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Dear Medicaid Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to inform Early Intervention Services (EIS) providers of a change in requirements for enrollment.

Effective immediately, providers enrolling in the Medicaid program as professionals, provider type 81, or as paraprofessionals, provider type 82, will no longer need to include the form “Completed Certification for Early Intervention Training Requirements” in their application packet. Instead, they will be required to include a letter from the local Early Steps program director indicating there is intent for negotiation of a contract to provide services as a Medicaid early intervention provider.

This change was implemented retroactively by the Department of Health. Applications received by the fiscal agent between July 1, 2005, and the present will be hand processed to ensure that no eligible providers are rejected.

This requirement is in addition to the current enrollment handbook requirements found in the Medicaid Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook.

The enrollment application is available on the Medicaid fiscal agent website at http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com by clicking “Provider Support” on the first menu and then “Enrollment” to obtain a list of all available provider enrollment documents. For assistance with the website, please call the Medicaid fiscal agent, ACS State Healthcare, at 1-800-377-8216.

Sincerely,

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