2011 Physician Quality Reporting Measures Groups Specifications
- 2011 Physician Quality Reporting EHR Measure Specifications
- 2011 Physician Quality Reporting GPRO I Narrative Measure Specifications.

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880 and a Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around June 23, 2011.

5. May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Since 1927, the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) has celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month every May to raise public awareness about communication disorders that affect 14 million Americans. This year's theme of "Helping People Communicate" reflects the heart of speech-language pathology and audiology. Speech, language, and hearing disorders can take many forms and can limit academic achievement, social/emotional adjustment, vocational outcomes, and career advancement.

To view some of the numerous resources available online for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and the public, please visit <http://www.asha.org/bhsm/>. For more information about school-based services for Florida students with speech and language impairments, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/li.asp> and <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/si.asp>.

6. NECTAC News

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

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7. Third Party Administrator Prototype Demonstration

MED3000 has informed us they need to reschedule this demonstration that was to occur on June 1, from 9:00 to 12:00. Stay tuned for the new date and time. We will still have our Directors and Coordinators call June 1, 9:30 - 11:30.

8. Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on June 21 and 22, 2011 at the Holiday Inn and Suites. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 and will end by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

9. Leadership Training for Family Resource Specialists

For each of the next 3 weeks, until the event, the Early Steps participation at the **Family Café** will be highlighted. Family Resource Specialists, with direction from the Early Steps State Office, have developed and are participating in this statewide event that promotes the best resources and programs for individuals with disabilities.

On Thursday June 2, the day before the event begins, all FRSs will participate in a leadership workshop: ***Beyond the Basics: Developing Leadership within the Consumer, Family and Youth Voice.*** This workshop builds on one that FRSs participated in last year, and assists the FRSs in building their leadership skills in order to more effectively guide families in the Early Steps system, with the skills to "know when and how to advocate and serve as the energy behind transformation." FRSs attending will receive materials at no extra charge. The Department of Health has provided the funding for all FRSs to attend this workshop.

**NEXT WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT:
EARLY STEPS EARLY WISHES: A FUN EDUCATIONAL PLAYGROUP FOR
EARLY STEPS FAMILIES**