



Weekly Update – May 14, 2008

Action Needed

Medicaid Policy Change Clarification

A clarification letter from Medicaid pertaining to the November 2007 Medicaid policy change regarding initial and follow-up evaluations has been written. Please go to the web address below to access the letter in its entirety.

http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com/XJContent/PN_08_080408_EI_Evaluations_Policy_Clarifications.pdf?id=000006612431

PSP Train the Trainer

On **June 5 & 6 ESSO** will be sponsoring 1 provider, in each LES listed above, to attend a PSP train the trainer series in Tallahassee. By participating in a train the trainer series, the training unit and trained LES providers can facilitate additional trainings in each region and increase the number of providers that are prepared to deliver services under the Primary Service Provider service delivery system. The training will provide a higher level of coaching as presented through a collaboration of FSU (Dr. Julianne Wood, CCC-SLP- & Jade Coston, ABD, CCC-SLP) & UF (Drs. Patricia Snyder & Maria Denney). This training will provide this select group of individuals with the skills needed to provide leadership within their communities. If you have not sent your candidate for this leadership team opportunity **please email La'Tasha Dullivan contact information so that can be invited to the June training**. If you are unable to identify anyone that is ready for this type of leadership opportunity, do not worry, it is not a requirement. Travel reimbursement will be provided and overnight stay may be required. I hope the before mentioned trainings will be helpful in meeting your needs. I look forward to your response.

BDI2 Test Kit Manipulative Recall

Riverside Publishing has learned that certain manipulative in the BDI-2 testing kits purchased prior to November 5, 2007, may contain the presence of lead. These manipulatives will be replaced at no charge pursuant to a voluntary pan recently announced by Riverside. See attached letter for details.

Early Steps Application Forms

Please note that many of the Early Steps application forms were revised by the ES policy unit in February 2008. Provider Management Unit will no longer accept old forms after 6/30/08. The deadline was communicated during the ES subcommittee/Provider liaisons conference call and during the ES Director and Coordinators conference call.

Current experience forms and supervision form have a revision date of 2/2008. The current mentorship form has a 10/2007 revision date.

NPI AND TAXONOMY CODES

Many LES Centers have received letters from Medicaid this week concerning the NPI and taxonomy status of your providers and group numbers. If corrections are needed, they will typically need to be made at:

1) The NPI site (<http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES>) – Most errors seem to be typos in their individual Medicaid numbers, or that Medicaid has not been informed of the association of the providers' NPI (with all taxonomy codes) and their Medicaid credentials. Please update/correct your providers' registration at the NPI site as needed, and make sure that you inform Medicaid (electronically or via paper forms) of the association between a provider's NPI and their individual Medicaid number.

If possible, please record the taxonomy codes used for each provider. Taxonomy Codes are available at the WPC-EDI site (<http://www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy>). Forms for telling the Medicaid fiscal agent about your NPI are available through the NPI registration site, or through the Medicaid fiscal agent website (<http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com>) - click on <provider support>, then click on <enrollment>, then scroll down to the form you need.

2) The CMS-ES data system – Please make sure that the individual Medicaid and group numbers are correct (we currently send both), and that the associated individual and group NPIs are correct in the Provider record in the CMS-ES data system. You may use the Notes field in the Provider record to enter the provider's taxonomy codes.

If you are having a specific question regarding a letter sent to you by Medicaid, please fax UF a copy or contact Jill E. Bischoff at bischje@peds.ufl.edu. It would be helpful if you have entered the known corrections in the data system and at the NPI registration site before contacting them.

The first few billing cycles under the NPI may be quite challenging, but it is our hope that it will eventually get straightened out.

Information/ Resources

The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, The Creative Curriculum® Learning Games

Teaching Strategies, Inc. invites you to join them in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Teaching Strategies. To thank you for your ongoing support and partnership, Teaching Strategies is pleased to offer you a discount of 20% off the list price on all bookshop purchases made at TeachingStrategies.com through May 31st.* Simply use coupon code **20YEARS** when you check out. *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, The Creative Curriculum® LearningGames®*—all of these resources and more are available at this special 20% anniversary discount. Please visit <http://www.teachingstrategies.com/> to take advantage of this offer!

Nectac News

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

Spring, 2008 FRS Meeting

Attached are the notes for the Spring, 2008 FRS Meeting. A big thanks goes to Carol Williams and Gayla Clarke from the North Beaches Early Steps -- for hosting the meeting and providing such a warm welcome. We also want to thank Lou Ann Long for providing an extensive Central Directory Training and update and Randee Gabriel for providing the FICCIT and Conversations with Families update. In addition, thank you to Paula Keyser, a new FRS from West Central Early Steps, for providing extensive notes from the meeting and to all the FRS's that attended and shared their triumphs and concerns.

Training Opportunities & Conferences

1st Annual Youth Summit this August 1-2

The Family Cafe and The Florida Youth Council invite all interested youth and emerging leaders with disabilities to participate in The 1st Annual Youth Summit this August 1-2 at the Walt Disney World Hilton in Lake Buena Vista!

The Annual Youth Summit is an event for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities between the ages of 13 and 30. It has been designed by members of the Florida Youth Council, and will address important issues faced by youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in our state. The event is scheduled to include

educational sessions on topics such as sex and relationships, voting, exercise and fitness, disability history, disability disclosure, conflict resolution, navigating social situations, resume writing and the IEP process. It will also include plenty of opportunities for networking, including a movie night and a dance party. If you or an eligible individual with a disability are interested in attending, please complete the application that can be found at <http://www.familycafe.net/images/stories/pdf/youth%20summit%20application-1page.pdf> and return it to The Family Cafe at your earliest convenience. There is no registration fee for the Annual Youth Summit, and limited financial assistance is available for youth and emerging leaders between the ages of 13 and 30.

If you have any questions about The 1st Annual Youth Summit or the Florida Youth Council, contact The Family Cafe office at any time at 1-888-309-2233.

One Goal Summer Conference

July 16-18, 2008

Hyatt Regency Tampa City Center

Tampa, Florida

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