

Early Care and Education Partners Weekly Update Webinar

*Reuniones Web Semanales para Socios de
Educación y Cuidado Temprano*

October 7, 2020

Important Dates

*Fechas
importantes*

■ **Provider Services Committee Meeting**

- Thursday, October 29, 2020
- <https://zoom.us/j/96812047506>

■ **Board of Directors Meeting**

- Monday, December 7, 2020
- 2555 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Suite 210, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Provider
Representatives

*Representantes de
los Proveedores*

- **Ms. Loreen Chant**
 - President/CEO of Easter Seals South Florida
- **Ms. Jennifer Roig**
 - President/Founder of the Roig Academy
- **Dr. Eileen Fluney**
 - Executive Director of Paradise Christian School & Development Center

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What's New?

¿Qué hay de nuevo?

Communications
Comunicaciones

- Join our Facebook Group for Early Learning Partners
- *Únase a nuestro grupo de Facebook para Compañeros de Aprendizaje Temprano*
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EarlyLearningPartners/>



Early Learning Partners
Facebook Group

Private group · 3 members

Join Group



Communications Comunicaciones

- Visit the Provider's Corner page on our website
- *Visite la página de la Esquina del Proveedor en nuestro sitio web*
 - <https://www.elcmdm.org/providers/providers-corner>



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Welcome to the Provider's Corner

News

Provider Representatives

Meetings

OEL Provider Newsletter

Resources

CCR&R

Mini-Grants/Stipends

CARES Act Grant

Communications

Comunicaciones

- Coalition email messages will only be sent to official emails listed in the Provider Profile
 - For important messages, a text will be sent as a reminder
 - If you have any changes, please contact your contract manager
- *Los mensajes de correo electrónico de la Coalición solo se enviarán a los correos electrónicos oficiales que figuran en el perfil del proveedor*
 - *Para mensajes importantes, se enviará un mensaje de texto como recordatorio*
 - *Si tiene algún cambio, comuníquese con su gerente de contratos*

Payments Updates from the Office of Early Learning (OEL)

- For open SR providers, you will be paid ***based on attendance*** in **October** but will be reimbursed for an ***additional 6 absences*** per SR child.
- Documentation for absences will not be required.
- This means that you *will be reimbursed* for up to **16 total absences** or for 73% of the month without documentation as this was waived in a DOE Executive Order.
- Please note, the absence reporting requirements in Rule 6M-4.500(4)(a)-(d), F.A.C., have not been waived. Providers are still required to report excessive absences.
- In continued support of parents and providers, OEL will continue to reimburse providers for the required ***parent co-payments*** through the month of **October**.
- For open VPK providers, starting in **October**, you will be reimbursed according to the “80/20 rule” consistent with the VPK contract.
- This means that you will be reimbursed 100% for students who attend at least 80% of the month.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is the maximum allowed number of students in a group still in effect?**
 - In Miami-Dade County the maximum number of children/students in a group is still 12. This is a requirement as per the Mayor's Executive Order and has not changed. This is only a requirement in Miami-Dade County and does not affect programs operating in Monroe County.
- **How many students can be in a VPK class?**
 - In Miami-Dade County, a maximum of 12 children can be in a VPK class. However, VPK ratios of 11:1 are still in effect and if 12 children are in a VPK class, there must be both a teacher and an assistant in the classroom.
- **Will providers be paid full-time for children who are participating in public school virtual learning, if the child attends the child care during the virtual school hours?**
 - Yes, we will continue to reimburse those students as full-time.

Preguntas Frecuentes

- **¿Sigue vigente el número máximo permitido de estudiantes en un grupo?**
 - En el condado de Miami-Dade el número máximo de niños/estudiantes en un grupo todavía es 12. Esto es debido a la orden ejecutiva del Alcade de Miami-Dade. Este requerido solamente afecta programas en Miami-Dade y no se aplica a programas en Monroe.
- **¿Cuántos estudiantes puede haber en una clase de VPK?**
 - En el condado de Miami-Dade County, una clase de VPK puede tener un máximo de 12 estudiantes. Pero la proporción de VPK 11:1 todavía se aplica. Si hay 12 estudiantes en una clase de VPK, esta clase debe de tener una profesora y un asistente.
- **¿Se les pagará a los proveedores a tiempo completo por los niños que participan en el aprendizaje virtual de las escuelas públicas, si el niño asiste un proveedor durante el horario escolar virtual?**
 - Sí, continuaremos reembolsando a esos estudiantes a tiempo completo.

