



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



**Provider Alert #90**

**Date:** September 9, 2010  
**Subject:** School Readiness Provider Reimbursement Rate CORRECTIONS

Provider Alert #89, released on August 31, 2010, contained information regarding increases to the School Readiness provider reimbursement rates for providers within the ELCNC service delivery area. Further study of the potential increases, as they compare to the 2009 Market Rates and allowable payments for School Readiness services revealed that the increases could not be applied to every age group and category, as was originally stated. The counties with the greatest number of payment adjustments are Dixie and Gilchrist Counties, where the 2009 Market Rate did not support the increases in some categories.

Please remember that the Coalition is allowed to reimburse for School Readiness services at 75% of the most recent Market Rate. This is the reason for some categories to receive a lower reimbursement rate.

A corrected copy of ELCNC-311 School Readiness Provider Rate Schedule 2010-2011, effective September 1, 2010 is attached to this alert, and is available on the Coalition's website at [www.elc-naturecoast.org](http://www.elc-naturecoast.org).

The Contracts Department is working with providers to complete the necessary contract amendments to accommodate the changes in payment rates. If you are contacted to provide an updated notarized rate sheet, please provide the necessary information IMMEDIATELY. When you receive your amendment document in the mail, you will have ten (10) days from the date of mailing to send it by return mail to the Crystal River Coalition office, as was stated in Provider Alert #89. **If you do not return your signed amendment and any other requested documentation by the deadline, your amendment will not be processed for September 2010 increases to your rates. Any amendment submitted late will have an effective date of October 1, 2010.**

If you have questions related to the completion of your School Readiness contract amendment, please contact the Contracts Department at (352) 563-9939 extension 230 (Lynne) or extension 223 (Kathi).

If you have questions related to the calculation of the reimbursement rate increase, please contact Sonya Bosanko at [sbosanko@elc-naturecoast.org](mailto:sbosanko@elc-naturecoast.org) or (352) 563-9939 extension 260.

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