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ACTION NEEDED:

1. New Billing Agent Provider Number for UF Data System

Recent administrative changes have prompted us to update the Medicaid provider number that we use to submit batch claims through the UF Early Steps and RPICC data systems. Our new provider number is **008802100**.

Important facts about the change are listed below:

- ES and RPICC Centers must complete and submit a new “Billing Agent Agreement” for each group number.
- In the next week, you will receive faxed or emailed forms that have been partially filled in with the information in your billing profile that we currently use to submit your claims to Medicaid.
- We will not begin submitting claims under the new number until all Centers have completed and submitted agreements.
- Please plan to have the forms completed and submitted by July 15th if possible.
- We believe that you can verify all authorized billing agents by looking at the Provider Maintenance – Billing Agent section in the Medicaid site.

If you have any questions, please contact us directly.

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FOLLOW UP:

No Items.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2. Save the Date - 2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting

November 13-15, 2013
Wyndham Orlando Resort
8001 International Drive
Orlando, Florida

Partners of the 2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting include: Florida's Early Steps, Head Start State Collaboration Office, Office of Early Learning, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, and Bureau of Child Protection and Special Technology.

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MEDICAID UPDATES:

3. 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.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

4. Mobile Device Use by Early Childhood Professionals - ECTA Center eNotes

The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA Center) wants to tailor our communications, training, and support materials to match real-world communications media use and preferences of early childhood professionals. To that end, we are asking you to provide us with information about your use of digital communications media in your professional role.

We are inviting early childhood practitioners, program directors, therapists, and special educators in and out of classrooms to participate. We are hoping to hear from the widest possible number of early childhood professionals. We are circulating this request through a variety of avenues, so if you have already responded, please disregard and excuse the multiple requests. Your responses will help shape the products we develop for communicating, training, and other support materials in the EC context. Should you have any questions, please contact Carol M. Trivette, Ph.D., via e-mail at ctrivette@puckett.org.

There are eight multiple choice questions, and one optional question. We estimate completion will require less than five minutes of your time. We are sincerely grateful for your participation.

Qualtrics link: https://unc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cOdbKvM6p8zIXWd

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued:

5. Florida KidCare Third Party Administrator Change Coming Soon

On October 1, the Florida KidCare program will have a new third party administrator, Maximus/PSI. The old administrator, ACS, will stop processing premium payments and documents on September 20, 2013. All premium payments or documents that families send to Florida KidCare from September 20 through September 30, 2013, will be held for processing until October 1.

You can help CMS families prepare for the technology upgrade:

Pay early. Premium payments are due *before* the coverage month starts. Encourage families to make premium payments during the first week of the current month for next month's coverage. Premiums may be paid online, by telephone, by text, by mail, or with cash. Visit <https://www.healthykids.org/pay/online/> for more information.

Double up. In August, encourage families to make double payments if they can. On August 1, for example, if a family pays \$30 instead of \$15, they will have money in their accounts for September and October coverage.

Don't delay if renewal is due. If a family's renewal is due in October, all required documents should be submitted to Florida KidCare by the first week of September or sooner.

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

6. New Guidelines

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo will now be used for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either LES/ESSO staff OR 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.' **Please include a picture when possible.**

7. Second Quarter SHINE Data Winners:

Submitted by Pam Tempson, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program Coordinator

Congratulations to this fiscal year's second quarter SHINE data winners, Southwest Florida for having a low average number of days to develop the IFSP and Gulf Central for having a high percent of children who were referred actually enroll and start services. The Florida Newborn Screening Program, which oversees the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program, will be sending an award certificate and a supply of BabySigns products to distribute to families to the SHINE Coordinator for these LES's.

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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

8. 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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