| Category | Description | Begin Date | End Date | Impacts |
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| SR and VPK Reimbursement | Reimbursements based on enrollment; extended payment for duration of absences and waive requirement for documentation. | 3/1/20 | 9/30/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| SR Reimbursement | Added an additional 6 allowable absences for a total of up to 16 absences. Documentation requirement remains waived. | 10/1/20 | 10/31/20 | |
| SR Child Eligibility | Suspended all terminations of SR families' eligibility (implemented in 60 day increments, 2 times); added and additional 30 days from 7/15/20 to allow parents a 45 day notice. | 3/15/20 | 8/15/20 | Coalitions |
| SR Redeterminations | Extended redeterminations (implemented in 60 day increments, 2 times); added and additional 30 days from 7/15/20 to allow parents a 45 day notice. | 3/15/20 | 8/15/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| Child Assessments Program Assessments Developmental Screenings | Canceled for the remainder of the fiscal year. | 3/23/20 | 6/30/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| VPK Accountability | Eliminate VPK assessments and reporting for results for 2019-20 School Year VPK program for AP3. Eliminate VPK assessment and reporting for 2019-20 Summer VPK program. | 3/23/20 | End of 2019-20 VPK program year | Coalitions & Providers |
| VPK Accountability | VPK providers will not be held accountable for performance of the 2019-20 VPK program participants in the readiness rate process. | 3/23/20 | End of 2019-20 VPK program year | Coalitions & Providers |

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| SR Parent Copayments | Waived copayments regardless of income. | 4/1/20 | 10/31/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| SR Eligibility for First Responders and Essential Health Care Workers | Prioritize eligibility and enrollment for children of first responders and essential health care workers as defined in Executive Order 20-91 Essential Services List. | 4/1/20 | 7/31/20 (Phase-Out initial referrals) | Coalitions & Parents |
| SR Eligibility for First Responders and Essential Health Care Workers | Provides bonuses for providers caring for children of first responders and essential health care workers, up to \$12,000 total per provider site. | 4/1/20 | Bonuses until expiration of Emergency Declaration or \$12,000, whichever comes first. | Coalitions & Providers |
| VPK Reenrollment | Allow students who have completed 70% or more of their VPK program to transfer to another VPK providers' 2019-20 school year program that is open. | 4/22/20 | End of 2019-20 VPK program year | Coalitions & Parents |
| VPK Class Size | Allow public and private providers to have less than four children enrolled in their 2019-20 school year VPK program and the 2020 summer VPK program. | 4/22/20 | End of 2019-20 VPK program year | Coalitions & Providers |
| Provider Mini-Grants | Health and Safety Cleaning Supplies, Infrastructure, Professional Development (PD stipends must be paid from 19/20 and have to be applied for and completed by 6/30/20). | 4/15/20 5/12/20 | Expiration of Emergency Declaration | Coalitions & Providers |

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| Provider CARES Grants | Phases I and II: Supports to Contracted and Non-Contracted Child Care Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Phase I: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers – Phase II: High-Quality Reopening Support Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers – Phase III: Reopening Support Grants for Contracted Early Learning/Child Care Providers without Program Assessments | 5/28/20, 6/28/20, 9/3/20 | Expiration of Emergency Declaration Recommended end date for applications is 10/31/2020 | Coalitions & Providers |
| Curriculum | Extended date of implementation of 2020 approved curriculum | 5/13/20 | 9/30/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| SR and VPK Contract Monitoring | Suspended contract monitoring | 5/13/20 | 6/30/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| SR expenditure limits | Waived expenditure limits of no more than 5% for administrative costs and a total of 22% for a combination of administrative, quality and non-direct services | 5/13/20 | 6/30/20 | Coalitions |
| CCR&R | Extend the due date for provider profile updates through September 30, 2020. | 5/13/20 | 9/30/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| SR Waiting List (Job Search) | Waived documentation for families in the job search category to be placed on the waiting list. | 5/13/20 | 10/31/20 | Coalitions & Parents |
| SR Eligibility (Job Search) | Job search as purpose for care (initial eligibility and redetermining families). | 5/13/20 | 10/31/20 | Coalitions & Parents |
| SR Eligibility (Reduced Hours) | Reduced 20 hour per week requirement to meet initial purpose for care (initial eligibility and redetermining families). | 5/13/20 | 10/31/20 | Coalitions & Parents |

