



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



Provider Alert #89

Date: August 31, 2010
Subject: School Readiness Provider Reimbursement Rate Increases

At the August 25, 2010 Administrative Committee meeting, a School Readiness reimbursement rate increase was approved for all providers within our Coalition's five county service area. This increase will go into effect on September 1, 2010. Due to the provider rate amendments that are necessary prior to implementation of the increased reimbursement, it was not possible to make the increase effective on August 1, 2010 as was originally hoped.

All providers were awarded \$1.00 per child per day, in all age groups and categories. Based on projected county surpluses, some counties will see an additional increase. These increases will bring providers much closer to the 2009 Market Rates, and the Administrative Committee members were excited to be able to accomplish this. Increases were approved by county as follows:

Citrus	Dixie	Gilchrist	Levy	Sumter
\$1.95	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.00

The Contract Department staff will contact all providers regarding an amendment to their contract very soon. It is critical that any requested documentation (such as revised Notarized Rate Sheets, if appropriate) be returned in a timely manner. An amendment form will be completed for all in-county providers which will need to be returned as quickly as possible, to ensure that the increased rates can begin on children attending during the month of September. **Providers will have ten (10) days to return amendment forms once mailed by the Contract Specialists. If signed amendments are not received by the deadline, the increase in reimbursement rates will be delayed until the October reimbursement!**

In addition to the reimbursement rate increase, the Committee also voted to place all children on the waiting list as of the date of the meeting. Parents will be call for appointments after September 1, 2010 to determine their eligibility and placement in the School Readiness program. Placements were approved by county as follows:

Citrus	Dixie	Gilchrist	Levy	Sumter
62	7	11	16	18

For your information, here are the hourly VPK payment rates for the 2010-2011 school year program.

Citrus	Dixie	Gilchrist	Levy	Sumter
\$4.51	\$4.42	\$4.50	\$4.49	\$4.57

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