



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Local Family Survey Leads Conference Call

A conference call with the Local Family Survey Leads has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 from 10:00 - 11:00 am (EST) to discuss the family survey process. If your Local Family Survey Lead has changed, please notify Kelly.Rogers@flhealth.gov.

The conference call information is:

US Toll Free: 1-888-670-3525

Participant Passcode: 9755323732 #

2. 2014 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute

The 2014 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute is quickly approaching and there are several family-oriented sessions that may be of interest to you and to families and colleagues in your networks:

Pre-Institute Workshop: *Beyond Preschool: Where Will the Inclusion Journey Take Us?*

Keynote: *My Journey with Julian*

Family Panel: *What I Wish Had Been on My Child's IEP: Lessons Learned from Parents*

Ethics and Inclusive Practices: Impact on the Child, Family, and Others

DEC Recommended Practices: Making Them Real for Families

Parents As Partners for Professional Development (P3D): Touching Hearts, Changing Minds

Supporting Parents As Observers and Promoters of Their Child's Development During Home Visits

These are just a few of the over 40 concurrent sessions at this year's Inclusion Institute. The program includes Pre-Institute workshops, plenaries, and an inspiring keynote given by Dwayne Ballen, father of a child with autism, activist, and author.

For information about the Institute go to:

<http://inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu/session-list>

3. April Quarterly FICCIT Meeting Cancelled

NOTICE - The April Quarterly Meeting of the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers has been cancelled. The meeting has been postponed to a later date in May or June 2014.

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UPCOMING EVENTS, continued:

4. CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Please mark your calendars for April 22, 2014, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., EST for CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds "Autism Spectrum Disorder: From Numbers to Know-How." This event features presentations on autism etiology, surveillance, early identification and screening, and evidence-based intervention. Please share this information widely.

You can receive free training and continuing education opportunities/contact hours for watching Grand Rounds.

Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/index.htm> to register.

There are two ways to attend

1. A [live webcast](#) will be available. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/> to watch the event.
2. Attend in person at CDC's Tom Harkin Global Communication Center, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30333. Due to security measures at CDC's campus, non-CDC staff who wish to attend the session in person must have prior clearance and a U.S. state-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license or U.S. passport). Please send your request to attend in person to the [CDC Grand Rounds Team](#).

5. 2014 National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

October 7-9, 2014

**Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL**

The 11th annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children conference will provide training on the latest research and best practice strategies for drug endangered children efforts at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. This conference will enable participants to enhance collaborative efforts to protect children from the harmful effects of their caregivers' substance abuse.

<http://www.nationaldec-conference.org/>

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MEDICAID UPDATES:

6. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has created an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe now, or to unsubscribe or update your subscription at any time. Please direct questions about Medicaid policies to your local Medicaid area office. The Medicaid area offices' addresses and phone numbers are available on the Area Offices web page at http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_AreaOffices/tabId/37/Default.aspx.

7. Speech Therapy Assessment Code

Effective January 1, 2014 the following speech therapy assessment evaluation codes 92506UC and 92506U6, were replaced with the following new codes:

- 92521UC and 92521U6 Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering)
- 92522UC and 92521U6 Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria)
- 92523UC and 92521U6 Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (e.g., receptive and expressive language)
- 92524UC and 92521U6 Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance

Claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2014 must be submitted using the new codes.

All four codes are reimbursed at the rate of \$48.50. Providers will only be allowed to receive reimbursement for one of the four codes every 150 days. We are working to modify our system which will allow providers to bill multiple procedure codes at the appropriate rate. However, you will still receive the maximum reimbursement fee of \$48.50 whether one or multiple codes are billed. You must have actually performed the specific evaluation in order to bill for the service.

MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:

8. Newly Opened Hearing Aid Codes

Effective January 1, 2014, the following hearing aid codes have been added to the Hearing Services Fee Schedule:

- V5060- Behind Ear Hearing Aid
- V5130- In Ear Binaural Hearing Aid
- V5140- Behind Ear Binaural Hearing Aid
- V5160- Dispensing Fee Binaural
- V5180- Behind Ear Cros Hearing Aid
- V5220- Behind Ear BiCros Hearing Aid

The addition of these codes to the fee schedule is based on changes related to The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), which reduced the unit limit to one (1) for codes V5050 and V5090.

Providers may continue to use the appropriate dispensing fee code for either Cros or BiCros, in addition to the service code V5160.

Additionally, for code L8692, the NCCI Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) units, have been corrected to two (2) units. This change is retroactive to the date of July 1, 2012, when the unit was reduced to one (1).

Claims with two units for code L8692 submitted prior to January 1, 2014, and were denied based on the current MUE value, can be resubmitted.

The Hearing Services Fee Schedule is available on the Medicaid fiscal agent's website at <http://www.mymedicaid-florida.com>. Select Public Information for Providers, then Provider Support, and then Fee Schedules.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

9. Fast Facts: Florida KidCare & Medicaid for Children

The attached document, prepared in conjunction with the Florida KidCare partners, addresses three misconceptions about Florida KidCare and Medicaid for children. It is intended to provide high level facts for people who work with our families.

The three myths addressed are: (1) Florida KidCare does not exist anymore (false!); (2) Enrollment in Florida KidCare and Medicaid closed when open enrollment for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace closed on March 31 (false!); and (3) When the Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program is implemented, children cannot enroll in the CMS Network anymore (also false!)

Please share this basic information fact sheet with staff who work with our families. For those who want to learn more about MMA, a link to AHCA's web site is provided. *Please note, this document is not written as a handout for families.*

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INFORMATION & RESOURCES, continued:

10. CMS Area Office Telephone Numbers

Please see the attached CMS Area Office Phone Numbers by County document.

EMPLOYEE AND LES SPOTLIGHT

11. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight

Has one of your co-workers received an award or gone above and beyond? Has your LES hosted a successful event or been mentioned in the media? Then this section is for you! Please submit items for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either **LES/ESSO Employees OR Local Early Steps Programs**. All entries must be emailed to Katie Williams and Patricia Herring by 5:00 EST on Tuesdays. The subject line should read “ESSO Weekly Memo Entry.” Please include a picture when possible.

12. ESSO Staff Spotlight

Renee Jenkins

Policy Director, Early Steps State Office

Over the last few weeks and months, Renee has worked tirelessly to provide Early Steps stakeholders the opportunity to become involved in the policy-making process. Her innovative ideas and dedication to this process resulted in webinars to solicit broad feedback. These webinars were by far the most successful in ESSO’s history of getting public comment and feedback on proposed Early Steps policies. This is just one example of Renee’s dedication to the Early Steps system and the families that we serve. She wears many different hats within her role in ESSO. She is heavily involved in bill analysis during the legislative session, supervises a team of professionals, and readily offers her wealth of knowledge and experience when asked.

Thank you, Renee, for your leadership!



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Program Manager Information

13. Program Managers & Contact Information

The assigned program manager at ESSO is the primary contact person for the LES to submit questions, issues or concerns to. The program manager will be responsible for responding to the LES and prior to responding, will inform and involve others in the ESSO, when necessary, to assist in clarifying or resolving the issue. **ESSO Phone Number - (850) 245-4444**

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