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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. Reminder: Overview of the Florida Medicaid Therapy Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook

The training sessions will be delivered via webinar on:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. E.T.
- Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. E.T.
- Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. E.T.

During the training sessions we will discuss provider requirements, prior authorization, reimbursement for services, and plan of care. All Medicaid therapy providers are invited to participate.

To join any of the webinars, please:

1. Dial: 1(888) 670 - 3525 and enter the 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=254916237&UID=1701432957&HMAC=86aa541f5761ed7ac5d2e6ba3468036b00f0d0ae&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D)

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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.

3. AHCA Training Presentation for Potential Managed Medical Assistance Providers

The following link is for a presentation that occurred on December 10, 2013.

http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/pdf/mma/MMA_101_12-10-2013.pdf

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued

7. Math Resources

"What Works" Practice Guide: Teaching Math to Young Children

The Institute of Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) recently released a practice guide, [Teaching Math to Young Children](#) (November 2013). The guide provides five recommendations for teaching math to children in preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten. Each recommendation includes implementation steps and solutions for common roadblocks. The recommendations also summarize and rate supporting evidence. The guide is geared toward teachers, administrators, and other educators who want to build a strong foundation for later math learning.

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/practice_guides/early_math_pg_111313.pdf

Math in the Early Years

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) recently released a new issue of The Progress of Education Reform, which discusses findings about the strong relationship between early math instruction and later student achievement.

[Math in the Early Years](#) (The Progress of Education Reform, Vol. 14, No.5, October 2013), by Doug Clements and Julie Sarama, finds that early knowledge of math predicts not only later success in math, but also later achievement in reading even better than early reading skills do. The paper discusses the implications of these findings and provides recommendations for state policy to support the development of early math competencies and young children. Download at <http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/01/09/46/10946.pdf>

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT

8. LES Spotlight - Treasure Coast

The Treasure Coast Early Steps was recognized in an article featured on the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County website. Click below to read the article.

<http://www.cscslc.org/blog/index/pid/54/id/17/title/faces-of-csc-the-hmamly-family#.UrRGMmRDu9h>



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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.

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January 2014 Meeting Calendar

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<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<p>8 - Directors/ Coordinators Call 9:30 AM - Noon</p> <p>- CMS-K.I.D.S. Reports Call</p>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<p>14 - FICCIT Quarterly Meeting Day 1</p>	<p>15 - FICCIT Meeting Day 2</p> <p>- Service Coordinator Call 12:00 - 1:30</p>	<p>16 - Directors/ Coordinators Cohorts Call 1:00 - 2:00 PM</p>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<p>21 - Training Coordinators Call 1:00 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>22 - CMS-KIDS Operations Call</p> <p>- Family Resource Specialist Call 10:00 - 11:30 AM</p>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
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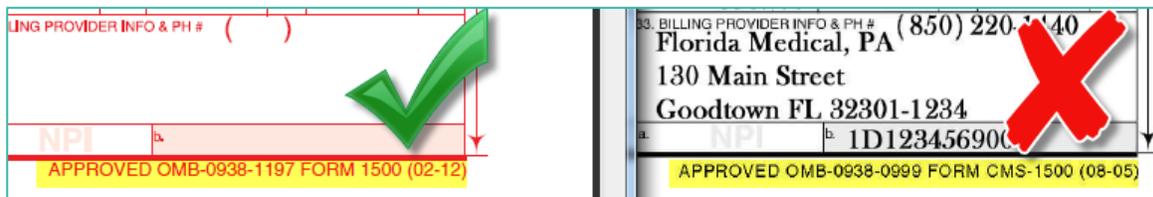
Upcoming CMS-1500 Transition

Quick Reference and Awareness Guide

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Did you know? A new CMS-1500 form will be required as of April 1, 2014.

The CMS-1500 claim form has been recently revised with changes including those to more adequately support the use of the ICD-10 diagnosis code set. The revised CMS-1500 form, version 02/12 will replace current form, version 08/05. Beginning in 2014, Florida Medicaid providers will need to transition to this new version of the form.



