



## WEEKLY UPDATE – JUNE 26, 2009

### *INFORMATION AND RESOURCES*

#### **ARRA LOCAL EARLY STEPS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

As promised on the Directors and Coordinators conference call, attached is the cover checklist for the ARRA Local Early Step Funding Opportunities. The actual application and instructions will come out in a separate e-mail, hopefully on June 30.

#### **MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES IN A PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE FACILITY**

Please see the attached memo from Medicaid that reiterates the reimbursement policy for early intervention services provided in a prescribed pediatric extended care (PPEC) facility.

#### **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES STATEWIDE BUSINESS MEETING**

The 2009 Children's Medical Services Statewide Business Meeting is once again being held at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club located in St. Petersburg, Florida. The dates of the meeting are 8/25, 8/26 and 8/27. You may make your reservations by calling 888.303.4430 or by going online to: [www.vinoyrenaissanceresort.com](http://www.vinoyrenaissanceresort.com) and enter the code of **cmsmsa** under Group Code. The room rate is \$89 plus tax. For travel arrangements note that the approximate meeting start times will be 12:00 noon on the 25th, ending at approximately 12:00 noon on the 27th. The cutoff date for reservations is Monday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. I would not wait until the cutoff date as there are room limitations.

Tameka Davis will be providing registration information within the next week.

*(You must register in order to ensure you receive a printed nametag.)*

#### **NAEYC AND DEC RELEASE POSITION STATEMENT ON INCLUSION**

The Division for Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children have recently approved a joint position statement that underscores their commitment to quality early childhood inclusion.

Early Childhood Inclusion: A Joint Position of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) provides a shared national definition of inclusion as "the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every infant and young child and his or her family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society."

The document, which was developed through a collaborative national process coordinated by the National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI), represents the first time these two leading national organizations have partnered on a joint product that is expected to have widespread impact on the early childhood field.

The position statement is available at

[www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/DEC\\_NAEYC\\_EC\\_updatedKS.pdf](http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/DEC_NAEYC_EC_updatedKS.pdf)

## SHARE YOUR STORY WEBSITE FOR FAMILIES

The March of Dimes has a website for parents of babies who were in the NICU. It is called "an online discussion for NICU families." There is a page for asking questions, venting, sharing stories and lots of good information. This is a very family friendly site and is easy to navigate.

<http://shareyourstory.org/>

## DENIAL CODE 2091 (NO HMO MEDICAID AUTHORIZATION) AND DENIAL CODE 1085 (CLAIM MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE PSN) HAVE BEEN FIXED

AHCA and EDS report they believe they have fixed the system error that caused denial code 2091 (*No HMO Medicaid Authorization*) and denial code 1085 (*Claim Must Be Processed Through the PSN*). All previously denied 2091 claims will be re-billed by EDS and the re-billing should be completed within the next few weeks. ESSO is waiting to receive notification from AHCA if previously denied 1085 claims will be re-billed by EDS. We will notify LES programs when a decision has been made.

LES programs and/or providers are asked to monitor their billing and if these denial codes are received, please review them carefully and if they are not justifiable, please email [wilma\\_jackson@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:wilma_jackson@doh.state.fl.us) with the details and she will notify Gail Underwood at Medicaid immediately.

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