



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO –SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

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- 1. Scrutinized Vendor Certification and Certification Regarding Lobbying Forms**

This notice is for LES providers with contracts currently under a 6-month extension, with an anticipated new contract date effective 11/1/2011.

Please complete the following two forms, sign, and submit via e-mail to Andrew.Johnson@doh.state.fl.us and Pamela.Porter@doh.state.fl.us or fax to their attention at 850-921-8138 no later than **Thursday, September 29, 2011**:

- Scrutinized Vendor Certification
- Certification Regarding Lobbying

The Scrutinized Vendor Certification form is in compliance with the new law which became effective July 1, 2011, which generally prohibits State agencies from awarding, extending, or renewing contracts valued at \$1 million or more with companies that have dealings with the Governments of Sudan and Iran.

Both forms are attached to this weekly memo. The signed original documents should be mailed to Andrew at 4025 Esplanade Way, Room 235C, Tallahassee, Florida 32311.

2. Early Steps Statewide Meeting Reservation Deadline

Early Steps Statewide Meeting
November 8-10, 2011
DoubleTree at the entrance to Universal Orlando
5780 Major Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32819

Hotel Reservations must be made no later than Saturday, October 8, 2010.

Please call **1-800-327-2110** to make hotel reservations and be sure to indicate that you will be **attending the 2011 Early Steps Statewide Meeting**.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and will end at 1:00 pm on Thursday. The room rate is \$90.00 per night and will be valid 3 days before and 3 days after the meeting dates, but are subject to availability.

In addition to making your hotel reservation, **you will also need to register to attend the statewide meeting**. There is a registration fee in the amount of \$35 that is required to attend. A registration link will be provided in the near future.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

3. Live Scan Pilot Update

In the last six months, the CMS Provider Management Unit has begun to develop and test a live scanning fingerprint process for the Early Steps providers in lieu of the manual background screening process. Thus far, it has been very successful. Currently, we have tested the live scanning with four LES offices. Plans are to phase in the rest of the state gradually.

One of the greatest benefits of live scanning is the reduction in the length of time for the fingerprinting process. Results of live scans have been received in days rather than weeks. The major problem that has been encountered thus far is providers using their common names rather than their legal names which results in a delay or failure to process.

If an LES has questions or would like to participate in the pilot process, the delegated Provider Relation's Liaison (PRL) should contact Ann Kaperak by email at ann_kaperak@doh.state.fl.us. Instructions on how to proceed will be sent to the PRL once a request has been received.

4. Cost Sharing Coverage for Medicare Part B Non-Covered Services

Provider Type(s): 01, 04, 05, 06, 10, 13, 20, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 34, 35, 40, 42, 50, 51, 60, 62, 65, 66, 68, 77, 83, 89, 90

Effective retroactive to October 1, 2010, there is a change in the Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance for services not covered by Medicaid. The Medicaid rate for these services is established as 50 percent of the Medicare allowed amount. If Medicare pays more than the Medicaid rate, the Medicaid payment is zero.

This coverage is available for Medicare recipients who are eligible for either:

1. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB aid category), with or without any other Medicaid coverage; or
2. Supplemental Security Income (MS aid category).

5. REMINDER: Provider Training: Verifying Medicaid Recipient Eligibility – All Provider Types

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>.

Please print a copy of the PowerPoint presentation before the teleconference begins and have it available so you can follow along with the training.

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.

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/>.

6. Upcoming EHR Incentive Program Webinars – All Provider Types, EHR

Florida Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program webinars for Eligible Professionals will be conducted on a regular weekly basis. Please stay tuned for additional opportunities to learn about getting started in the program. Meanwhile, the presentation used for the webinar 9/13/11 is available at the following link: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/ehr/presentations.shtml>.

Check the EHR website often for updates:
www.ahca.myflorida.com/MedicaidEHR.

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7. Learn the Signs Act Early Quarterly Webinar Series

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**Thursday September 21, 2011
3:00-4:00pm Eastern**

**Using Your Personal and Professional
Passion to Create Change**

This webinar which will include presentations from two Act Early state team leaders and one Act Early Ambassador. Each presenter will offer insight into their own career path and how having a child with a disability fueled their passion for creating change in the field. We hope you will be able to join us!

Speakers:

Gail Chodron, Training and Outreach Specialist, Waisman Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nila Benito, Community Supports Coordinator, Florida Center for Inclusive

Communities, University of South Florida

Stacey Ramirez, Director of Individual and Family Supports, Center for Leadership in Disability, Georgia State University

Moderators:

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

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

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