



**Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast**  
Serving Citrus – Dixie – Gilchrist – Levy – Sumter Counties



**Provider Alert #88**

**Date:** August 24, 2010  
**Subject:** School Readiness Provider Holiday Reimbursement: Clarification

Under the terms of the School Readiness Provider Agreement, providers are authorized up to 12 holidays per fiscal year which are reimbursed by the Coalition. In the past, when a provider was closed for a holiday and a parent needed childcare on the holiday, the parent would request a temporary transfer to an alternative provider. Typically the Coalition reimbursed both providers for the holiday.

Recently, the Coalition was notified by the Agency for Workforce Innovation that the Coalition is not authorized to pay both providers for the same child. As a result, the Coalition must change its policy, and authorize payment for ONE provider only. This policy change may cause a significant hardship to providers and parents. Providers are authorized to establish a policy that will require parents (who choose to transfer their child[ren] to a temporary provider) to pay the full cost of services on the holiday.

If you have questions in reference to this Provider Alert, please contact me at (352) 563-9939 x234 or the Client Services Manager for your area: Citrus County (352) 563-9939 x238, Dixie/Gilchrist/Levy Counties (352) 490-5855 x410, and Sumter County (352) 793-5430 x313.

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