

## *ESSO WEEKLY MEMO*

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## **FOLLOW UP:**

### **1. “Early Intervention, IDEA Part C Services, and the Medical Home: Collaboration for Best Practice and Best Outcomes”**

From the OSEP Leadership Conference in July, we provided an overview of highlights. One of the highlights regarded an article, "Early Intervention, IDEA Part C Services, and the Medical Home: Collaboration for Best Practice and Best Outcomes", anticipated to be published in the American Academy of Pediatrics October 2013 edition. It has been released and can be found at the following link if you do not subscribe to the journal. This is a copyrighted article, so read it on line and share the link. We would love to know what you think about the article or how you think it might impact families. "Early Intervention, IDEA Part C Services, and the Medical Home: Collaboration for Best Practice and Best Outcomes".

[http://pediatricsde.aap.org/pediatrics/october\\_2013?pg=146#pg102](http://pediatricsde.aap.org/pediatrics/october_2013?pg=146#pg102)

### **2. Reminder: 20th Anniversary of Part C - Your Local History**

#### ***Reprint from August 29th Esso Weekly Memo***

In September 1993, the Children’s Medical Services (CMS) Program in the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Service (HRS) was assigned the lead responsibility for implementation of the Part C program. In 1997, the Department of Health (DOH) was created and CMS became a part of the new Department. The CMS Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention (EI) Program provided the administrative and programmatic framework for statewide implementation of the Part C program, now known as Early Steps.

In 2013-2014, Early Steps would like to celebrate our accomplishments over the past 20 years! We are asking that each Local Early Steps put together a scrap book (or “memory book”) to showcase your history and bring it to share at the Partnering for Success Statewide Training in November. Please include pictures, articles, promotional materials, and anything else that was a part of your journey to provide services to children in your community. For more information please contact your program manager or Katie Williams at [Katie.Williams@FLHealth.gov](mailto:Katie.Williams@FLHealth.gov).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **3. Three Upcoming National Webinars - Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO)**

**October 23rd 4:00 – 5:00 ET – Child Outcomes Data FFY 2011** The ECO Center will present the compiled national data for 2011-12 for both Part C and Part B 619. Data presented will include relationships between the child outcomes data and other state data, trends over time in the national data and data quality.

**November 12th 3:00 – 4:00 ET – Family Indicator Data FFY 2011** The ECO Center will present highlights of the national data for 2011-12 for Part C Indicator 4 family indicator data. Information will include data quality including response rates and representativeness, and national trends in performance over time.

**November 22nd 3:00 – 4:00 ET – System Framework for High Quality Part C and Section 619 Systems** The ECTA Center will present the latest information and materials related to developing a system framework to support states in analyzing the capacity of their current Part C and Section 619 systems and building overall quality systems that support implementation of effective practices and ultimately child and family outcomes.

Details about how to join will be posted on the ECO ‘upcoming events’ page and the ECTA Center ‘events’ websites closer to the time of the call:

· <http://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/events.asp>

· <http://ectacenter.org/webinars.asp>

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## **MEDICAID UPDATES:**

### **4. 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:**

### **5. Information Regarding the New CMS-1500 Claim Form Now Available on the Public Web Portal**

As of April 1, 2014, a new CMS-1500 claim form, version 02/12, will be replacing the current form, version 08/05. Information regarding this transition can be found on the Web Portal on the [CMS-1500 Transition web page](#) under the Agency Initiatives menu.

The CMS-1500 Transition web page features a quick reference guide and a listing of upcoming training opportunities. Providers are encouraged to download a copy of the quick reference guide to review key information regarding the transition to the new version 02/12 CMS-1500 claim form.

### **6. Rule 59G-1.035, Determining Generally Accepted Professional Medical Standards (re: Medical Necessity)**

The Agency for Health Care Administration has scheduled a public hearing for Rule 59G-1.035, Determining Generally Accepted Professional Medical Standards (re: Medical Necessity).

The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 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 D  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

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

Official notice of the public hearing was posted in Volume 39, Number 193 of the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on October 3, 2013. A copy of the notice may be found on the [FAR](#) Web site.

