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MEDICAID UPDATES:

1. 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 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.

2. Provider Training: Florida Payment Error Rate Measurement Program

The Florida Medicaid program invites Medicaid providers to the "Florida Payment Error Rate Measurement Program" training. Florida is one of the 17 States selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Payment Error Measurement (PERM) initiative for Federal Fiscal Year 2014.

During the training sessions an overview of the Payment Error Measurement (PERM) program will be presented. Also, we will share the findings for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 sample, and discuss tips to assist Florida Medicaid and CHIP providers for the upcoming record requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2014.

The training sessions will be delivered via webinar on **Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., E.T., and Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., E.T.**

All Medicaid providers are invited to participate.

To join the webinar on either date, please:

1. Dial: 1 (888) 670-3525, Participant passcode 633 897 8710 then #

2. Go to:

[https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?](https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?ED=255653467&UID=1707402342&HMAC=2d9b112e658da124f335f9e82b703ea3b8642bd2&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D)

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3. Enter your name and email address.

4. Click "Join Now".

6. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

You don't need to register or reserve space; just call and log-in at the designated time. The training will follow a PowerPoint presentation found at the Florida Medicaid Provider Training e-Library website.

To download the presentation to view during the webinar, please click on the "Upcoming Training and Schedules" tab, then right click on the hyperlink for the Training Presentation, choose "Save Target As..." and save a copy of the presentation to your computer. You may also click on the hyperlink for the training presentation and view it online. Any questions can be emailed prior to or during the webinar to:

elibrarytraining@ahca.myflorida.com.

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

3. 2012-2013 FICCIT Annual Report

The Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) is pleased to present the 2012-2013 FICCIT Annual Report. The report is attached to the ESSO Weekly Memo email. Please distribute to your partners and stakeholders. For more information about FICCIT, please visit www.floridaicc.com

4. Update on Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Youth with Autism

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders has released its much anticipated update on evidence-based practices for children and youth with autism. Scientist's at UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute spearheaded the project, screening 29,000 articles about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to locate the soundest research on interventions for children from birth to age 22. Click the link below to access this report: <http://fpg.unc.edu/news/research-backs-more-strategies-children-autism>

5. Healthy Weight - Community Champion 2014 Recognition Program

Local governments can implement a variety of policies that have been shown to increase physical activity levels and improve nutrition. Acknowledging that many jurisdictions have already made progress in these types of policy changes, State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong, established the Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition Program to highlight communities for their important efforts. Please see the attached [FLYER](#) for more information.

6. Early Steps Conference Call Schedule

The attached [CHART](#) identifies routinely scheduled statewide conference calls led or facilitated by Early Steps State Office.

EMPLOYEE AND LES SPOTLIGHT

7. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight

Has one of your co-workers received an award? 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.

8. West Central Early Steps Employee Spotlight



**Congratulations to
Julie Vincent, RN -
January 2014 DAISY Award
recipient at
All Children's Hospital!!**

Please read more about Julie's award [here](#)

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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

9. List of Program Managers and their 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. **Early Steps State Office Telephone Number - (850) 245-4444**

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Healthy Weight COMMUNITY CHAMPION 2014 Recognition Program

Share how your community champions healthy weight best practices.

Background & Purpose

Obesity rates in the U.S. have increased dramatically over the last 30 years, and obesity is now epidemic in the United States. In Florida, only 35% of adults are at a healthy weight. Additionally, 6 out of 10 children born today will be obese by the time they graduate from high school. For this reason, Florida's State Surgeon General, John Armstrong, MD, FACS, has declared healthy weight as a top priority.

Florida's county and municipal governments play an important role in decreasing the prevalence of unhealthy weight in their jurisdictions. Local governments can implement a variety of policies that have been shown to increase physical activity levels and improve nutrition. These "best practice" policies are reflected in the Healthy Weight Community Champion Submission Form. These best practices also align with the State Health Improvement Plan. By implementing policies like the ones recommended in the submission form, local governments promote community environments where the healthy choice is the easier choice.

Acknowledging that many communities have already made progress in these types of policy changes, Dr. Armstrong established the Healthy

Weight Community Champion Recognition Program to highlight communities for their important efforts. As Healthy Weight Community Champions, local governments will be able to share their progress and lessons learned while implementing best practice policies.

Eligibility

Florida's 410 active municipalities (cities, towns and villages) and 67 counties are eligible to submit best practices. Submissions must be made by a municipal or county official. Unincorporated areas may submit under the sponsorship of the county in which they are located.

Timeline

February 28, 2014: Submission Window Closes

March 14, 2014: Best Practices Posted and Communities Recognized

www.HealthiestWeightFL.com

CONFERENCE CALLS FACILITATED BY THE EARLY STEPS STATE OFFICE

This chart identifies routinely scheduled statewide conference calls led or facilitated by ESSO.

TITLE	FACILITATOR	PURPOSE	TARGET AUDIENCE	FREQUENCY
Directors/Coordinators Cohort	Penny Geiger	Community of Learners for Directors/Coordinators to discuss topics of importance	LES Directors/ Coordinators	3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00-2:00
Directors/Coordinators	Penny Geiger	Business related topics for implementation of services	LES Directors/ Coordinators and ESSO staff	1st Wednesday of each month from 9:30-12:00
Family Resource Specialists	Sue Cannon	Share information and discuss family involvement activities	LES Family Resource Specialists	4th Wednesday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30
Service Coordinator Workgroup	Sally Golden-McCord	TBD	LES Service Coordinators and SC Supervisors	2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00-2:30
SHINE	Mary Sandler	Share information and resources regarding children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families	SHINE Service Coordinators and Providers	Quarterly on the 3rd Monday from 2:00-4:00 (Month of quarter TBD)
Training Coordinators	Liza Smith Janice Miller	Share and discuss topics related to personnel improvement and training activities	LES Training Coordinators	3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:00
Reporting	David Johnson	Share and discuss CMS-KIDS reports	CMS-KIDS Users	1st Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00
Pre-Roll Out CMS-KIDS	Penny Geiger	Discuss Pre-Roll Out of CMS-KIDS	LESs in pre-roll out phase of CMS-KIDS	1st Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00
Strategies	Penny Geiger	Strategies (Data Users)	CMS-KIDS Data Users	3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00