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**A VERY SPECIAL NOTE**

*Happy Retirement to Joy McAfee*

We would like to wish Joy McAfee, Western Panhandle Local Early Steps Director, a happy retirement. Joy's last day with the LES is May 7, 2011. We also want to thank Joy for her hard work for many years to provide quality services for Early Steps children and families in Northwest Florida. Most recently, Joy has provided vision and leadership in establishing a new Autism Center at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. We will miss Joy very much and wish her many years of fun-filled relaxation and happy adventures.

**ACTION**

**1. LES Training Expenditures Report**

## **(With 1 Attachment)**

As noted on the Director and Coordinators conference call, the Early Steps State Office is short about \$9000 of match for the grant that the FSU Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy receives and spends on our behalf. Please complete the attached LES Training Expenditures Excel file for the period February 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010 that are NOT the salaries and benefits of your Training Coordinator(s). Please complete this and **send them** to Andrew Johnson **by COB May 31, 2010**, at Andrew\_Johnson@doh.state.fl.us.

## **INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

### **2. January 1, 2012 Medicaid Billing Version 5010 Implementation**

The current HIPAA standard transaction set for claim submission, remittance and eligibility verification will change from version 4010 to 5010, effective January 1, 2012. This change will require action by all current participants in the electronic data interchange (EDI) process.

This message is intended for any provider and/or vendor submitting or receiving electronic data files from the Florida Medicaid Program and its fiscal agent, HP. The Florida Medicaid Public Provider Portal highlights the changes planned, testing options, key dates and resources for additional information. The site [http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider\\_EDI/Provider\\_EDI\\_SubmissionInformation/tabId/66/Default.aspx](http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_EDI/Provider_EDI_SubmissionInformation/tabId/66/Default.aspx) includes the following topics:

- Inbound files
- Outbound files
- Ramp Manager testing
- Steps for updating Trading Partner ID for 5010 submission

Providers and vendors will have the option effective July 1, 2011, to send and/or receive version 5010 of all transactions. This will allow a 6 month transition period for EDI stakeholders to test and transition to exclusive use of version 5010. Effective January 1, 2012, version 4010 will no longer be accepted or sent by the Florida Medicaid Program. Failure to prepare for this deadline will result in delayed Medicaid payments.

HP staff is available to assist with questions or additional information at 1(866) 586-0961. **Please** take advantage of the various resources as quickly as possible to

prepare for the upcoming change. As the implementation deadline approaches, the opportunity for testing will be limited.

### **3. CMS ICD-10 Conversion Activities National Provider Teleconference**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a national provider teleconference on "**CMS ICD-10 Conversion Activities.**" Subject matter experts will discuss the ICD-10 conversion process currently taking place within CMS, including a case study from the CMS Coverage and Analysis Group on their transition to ICD-10 for the lab national coverage determinations (NCDs). A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

**When:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. ET

**Target Audience:** Medical coders, physician office staff, provider billing staff, health records staff, vendors, educators, system maintainers and all Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) providers.

#### **The following topics will be discussed:**

- ICD-10 overview
- Lab NCDs conversion process from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM
- Home health conversion
- OASIS and procedure code reporting
- Update on claims spanning the implementation date
- National ICD-10 implementation issues

**Registration information:** To register for this informative session, please go to <http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Tel10/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=0&sortByDID=1&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1246998&intNumPerPage=10> on the CMS website. Registration will close at 1:00 p.m. ET on May 17, 2011, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made. Please register early.

**Save the date:** The next ICD-10 national provider teleconference will be held on Wednesday, August 3. Registration information will be posted to the CMS ICD-10 Teleconferences web page at <http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Tel10/list.asp>.

Is your organization preparing for a smooth transition to ICD-10 on October 1, 2013? The CMS ICD-10 website at [www.cms.gov/icd10](http://www.cms.gov/icd10) is a valuable resource to

help you prepare for the U.S. health care industry's change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 for medical diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding. Check back frequently for the latest news, resources, compliance timelines, and teleconference information. While you are visiting the site, sign up for the CMS ICD-10 Industry Email Updates to receive the latest information on the transition and new web site content.

#### **4. Medicaid Sanction Alert: Failure to Furnish Records**

Medicaid providers are required to furnish copies of records to the agency, the Attorney General, the Federal Government, and the authorized agents of each of these entities, as requested and as specified in governing regulations. For example, the Agency may request medical records from a provider for purposes of an audit or review; the failure to furnish those records as requested will result in an administrative sanction. Another example is where certain provider types who are required to submit cost reports to the Agency either fail to submit a cost report or submit it late. In accordance with the Agency's sanction rule (Rule 59G-9.070, Florida Administrative Code), which is available electronically at [www.flrules.org](http://www.flrules.org) on the Department of States searchable website, a provider will be sanctioned for the failure to furnish required or requested records to the Agency, or any of the other authorized entities. The sanction for a first offense is a \$2,500 fine and suspension from the Medicaid program -- the fine increases if the violation continues; and if the violation continues for 30 days, the provider will be terminated. Suspension and termination preclude participation in the Medicaid program.

You may access other compliance information, such as Florida Medicaid handbooks and contact information for your local Medicaid area office, through the Agency's Web site. The Medicaid page on the Web site includes a link for information about fraud and abuse issues: [ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/abuse](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/abuse)

#### **5. Medicaid Spring 2011 Provider Bulletin**

The Spring 2011 Provider Bulletin is now available on our [Medicaid landing page](#) and on the [Public Provider Portal](#). Please note, the front page article includes critical information for providers regarding NPI replacing Medicaid ID for claims processing on and after May 1, 2011.