*RULE SUMMARY: Medicaid coverage determinations are made when all criteria of medical necessity are met. As such, Florida Medicaid must determine if a diagnostic test, therapeutic procedure, or medical device or technology is experimental or investigational. This rule provides the guidelines that Florida Medicaid will use when determining the circumstances under which a diagnostic test, therapeutic procedure, or medical device or technology is consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards. This rule also includes the types of information to be considered in the decision-making process and names the person(s) qualified to make the final determination.*

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## **INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

### **7. Department of Health Employee Email Address Change**

The Florida Department of Health has implemented a new email address format for all DOH users beginning October 1, 2013. The format for the new address is: firstname.lastname@flhealth.gov. (i.e. John.Doe@flhealth.gov). Although emails will still be received in the old format for at least the next year, please take note of the change. See examples of the new format on the Program Manager Contact Information page.

### **8. Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program**

The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions is the lead agency for implementing the Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, a federally-funded effort to expand the use of evidence-based home visiting services and strengthen the continuum of care available to families with children age 0-4 who reside in high-need communities. The goal of MIECHV is to better equip parents and other caregivers with the knowledge, skills, and tools to assist their children in being healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school.

Six new sites have been selected to implement the MIECHV program. Please see [attached press release](#) for more details.

### **9. Highlight of outcomes Data for Young Children and Families Receiving IDEA Services in 2011-2012**

The Early Childhood Outcomes Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), recently published two summaries highlighting outcomes data for young children with delays or disabilities and their families who received services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in FY 2011-12.

- ◇ [Outcomes for Children Served Through IDEA's Early Childhood Programs: 2011-12](#) (September 2013) - State Part C early intervention (EI) and Part B preschool programs report data annually on three child outcomes: (1) social relationships; (2) use of knowledge and skills; and (3) taking action to meet needs. In FY 2011-12, for Part C (birth through age 2), the percentage of children who showed greater than expected growth was between 66% and 73% across the three outcomes. For Part B-Preschool (ages 3 through 5), 80-81% of children showed greater than expected growth across the three outcomes.
- ◇ [Family Data: Indicator C4 Highlights Results and State Approaches, FFY 2011](#) (September 2013) - As part of their Part C annual performance report, states are required to report the percentage of families who report that EI services have helped them: (1) help their children develop and learn; (2) effectively communicate their children's needs; and (3) know their rights. For FFY 2011, 87% of families reported that EI services helped them help their children develop and learn, 88% reported that the services helped them effectively communicate their children's needs, and 91% reported that EI services helped them know their rights.

## **STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:**

### **10. 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.**

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## **PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:**

### **11. 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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**Six New Sites Selected to Implement Home Visiting Programs**

Six new sites —serving eight high-need communities —have been selected to implement home visiting programs as part of the Florida Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Initiative.

Implementing agencies include:

- Orlando Health, Inc. – expansion of Healthy Families Orlando in high-need areas of Orange County.
- Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc. – establishment of a Nurse Family Partnership program to serve high-need areas of Hillsborough County.
- Healthy Start of Southwest Florida, Inc. – development of a Nurse Family Partnership program to serve first time mothers in high-need areas of Hendry, Collier and Lee Counties.
- Manatee Community Action Agency, Inc. – implementation of Parents as Teachers.
- Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. – delivery of home visiting services using the Nurse Family Partnership in high-need areas of Broward County.
- Health Choice Network of Florida, Inc. – development of a Nurse Family Partnership program to serve high-need areas of Miami-Dade County.

Proposed sites were selected following a competitive application process and recommendations by an external panel of experts in maternal and child health and early child development.

The new sites join MIECHV-funded programs in Escambia, Duval, Alachua, Bradford-Putnam, and Pinellas Counties. With the new sites, nearly 2,000 families living in 14 of the 22 high-need communities identified in a statewide needs assessment will have access to a new or expanded home visiting program. Models selected for implementation have a proven record of improving key outcomes critical to family success through education, support and coordination of needed services. Participation by families is voluntary.

The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions, Inc. is the lead agency for implementing the MIECHV initiative, a federally-funded effort to expand the use of evidence-based home visiting services and strengthen the continuum of care available to families with children age 0-4 who live in high-need communities. The goal of MIECHV is to better equip parents and other caregivers with the knowledge, skills, and tools to assist their children in being healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school.

The home visiting initiative was established in Section 2951 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) amending Title V of the Social Security Act. The FL MIECHV program is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA #D90MC25705).

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