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## **REMINDER:**

### **1. Monthly Provider Liaison Call**

PRL's are encouraged to participate monthly in this call as there is important information shared by the CMS Provider Management Unit. Each LES is responsible for the content provided during this call.

These calls are regularly scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and agenda items need to be sent to [Sarah.Kelley@flhealth.gov](mailto:Sarah.Kelley@flhealth.gov) by the 1st Wednesday of the month. An agenda is disseminated by email prior to each call.

The next call is on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

## **MEDICAID UPDATES:**

### **2. 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](http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_AreaOffices/tabId/37/Default.aspx).

### **3. Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Additional Information Now Available Online**

Additional information has been posted regarding the SMMC Managed Medical Assistance program.

From time to time during program development and implementation, the Agency will post information to provide the public with clarification regarding program components.

The additional information is located on the [Managed Medical Assistance](#) web page. Additional documents have been added to assist providers and recipients transition to the new program.

## **INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

### **4. DEC Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education**

The Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children has released the 2014 edition of the [DEC Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education](#) (April 2014)

The DEC Recommended Practices Commission has completed the impressive 18 month task of drafting revisions to the Recommended Practices, securing input on the draft from key constituents (family members, practitioners, administrators, researchers, and higher education faculty) via focus groups and surveys, validating the research base, securing field validation, and finalizing the practices. ECTA Center salutes the hard work of these dedicated volunteer Commissioners and content experts in creating this touchstone resource for the field. And there is more good news to come in the way of product development to support professional development and the implementation of the practices.

The DEC Recommended Practices were developed to provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth through five years of age, who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities. They are meant to help bridge the gap between research and practice by highlighting those practices that have been shown to result in better outcomes for young children with disabilities, their families, and the personnel who serve them.

Please hold **May 27, 3 p.m. EDT** for an ECTA Center release party webinar! More information will be shared under "News & Features" on the [ECTA Center Web site](#) soon.



# *Program Manager Information*

## 5. 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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