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1. Opportunity to provide comment to the Office of Special Education Programs

If you are interested in commenting on the proposed framework documents from which States will develop a plan to measure results and monitor progress, you have an opportunity to provide comment to the Office of Special Education Programs by June 14, 2013. Please click on the following link:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=ED-2013-ICCD-0048>.

FOLLOW UP:

2. Director's and Coordinator's Meeting Information

A room has been reserved in Tampa for Director's and Coordinator's Meeting for July 16th the day prior to the One Goal Conference on July 17-19, 2013.

Hotel

Hilton Tampa Downtown formerly Hyatt Regency

Tampa, Florida

<http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3. Act Early Forum, Webinar Series: Benchmarks for Monitoring Early Identification and Linkage to Services - May 9th 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET [CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

About the Webinar

This webinar will focus on benchmarks for monitoring early identification and linkage to services. Jane Squires, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Twombly, M.S., will discuss results from their recently completed Research Topic of Interest (RTOI), Benchmark Measures for Early Identification/Early Intervention Systems (BEST), a project aimed at developing state level benchmark indicators and recommended practices to support the timely identification, referral and entry into services for children eligible for Part C disability services. Jane Charles, M.D., will discuss South Carolina's efforts to consider two positive autism screens for established risk eligibility. There will be time reserved for questions following the presentations. We hope you can join us!

Speakers

Jane Squires, Ph.D., Director, Center on Human Development; Professor, Early Intervention/Special Education, University of Oregon

Liz Twombly, M.S., Senior Research Assistant/Instructor, Early Intervention Program, University of Oregon

Jane Charles, MD, Developmental Pediatrician, Medical University of South Carolina

Moderator

Catherine Rice, Ph.D., CDC/National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities



UPCOMING EVENTS, Continued:

4. 19th National Health Equity Research Webcast (formerly known as the Annual Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health).

Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 1:30-4:00pm EDT

Topic: **"Early Childhood Development: Investing in our Children and Our Future"**

Featuring:

- Yvette Sanchez Fuentes, B.A.**, Director, Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services
- Portia R. Kennel, M.S.W.**, Senior Vice President, Program Innovation, Ounce of Prevention Fund and Executive Director, Educare Learning Network
- Sarah L. (Hicks) Kastelic, M.S.W., Ph.D.**, Deputy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
- Moderator: Khari M. Garvin, M.Ed.**, Director, NC Head Start-State Collaboration Office, Office of Early Learning

This free, interactive session will be broadcast with a live audience in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt auditorium at the UNC School of Social Work and can be viewed over the Internet (webcast). Questions will be taken from broadcast participants by email and toll-free telephone.

For more information: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2013/

To register a group viewing site: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2013/broadcast/

To register to view on your personal computer: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2013/register/

To register for the studio audience at the TTK auditorium: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2013/studio/

Answers to frequently asked questions: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2013/faq.cfm

Participant comments from a previous year: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2011/eval/comments.cfm

The 19th National Health Equity Research Webcast is presented by the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Minority Health Project and UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, in association with Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. Please consider becoming a cosponsor or providing an endorsement!

MEDICAID UPDATES:

5. 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.



MEDICAID UPDATES, Continued:

6. Medicaid Training Opportunities Available in Fort Myers

The Area 8 Medicaid Office offers periodic Medicaid provider training at the local Medicaid Office. The next CMS-1500 training will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 9AM to 12 Noon. This training is held monthly, on the second Thursday of each month. Training is held at our office in the Joseph P. D'Alessandro State Office Building at 2295 Victoria Ave, Fort Myers, on the third floor, Suite #309.

MediPass provider refresher training for established MediPass providers will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013, from 10AM to 12 Noon, and quarterly thereafter. This training is also held at our office in the Joseph P. D'Alessandro State Office Building at 2295 Victoria Ave, Fort Myers, on the third floor, Suite #309.

To make a reservation, please visit [Florida Medicaid web portal](#) and click on Area Office 8, then scroll down to the link for Area 8 Provider Training Calendar for instructions on how to register. You may also call, email or fax us as indicated below to register for any of our training sessions.

Phone: (239) 335-1281 / E-mail: Area8ps@ahca.myflorida.com / Fax: (239) 338-2927

7. DRG Frequently Asked Questions Document Now Available on the Public Web Portal

A new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding Florida Medicaid's transition to the Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG) payment method has now been added to the [DRG webpage](#) on the Florida Medicaid public Web Portal.

