



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO –SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

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None

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

1. Birth Defects Profiles

The Florida Birth Defects Registry (FBDR) is pleased to release a Florida state-wide birth defect profile, 10 individual county profiles for our largest Florida communities, and 8 regional birth defect profiles. These one page front to back documents are designed to provide demographic and behavioral risk factor information for Florida resident live births and serve to provide data useful in understanding the many factors relevant to an area's maternal and child health outcomes.

Individual Counties: Brevard, Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, and Polk

Regional Profiles:

- East Central Florida - Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Seminole
- Florida Panhandle - Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, Washington
- North Central Florida - Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, Union
- Northeast Florida - Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns, Volusia
- West Central Florida - Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk
- Southwest Florida - Sarasota, Desoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier
- The Suncoast - Pasco, Pinellas
- The Treasure Coast - Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Okeechobee

From 1998 through 2007, The FBDR has identified almost 70,000 infants diagnosed with a major birth defect within their first year of life. Birth defects are one of the leading causes of infant death and contributed substantially to life-long disability. FBDR is pleased to provide these profiles to you for use in your communities for education and raising awareness of birth defects and their impact on the health of Florida citizens.

These profiles can be accessed from the website www.fbdr.org. From the homepage scroll down to Latest News and click County Birth Defects Profiles, select your county of interest and in the lower left corner of the page you will find a link to view the county profile.

If you have questions or comments please contact the Florida Birth Defects Registry at 850.245.4444.

2. Invoice Child Count Tracking for Impact of Eligibility Change (With One Attachment)

In 2010-11 the Children Open at the End of the Period that each LES reported on the monthly contract invoice were tracked to give an indication of the impact of our July 1, 2010 eligibility change. Attached is the final spreadsheet of that tracking that shows that, using this indicator, we had a 11.69% reduction in Children Open at the End of June 2011 compared to June 2010.

3. Clarification Related to October 1 Policy Documents (With One Attachment)

In response to questions and requests for clarification during the August 16 and 17 policy orientation calls, we have added a few clarifications to the Early Steps Operations Guide at

http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy_1011/es_policy.html:

Clarifications include changes to:

- Operations Guide 3 related to implementation dates and process for the annual or 6-month re-determination of eligibility(3.1.4.D, 3.1.11)
- Operations Guide 5 and 12 related to a child who is originally eligible as DD but there is later documentation of EC (5.3.13 and 12.3.4)
- Operations Guide 3 and 7 related to a child in the hospital who is already eligible vs. a child in the hospital who has not yet been determined eligible (language moved from 7.8.1.A.1 guide to 3.4.3 guide)

- Operations Guide 12 guide related to disposition reasons for a child determined no longer eligible at 6-month or annual re-determination and for a child whose parents decline consent for re-determination of eligibility (12.3.11)
- IFSP Instructions related to periodic and annual reviews and a child originally eligible as DD and later EC (pages 14, 15, 32, 65)

Electronic IFSP forms in English and Spanish have been added to the web. The policy overview presentation and the chart outlining changes to policy documents chart have also been updated on the web to correspond with changes to the operations guide. Although a pdf version of the overview presentation is posted on the web, we have also attached the updated PowerPoint version of the presentation for use in training on the local level.

4. Disposition Code "4" (Completion of IFSP prior to reaching age 3)

The definition of Disposition Code "4" has been amended to be consistent with revised policy/guidance. This code should be used for children who complete their IFSP prior to reaching age 3 or no longer have a developmental delay based upon their eligibility redetermination or other documented information.

In Policy: Disposition Code "4" is now defined as: Completion of IFSP prior to reaching age 3 - Children who have not reached age 3, have completed their IFSP and no longer require services under Early Steps. This category includes children for whom the 6 month or annual re-determination of eligibility *indicated there was no longer a developmental delay.*

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, OR TRAININGS

5. BDI-2 Data Manager Overview Webinar

NEW CHILD OUTCOMES DATA COLLECTION RESOURCE

There is a new posting on the TATS website to provide guidance with entering the BDI-2 data into the data manager. Please see the following for a description of the posting which can be accessed at <http://www.tats.ucf.edu/outcomes.html>:

NEW! BDI-2 Data Manager Overview

This webinar from the Early Childhood Outcomes Leadership Team, features Betsy Rowlett from the Riverside Publishing Company (Publisher of the BDI-2), and discusses how to enter data into the BDI-2 Data Manager. (60 minutes)

This would be beneficial both as a refresher and also as an additional tool for those who provide training for the BDI-2 administration.

6. ADOS Workshop in January

Please pass this training along to your friends and colleagues that may be interested or need an ADOS certificate for their job. The ADOS training is limited to the number of people who can be trained. Registration is mandatory and is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Click here to register:

http://www.ucf-card.org/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&view=event&Itemid=152

7. Center for Early Education and Development



**Registrations Invited:
Fall 2011 CEED Online Courses**

Please forward this to those who may be interested in these professional development opportunities.

