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ACTION NEEDED

1. LES Contract Invoices

To enable the department to provide ESSO with the amount of Part C grant roll-forward to include in the allocation methodology, we are requesting that the June 2011 LES contract invoices be received by the Contract Manager no later than Wednesday, July 15. This assumes as well that the May 2011 invoice and any other monthly outstanding invoices have also been received.

The Final Invoice due date will remain August 31, but the sooner you send it the better.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

2. Early Steps TPA User Acceptance Testers (With 1 Attachment)

The nominations have been considered and the ESSO is pleased to release the attached list of lucky Early Steps staff that will be testing the Third Party Administrator System. Stay tuned for more information.

3. Early Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorders Learning Module Available

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) recently posted a new on-line module on the early identification of ASD. The module comes with videos (including home movies of babies who later develop ASD), case studies and other resources. It is available online at

<http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/content/early-identification-asd-module>

4. Medicaid Alert: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Public Forum

Provider Type(s): 90

Date and Time: Monday, June 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3
Conference Rooms B & C
Tallahassee, FL 32308

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Florida Medicaid is holding a public forum to discuss subjects related to the DME program. The forum agenda and other materials can be found on Florida Medicaid's Durable Medical Equipment Web site at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/dme/index.shtml>.

5. Medicaid Alert: Durable Medicaid Equipment and Medical Supply Services Provider Fee Schedules Notice of Public Hearing

The notice of proposed rule for the Durable Medicaid Equipment and Medical Supply Services Provider Fee Schedules was published in Volume 37, Number 23 issue of the FAW Friday, June 10, 2011. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2011 from 2:30p – 3:30pm in conference room B at AHCA, 2727 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL.

There will NOT be a phone call-in number available. To request a current draft of the Fee Schedules please email Dan.Gabric@ahca.myflorida.com. After your review the Fee Schedule, if you have comments, please send them by email to Dan Gabric at: Dan.Gabric@ahca.myflorida.com or you may mail your comments to: Agency For Health Care, 2727 Mahan Dr., M.S. 20, Tallahassee, FL 32308 attn: Dan Gabric.

The Agency for Health Care Administration invites comment on possible regulatory impact (any added costs to small business to implement the provisions of the rule as noticed in the FAW).

6. Alert, Early Steps Therapists and Other Providers

If you were recently audited by ACS on behalf of AHCA and determined to have overpayments due Medicaid for "FFS Payments While Recipient in HMO", be sure to read the next two issues of the ESSO Weekly regarding ESSO process for requesting Part C reimbursement when appropriate.

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, OR TRAININGS

7. Learn the Signs. Act Early. Quarterly Webinar Series

Learn the Signs. Act Early. Quarterly Webinar Series

**Thursday June 30, 2011
3:00-4:00pm Eastern**

*Accessing Hard-to-reach Communities:
Innovative Projects by Act Early Teams
Utilizing “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” Materials*

We hope you will be able to join us for the second webinar in our “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” webinar series.

Topics and Speakers will include:

Spanish Speaking Families in Little Havana

Bobbie J. Vaughn, Ph.D., BCBA, Training Director, Florida Center for Inclusive Communities University of South Florida

Alaska Native Peoples

Jimael Lawson, Combating Autism - Public Health Specialist, Women's, Children's and Family Health, State of Alaska - Division of Public Health

Kristine Green, Autism and Parent Services Manager, State of Alaska - Department of Health and Social Services

Rural Families in Utah

Judith Holt, PhD, Co-LEND Director, Utah Regional Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (URLEND), University Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Utah State University

Moderators:

Georgina Peacock, MD, MPH, FAAP, CDC/National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

Jennifer A. Bogin, BCBA, MSED, Program Manager, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

For questions about this webinar please contact [Jennifer Bogin](#) at AUCD

8. The Data Accountability Center (DAC)'s Analytic Tool for IDEA 618 data

A Webinar from AUCD's Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Interest Group

About the Webinar

The Data Accountability Center (DAC) has created an Analytic Tool for *IDEA* 618 data. The Tool brings *IDEA* state-level data to the public in a user-friendly format and allows users to ask data questions that are most relevant to them. The Tool enables users to manipulate the data to the user's needs/interests. The Tool also offers opportunities to do analyses with all states' data or selected states.

The Tool includes Part B Child Count, Educational Environments, Personnel, Exiting, Discipline, Dispute Resolution, and Assessment and Part C Child Count, Settings, Exiting, and Dispute Resolution data from 2004-05 to 2009-10. DAC will be adding future data collections as they become available.

This will be the first of a two-part series on DAC's Analytic Tool. This first webinar will be an overview of the tool and how it is being used and the second part will be an open line for participants to ask questions and make comments on how this tool may be utilized. The second webinar will be held on *July, 26th, 2011 at 4:00 PM Eastern.*

Speaker: Danielle Crain, Technical Assistance Specialist, Data Accountability Center

This Webinar will take place on **Tuesday, June 28th from 4:00PM to 5:00PM Eastern Standard Time**. The visual portion of the webinar will be conducted via GoToMeeting and the audio portion via telephone or VoIP (requires microphone and speakers). After registration you will be given a unique web address for viewing the webinar and audio information.

Register for the Webinar

For more information please see the [EVENT WEBSITE](#) or contact [Jennifer Bogin](#), Project Manager at AUCD

The Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Interest Group (EIEC SIG) at AUCD provides information to Network members on critical issues related to early childhood. The EIEC SIG Website can be accessed at www.aucd.org/eiec

Please Note- There is NO cost for this webinar!

This webinar will be archived and can be viewed 3-5 days following the event on AUCD's [WEBINAR LIBRARY](#)

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