Providers are encouraged to [download](#) a copy today to review commonly asked questions regarding the Agency for Health Care Administration's DRG implementation initiative.

The DRG webpage will be updated often, so please visit regularly for the most current information.

8. Rule 59G-4.110 Hearing Services Notice of Public Hearing

The Agency for Health Care Administration has scheduled a public hearing for 59G-4.110 Hearing Services. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the:

Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive
Building 3, Conference Room B
Tallahassee, FL 32308

There will not be a phone call-in number available.

Official notice of the hearing was posted in Volume 39, Number 79 of the Florida Administrative Register on April 23, 2013. A copy of the notice may be found on the [FAR](#) Web site.

You may also download a copy of the reference material and agenda located on our [Draft Handbooks, Fee Schedules, and Other Documents](#) Web page.



MEDICAID UPDATES, Continued:

9. Provider Training: Medicaid Coverage & Prior Authorization for Applied Behavior Analysis Services

Provider training will be held on the dates and times listed below. We will provide guidance about Florida Medicaid policy for Applied Behavior Analysis services, the prior authorization request process, and information about service codes, reimbursement rates, and billing process.

This training session will be offered on Friday, May 17, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., ET and again on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., ET.

To join the webinar on Friday, May 17, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., ET, please:

1. Dial: 1 (888) 670-3525 and at the prompt enter the Participant passcode 633 897 8710 then #

2. Go to: to

<https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?ED=178258682&UID=1372369707&HMAC=17138155dcoaoeoc30ae5cdc38628fe18e8bbc3&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

To join the webinar on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., ET, please:

1. Dial: 1 (888) 670-3525 and at the prompt enter the Participant passcode 633 897 8710 then #

2. Go to: to

<https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?ED=178259457&UID=1372378112&HMAC=fo8e088d2d4644a1592020a7ec3b9137b4be3acc&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

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. If you have any questions about the webinar, please contact elibrarytraining@ahca.myflorida.com

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

10. Save the Date: Partnering for Success 2013

The 2013 Partnering for Success Conference is scheduled for November 13-15, 2013 in Orlando.

LES SPOTLIGHT:

11. Reminder to the LES:

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo is for recognition of major accomplishments and milestones in the local 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.'

BUREAU UPDATE:

12. Policy Unit Update

The annual Part C application was submitted to the Office of Special Education Services (OSEP) a week in advance of the April 22 due date. We are awaiting OSEP's formal notification of approval. Policy staff requested assistance from OSEP regarding whether Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C compensatory services (determined necessary as a result of a complaint finding) can be provided to a child after the third birthday when the child is also eligible for and receiving IDEA, Part B services. Although we have requested further clarifying details from OSEP, they confirmed a child who is past third birthday can receive Part C compensatory services and Part B services at the same time.

Policy staff researched and assisted in responding to questions from members of the Infant toddler Coordinator's Association (ITCA) on the topics of referral and screening, state interagency coordinating council membership/involvement with other state councils and procedures for enforcement of the 7-day timeline for primary referral sources to refer to the Part C system

Policy staff have been working with others in ESSO to review targeted case management (TCM) billable activities listed in the 2012 TCM Handbook and compare them to the Service Coordination Case Note drop-down list. A plan will be developed to address any perceived discrepancies between those two lists.

Following meetings with program managers and policy leads related to "Other Services" on Form G of the IFSP, changes are being considered for the IFSP Instructions, the operations guide and definitions to clarify requirements and practices related to this issue. Other policy-related issues that have been addressed over the past month have been related to making clear the distinction between consultation between direct service providers, participation in IFSP meetings in person and via phone or making records available to others participating in a meeting.

Family Resource Specialist roles and responsibilities have been reviewed and recommendations for minor revisions to those responsibilities are moving forward. Technical assistance has been provided to Family Resource Specialists related to effective practice strategies for consideration for 2013-2014 family-centered priority areas.

Work continues with the DOH Purchasing Office related to the Invitation to Negotiate and it is expected that this project will come to an end in the next few days.

On Tuesday, April 9 Policy Unit staff joined over 4,000 children, families and advocates for "Children's Capitol for a Day" as part of the 2013 Children's Week. Preparations were completed and a successful quarterly Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) meeting was held at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) in St. Augustine on April 16-17, 2013.

PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION

13. 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.

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