Benefits of the New Form (version 02/12)

The revised form will give providers the ability to indicate whether they are using ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnosis codes, which is important as the October 1, 2014 ICD-10 transition approaches. ICD-9 codes must be used for services provided before October 1, 2014, while ICD-10 codes should be used for services provided on or after October 1, 2014. The revised form also allows for additional diagnosis codes, expanding from four possible codes to twelve.

Transition Timeline

To facilitate this transition, the new form will be accepted beginning January 06, 2014, but will not be *required* until April 1, 2014.

After April 1, 2014, claims filed using the old CMS-1500 form (version 08/05) will be denied.

Significant Changes to the CMS-1500 Form

The Florida Medicaid CMS-1500 Provider Reimbursement Handbook is currently being updated by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and will provide written policy instructions and information on the new claim form. Detailed below are the significant changes to the new (version 02-12) form:

Item Number 21: Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E)				ICD Ind.	
A.	_____	B.	_____	C.	_____
E.	_____	F.	_____	G.	_____
I.	_____	J.	_____	K.	_____
				L.	_____

Instructions: Under the ICD Indicator (Ind.) Field, enter “9” if billing with ICD-9 codes, or “0” if billing with ICD-10 codes. In fields A-L, enter the codes to identify the patient’s diagnosis and/or condition. List no more than 12 ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

Example:

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E)				ICD Ind.	9
A.	998.59	B.	780.6	C.	V18.0
E.	_____	F.	_____	G.	_____
I.	_____	J.	_____	K.	_____
				L.	_____
					E878.8

Item Number 24E: Diagnosis Pointer

E.
DIAGNOSIS POINTER

Instructions: In 24E, enter the diagnosis code reference letter (pointer) as shown in Item Number 21 on the new (version 02-12) claim form. When multiple services are performed, the primary reference letter for each service should be listed first. The reference letter(s) should be A – L or multiple letters as applicable. Alpha characters only are accepted.

Example:

E.
DIAGNOSIS POINTER
ABCD

For more information on this upcoming transition, including training opportunities and documents, please review the CMS-1500 Transition page under the Agency Initiatives menu on the Florida Medicaid Web Portal at <http://mymedicaid-florida.com>.

The screenshot shows the Florida Medicaid Web Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Login' buttons, and a search bar. The main header features the Florida Medicaid logo (A Division of the Agency for Health Care Administration) and the AHCA logo (Florida Agency for Health Care Administration). Below the header, there is a session timer indicating 'You have approximately 19 minutes until your session will expire.'

The main content area is titled 'CMS-1500 Transition'. It contains the following text:

In order to align with the requirements of the Accredited Standards Committee and prepare for the upcoming ICD-10 transition, Florida Medicaid will be utilizing a new CMS-1500 form as of April 1, 2014. The revised form, version 02/12, will replace the current claim form, version 08/05. To facilitate this transition, Florida Medicaid and the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) will accept the new form (version 02/12) beginning January 06, 2014, but will not require the new form until April 1, 2014.

The following document provides essential information regarding the changes to the CMS-1500 claim form:

[Upcoming CMS-1500 Transition Quick Reference and Awareness Guide](#) [568KB] ***Updated 10/1/13***

To access this document, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your machine.

To save a document, right-click the link and then select "Save Target As..."

The Florida Medicaid CMS-1500 Provider Reimbursement Handbook is currently being updated by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and will provide written policy instructions and information on the new claim form. For general information about the new claim form, please visit the National Uniform Claim Committee website at <http://www.nucc.org>.

Providers are encouraged to visit this page regularly for the most current information regarding the CMS-1500 transition, including a listing of upcoming training opportunities.

The sidebar on the left contains the following sections:

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At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a red button that reads 'REPORT MEDICAID FRAUD Online or 866-966-7226 REPORTE FRAUDE DE MEDICAID'.

Additional Resources

HP Enterprise Services

Would you like a provider visit to discuss the new claim form? We're here to help. Contact your local Provider Field Services Representative today, 1 800 289 7799, option 7.

National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC)

For general information on the new claim form, please visit <http://www.nucc.org>.

Ordering New Forms

Providers can choose to order the new form through the [Florida Medicaid Web Portal](#).