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ACTION NEEDED

EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING EVALUATIONS

If you attended the 2010 Early Steps Statewide Meeting last month **please go to the link below and complete the evaluations** for the sessions you attended. This is the only means in which you can obtain a certificate for attending the meeting and breakout sessions. In addition, we rely on your feedback to make improvements for next year.

http://cpeip.fsu.edu/html/doc/ES_Certificates/

QUARTERLY VERIFICATION SUBMISSION REMINDER (UPDATED)

The due date for Verification of Child Outcomes data has been changed to **October 29th, 2010** from October 15th. The reason for this change is that TATS has changed the website address. For those Local Early Steps entering "raw" level data into the Data Manager, **remember to submit information to the TATS online reporting system for Verification Reporting at:** http://www.tats.ucf.edu/Forms/Sur/LES_Report.html

If you were submitting "raw" level data and have switched to "item" level since the last verification, **please notify David Johnson** (David_Johnson3@doh.state.fl.us) **and Sue Donovan** (sdonovan@mail.ucf.edu).

QUARTER 1 / OSEP DATA FIXES

The First Quarter FY 2010-2011 Data Fixes were sent out on 10/21/2010. Included in these are fixes geared at cleaning the submission and providing accurate information to the Federal Government for required IDEA 618 data reporting.

Please pay special attention to IFSP dates, the new Federal Race, and records that were Administrative Closures. These items in particular will have an impact on our submissions. **Please address these fixes by November 15, 2010.**

STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN UPDATE

ESSO received official notice from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on October 7th, 2010, that the current State Performance Plan (SPP) will be extended for two years. The original SPP was submitted on February 1, 2005, and was intended for implementation through June 30, 2011. An amended SPP must now be submitted with the Annual Performance Report (APR) on February 1, 2011. The amended document must include Improvement Strategies for each Indicator for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. It must also include Targets for the Performance Indicators (#2, #3, #4, #5, and #6) for these two years. Targets for Compliance Indicators are mandated as 100%. We will be convening our Continuous Improvement Workgroup to provide stakeholder input on the development of additional

improvement strategies and targets. **You are welcome to submit your comments and suggestions to Claudia Kassack at Claudia_Kassack@doh.state.fl.us by November 30, 2010.**

The current SPP and APR are available for review at http://www.cms-kids.com/providers/early_steps/reports/program_performance.html.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

TRI-FOLD DISPLAY BOARD ARTWORK

By now each LES office should have received a UPS package with four Early Steps display signs.

These signs are designed with the dimensions to fit the tri-panel tabletop display boards that were previously purchased for your LES and shipped to you last April. There is a piece for the header area, and one set of three pieces for each of the panels. Yes, actually there are four panels ... an extra one being geared for "Providers." The thought is that when you display at an event that is more general audience or families, that you'll use the "Family" panel and when you are specifically attending a provider event that panel could be swapped with the provider-focused panel.

The boards and the art panels are to support your staff's child find, community outreach, and provider recruitment efforts.

The artwork for the tri-fold panels were shipped via UPS on Tuesday, October 12. If you have not already done so, **please notify Pam Porter at pamela_porter@doh.state.fl.us when you receive your package.**

MEDICAID UPDATE (With 1 Attachment)

MEDICAID Health Care Alerts & Provider Alerts Messages - October 2010

- **THERAPY SERVICES PROCEDURE CODE 29799 HA NOW PAYING CORRECTLY:** Providers may resume billing for Therapy Services procedure code 29799 HA. Procedure code 29799 HA was previously denying pending system corrections which have now been completed. See attachment for AHCA Alert.
- **MEDICAID RE-BILLING ISSUE FOR PREVIOUS CODE 6122 DENIALS, OTHER CODES PARTIAL DENIALS, AND FOR CLAIMS OLDER THAN 12 MONTHS:** (i.e. how to obtain additional funding for those claims that were only partially paid, now that claims are paying correctly, or for claims too old for normal processing). AHCA Medicaid has provided the following advisements for follow-up:

"The best thing to do is always have the providers work through their local Medicaid office. They deal with these types of issues. They have the expertise to help them resolve these types of issues. Due to the major issues being dealt with by HP and the priorities that have been set for

them by AHCA, they cannot reprocess these types of claims. It will be simpler for providers to work with their Medicaid office on rebilling issues", and

"They must work through their local Medicaid office to get the timely filing edit forced paid for claims with dates of service older than 12 months."

The local offices should be able to work with individual claims when appropriate to approve HP action to override or "force-pay" the additional units that otherwise would be denied with re-processing, or for claims older than 12 months for which there is a valid reason for delay in billing. Even though this is additional work for providers, it should result in correct payments. If there are specific problems experienced with going this route, notify your program manager to obtain assistance on a case-by-case basis. Contact information for your local Medicaid area office can be found at the following Web address: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Areas/index.shtml>.

FOLLOW UP RE: OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2010 CONFERENCE CALLS RE: EARLY STEPS POLICY HANDBOOK AND OPERATIONS GUIDE UPDATES TO BE IMPLEMENTED NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Thank you for your participation in the October 12 & 13, 2010 conference calls re: the November 1, 2010 policy updates and for your thoughtful questions and comments. We have had further discussions with Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) and Department of Children and Families (DCF) staff and will disseminate a Question and Answer document addressing your issues in the October 28, 2010 edition of the ESSO Weekly Memo

NECTAC NEWS

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

UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING ASQ-3 TRAINING (With 1 Attachment)

The Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) would like to announce upcoming Train-the-Trainer sessions from Brooks Publishing on the ASQ-3/SE/ Enterprise system. If you have staff that would like to attend one of these trainings, please let them know that the number of participants is limited.

FIELD SEMINAR SERIES LESSON: HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND MICROAGGRESSIONS: A FRAMEWORK FOR CULTURALLY-BASED PRACTICE

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Historical Trauma and Microaggressions: A Framework for Culturally-Based Practice

This is the second issue in a series related to trauma and child welfare systems. This issue captures the presentation of Dr. Karina Walters on December 4, 2009 titled "Historical Trauma, Microaggressions, and Identity: A Framework for Culturally-Based Practice", which was part of the Center for Excellence in Children's Mental Health (CECMH) Lessons from the Field seminar series.

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