



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



Provider Alert # 97

Date: March 31, 2011
Subject: Executive Committee Updates

On March 30, 2011, the Executive Committee voted that effective April 1, 2011, in-county Gold Seal providers with school-age notarized reimbursement rates could be eligible to receive a 3% Gold Seal additive for school-age children. The Gold Seal school age additive is possible due to a surplus identified in the Gold Seal budget. The surplus will cover the cost of the Gold Seal school-age additive for April, May and June of 2011 with the possibility of continuing into the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

In order to implement the school-age Gold Seal additive, the Contracts Office will be reviewing all Gold Seal providers' School Readiness Agreements. In the event that a provider's rate is equal to or greater than the School Age rate including the 3% additive, a contract amendment will be prepared and submitted to the provider. **The provider must review, sign, and return the amendment to the Coalition by the date specified in the amendment cover letter otherwise the increase additive in the Gold Seal School Age reimbursement rates will be delayed.** If you have any questions, please call Lynne or Kathi at the Crystal River office, extensions 230 or 223.

In addition to the Gold Seal school-age additive, the Executive Committee also voted to place 165 children from the waiting list. Placements were approved by county as follows:

Citrus	Dixie	Gilchrist	Levy	Sumter
85	3	9	20	48

Please encourage your parents who are not on the wait list to apply as some families with children on the wait list may have made other arrangements or no longer be eligible to receive School Readiness services. Parents of children currently on the wait list will begin receiving letters from the Coalition with the details shortly. Parents will be seen **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**

If you have any questions or concerns related to this Provider Alert, please contact me at (352) 563-9939 x260 or sbosanko@elc-naturecoast.org.

Thank you,

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