## **6. May is National Foster Care Month**

Get involved and change a lifetime of a child who is in the foster care system. There are many ways to be involved and help someone have a safe and happy life. For more information please go to the following link.  
<http://www.fostercaremonth.org/Pages/default.aspx>

## **7. The Importance of Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families: Fact Sheet (2011)**

The Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program (Part C) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was created in 1986 to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities, minimize potential developmental delay, and reduce educational costs to our society by minimizing the need for special education services as children with disabilities reach school age. This fact sheet provides a brief overview of the Part C program and quick facts from the research on early brain development, the importance of intervening early, the benefits of early intervention, and current unmet needs. It is meant to be used as a tool to communicate with policymakers, pediatricians, families, and community leaders about the importance of high quality services for infants and toddlers with or at risk for developmental delays and their families.

## **8. Baby Builders (With 4 Attachments)**

Baby Builders is an infant exercise program that can be used by early intervention providers to empower parents of babies with developmental delays. The exercises and techniques show parents how to make playtime constructive while addressing weak postural control muscles and poor coordination. It also educates parents on the progression of development and recommends toys that can enhance cognitive and motor development. (Please see attachments for more detailed information.)

## **9. New Disposition "S" Code in Early Steps Data System**

We have added a new disposition code of "S" to the ES Data System to track children who are "Screened Out" during the first contacts process. This category is for children who were determined to NOT meet Part C/DEI Eligibility Criteria based on a developmental screening prior to initial evaluation. This category should not be

used for any child who received a multidisciplinary evaluation. This code is available now and can be used for any child "Screened Out" since January 1, 2011.

## **10. Florida Birth Defects Registry Report- 1998-2007 (With 2 Attachments)**

The Florida Birth Defects Registry is pleased to provide the "*Report on Birth Defects in Florida, 1998-2007*" prepared by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Environmental Public Health Medicine. Included in the report is a state profile which is extracted and included in this message as a stand alone item.

This report provides data on the occurrence of birth defects in Florida. Information is included about how the department collects, analyzes and disseminates information about birth defects. The Florida Birth Defects Registry (FBDR) is a statewide population-based passive surveillance program that identifies birth defects in infants through age one born to Florida residents.

Birth defects are one of the leading causes of infant mortality in Florida, causing one in five infant deaths. Effects of birth defects can range from mild to severe and can result in debilitating illness, long-term disability or death. A strong surveillance program is critical to monitoring trends over time, identifying environmental risk factors, contributing data for research into causes, developing and evaluating prevention programs and responding to the needs and concerns of families and communities.

This report should be useful to policy leaders, health care providers, child health advocates, educators, researchers and most importantly families. Please feel free to further distribute this report to interested parties.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Correia, FBDR Coordinator at [jane\\_correia@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:jane_correia@doh.state.fl.us) or by calling (850) 245-4444 x 2198. You can also visit our website at:

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

## **11. NECTAC News**

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

## **12. Early Steps Budget Appropriation for Friday Vote**

The budget appropriation for Early Steps in the appropriations bill to be voted on May 6 is below.

### 508 SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATION  
AND INTERVENTION SERVICES/PART C

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 16,488,500

FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND . 4,641,823

FROM DONATIONS TRUST FUND . . . . . 2,775,733

FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND . . . 23,853,779

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 508, \$2,893,818 from the General Revenue Fund is provided as the state match for Medicaid reimbursable early intervention services in Specific Appropriation 169.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 508, \$4,217,257 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is provided for Early Steps-IDEA Part C as a result of federal funding received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

### 509A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - CHILDRENS MEDICAL  
SERVICES - AMERICAN RECOVERY AND  
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND . . . 4,217,257

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, OR TRAININGS**

## **13. Focused Monitoring Activity for Timely Services**

As discussed on the Directors and Coordinators conference call on May 4th, a focused monitoring activity for timely services will be provided to LESs. Purposes of the assignment are to promote the use of the new Service Start Date in the ES data system, focus attention to ensuring timely services, and do a check on how LESs are currently doing on this indicator.

We are scheduling two conference calls next week to provide more details about the focused monitoring and to answer any questions you might have. We will keep a list of questions asked and answers provided during each call and will send those to each of you following the last call. Please feel free to join either call.

In preparation for the call, we will send the instructions for the focused monitoring activity to you by the end of the week.

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
Time: 9:00 - 10:30 am  
Conference call number: 888-808-6959  
Conference call code: 9339119

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
Conference call number: 888-808-6959  
Conference call code: 6463553

#### **14. Early Steps Service Coordinator Apprenticeship Training Flyer and Registration (With 1 Attachment)**

The Early Steps State Office Training Unit and the Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy are very pleased to announce that the Service Coordinator Apprenticeship Training is almost ready for implementation. The Train the Trainer Workshops to prepare trainers and supervisors responsible for training new service coordinators have been scheduled.

Trainers and supervisors responsible for the training may register at the link below for one of the six one day workshops that are offered in different locations.

<http://cpeip.fsu.edu/es>

#### **15. Third Party Administrator Prototype Demonstration**

MED3000 will be hosting a webinar to provide a prototype demonstration of the Third Party Administrator system in place of our June Directors and Coordinators call. The webinar is scheduled for June 1 9:00 – 12:00. More information and links will be forthcoming.