CEED welcomes registrations for the fall 2011 sessions of online courses. Courses have easy online registration (check out the [group rates](#) too).

Continuing education certificates for 24 or 36 clock hours, approved and

issued by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, can be earned by successfully completing course requirements.

Courses are approved for members of the International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA) for 24 clock hours per course.

Click on the links below to learn more about each course.

Please register as soon as possible.

September 5 to December 12, 2011 (14-week session):

Seeing is Believing

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Kathi Blomquist, PHN, MS, IMH-E®-III

September 12 to November 14, 2011 (9-week session):

Supporting Stressed Young Children Through Relationship-based Teaching

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Julie Nelson, Families Together, Life Track Resources

September 19 to November 21, 2011 (9-week session):

Parent-Infant Pathways: An Educator's Guide to Providing Information and Support to New Parents

(36 clock hours)

Instructor: Jolene Pearson, B.E.S., M.S., IMH-E® (IV), Minneapolis Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education, Interagency Facilitator

September 26 to November 28, 2011 (9-week session):

Prenatal Development and Its Influence on Child Development: A Foundational Course on the Parent-Infant Relationship

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Joann O'Leary, Ph.D., MPH, MS

October 10 to December 12, 2011 (9-week session):

Premature Babies and Their Parents: Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel

(36 clock hours)

Instructor: Jolene Pearson, M.S., IMH-E® (IV), Minneapolis Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education

October 3 to December 5, 2011 (9-week session):

Bridging Education and Mental Health

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Leah Hjelseth, MA, School Psychologist

October 17 to December 19, 2011 (9-week session):

Introduction to Infant Mental Health

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Marit Appeldoorn, MSW, LICSW

More Information

- [CEED online courses](#)
- [Costs and How to Register](#)
- [Register online](#)
- [Group rates](#): There are discounted course fees for organizations who enroll a group of people.
- [2011 CEED Online Course Schedule](#) (pdf), [2012 CEED Online Course Schedule](#) (pdf)

Unfamiliar with distance education? Learn how online courses are conducted.

If you would like a sample syllabus or have questions:

Please contact Karen Anderson, CEED online course manager, at [612-625-6617](tel:612-625-6617) or ander352@umn.edu.

8. Health Care Alerts & Provider Alerts Messages August 2011 (Provider Type(s): 01, 65, and 83)

Prior Authorization Training: The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has contracted with eQHealth Solutions, Inc. for prior authorization of physical, occupational, and speech-language pathology therapy services for Medicaid fee-for-service and MediPass recipients. The purpose is to prevent unnecessary services or inappropriate use of Medicaid funds.

eQHealth Solutions, Inc. has been the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) in Louisiana for over 23 years. They hold contracts for utilization management and peer review activities for the Medicaid programs in Mississippi and Illinois. In addition, eQHealth Solutions is accredited through the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC).

eQHealth Solutions will host training sessions for Medicaid therapy providers in six locations around the state beginning in September 2011. This training is to instruct and prepare you to use eQSuite to request prior authorization for therapy services.

The same information will be presented at each training session. Tentative training dates and times are:

Tallahassee, FL	September 16, 2011	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Jacksonville, FL	September 19, 2011	8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Orlando, FL	September 21, 2011	8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Tampa, FL	September 23, 2011	8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Broward County, FL	September 26, 2011	8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Miami, FL	September 27, 2011	8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

NOTE: Please visit the eQHealth Solutions website at <http://fl.eqhs.org> for specific training locations and to register for one or more of the training sessions.

eQHealth Solutions will host additional web-based training sessions throughout October. The Agency will provide updates on this implementation through the Florida Medicaid fiscal agent's Web Portal, Medicaid Health Care Alerts and the eQHealth Solutions website.

9. Provider Training: Verifying Medicaid Recipient Eligibility (Provider Types: All)

Training on how to ***Verify Medicaid Recipient Eligibility*** will be held on the dates listed below. Medicaid providers are invited to participate. The training will be performed via teleconference.

To join the teleconference training, please dial **1-888-808-6959** and, at the prompt, enter the conference code: **3054466900**.

Each training session below is limited to 100 participants. If the session is full when you call, please plan to participate in another session. **You don't need to register or reserve space, just call at the designated time.**

The training will follow a PowerPoint presentation found at the following link: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/e-library/index.shtml>.

Providers may want to print a copy before the presentation. Any questions can be emailed **prior** to or during the teleconference to Harold Walker at: Harold.Walker@ahca.myflorida.com.

Responses to the questions will be provided by the trainer at the end of the presentation or posted to the website listed above.

The dates and times are listed below. All times are Eastern Standard Time.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, September 13, 2011	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 20, 2011	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27, 2011	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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

You may access Florida Medicaid handbooks and contact information for your local Medicaid area office on this Medicaid Web site: <http://mymedicaid-florida.com/>.