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| 2019-20 SR Contract | Extended via rule variance | 7/1/20 | 6/30/21 | Coalitions & Providers |
| Quality Improvement Plans | For providers entering into a 19-20 contract on a QIP, the extended deadline for completion is 6 months after execution of the SR contract extension. | 7/1/20 EO 3/23/20 | 12/31/20 | Coalitions & Providers |
| Quality Improvement Plans | For providers placed on a QIP due to a low program assessment score during the 19-20 contract year, the provider's QIP is extended through the 20-21 contract year. If during that time, they fail to meet the minimum 20-21 contract threshold their contract will be terminated. | 7/1/20 EO 3/23/20 | 6/30/21 | Coalitions & Providers |
| VPK Delivery Model | Allow VPK providers an alternate delivery model for VPK instruction outside of the traditional classroom for a limited number of instructional hours. | Upon approval | 12/31/20 | Coalitions, Providers and Parents |

Contracts

- **School Readiness:**
 - Providers that have **not** been assessed for CLASS continue on their 2019-2020 contract extensions.
 - Providers on extensions must sign and submit a **special amendment** to update their 2019-2020 contract to document the use of any updated 2020-2021 data after July 1st (rates, fees, curriculum, holidays, gold seal status, etc.).
 - Providers on extensions should expect an email blast regarding a special amendment to their 2019-2020 contract.
 - amendment will be completed in the OEL Provider Portal
 - step-by-step instructions will be released
 - amendment is **not** affecting payments
 - **Submission Period:** October 12th to October 23rd

Contracts

■ School Readiness and VPK Providers: notification requirements

VPK and SR Required Reporting:

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| <u>30 calendar days before termination date:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Terminations • Permanent Business Closings • Changes in Business Locations • Changes in Business Ownerships | <u>5 Business days of receipt of notice:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Review Hearing • Notification of Disqualification or Public Assistance Fraud |
| <u>Within 14 calendar days:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in contact or program information | <u>3 days from the day of the incident:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual Incident Written Report |
| <u>10 calendar days' advance notice:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of cancellation or changes of General Liability Insurance • Notice of cancellation or changes of Homeowner's Insurance | <u>Close of Business:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual Incident <u>Within 72 hours:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records |

SR Required Reporting:

VPK Required Reporting:

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| <u>10 calendar days of change:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Change | <u>Within 14 calendar days:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissal of Children |
| <u>Close of Business on the day of the change:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate Change and/or Gold Seal Status | <u>Within 2 business days:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopening after an Emergency Closing |

Contratos

- **Programa de Preparación Escolar:**
 - Los proveedores que **no** han sido evaluados para CLASS continúan con sus extensiones de contrato 2019-2020.
 - Proveedores en extensiones deben firmar y enviar una adendum **especial** para actualizar su contrato 2019-2020 para documentar el uso de cualquier información actualizada del 2020-2021 después del 1 de julio (tarifas, currículo, días feriados, sello dorado, etc.).
 - Los proveedores en extensiones recibirán un correo electrónico sobre la **adendum especial** a su contrato 2019-2020.
 - El **adendum** se completará en el portal de proveedores de OEL
 - Se publicarán instrucciones paso a paso
 - El **adendum** no afecta sus pagos
 - **Período de aplicación:** 12 de octubre al 23 de octubre

Contratos

Programa de Preparación Escolar y VPK: requisitos de notificación

| Informes obligatorios de VPK y SR | |
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| <u>30 días antes de la fecha de terminación</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminaciones voluntarias • Cierres permanentes • Cambios en las ubicaciones comerciales • Cambios en la propiedad de la empresa | <u>5 días hábiles desde la recepción de la notificación</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitud de audiencia de revisión • Notificación de descalificación o fraude de asistencia pública |
| <u>dentro de los 14 días</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cambios en la información de contacto o programa | <u>3 días desde el día del incidente</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informe escrito de incidentes inusuales |
| <u>aviso con 10 días calendario de antelación</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviso de cancelación o cambios del seguro de responsabilidad general • Aviso de cancelación o cambios de seguro de propietario | <u>el día del incidente</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidente inusual <u>dentro de 72 horas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registros |
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| SR Required Reporting | VPK Required Reporting |
| <u>10 días calendario desde el cambio</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cambio de contacto | <u>dentro de los 14 días</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despido de niños |
| <u>el día del cambio</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cambio de tarifa y / o estado del sello de oro | <u>dentro de 2 días</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reapertura después de un cierre de emergencia |