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Dear Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care and Early Intervention Services Providers:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a change in Medicaid policy regarding Early Intervention (EI) services performed in a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facility. Currently, Medicaid does not allow EI providers to bill for services provided at a PPEC. After discussing this issue with providers and staff from the Department of Health, it has been determined that Medicaid will reimburse for EI initial and follow-up Psychosocial and Developmental evaluations performed in a PPEC. Medicaid will continue to deny coverage for EI screenings and sessions performed in a PPEC.

This decision should support PPEC staff's involvement in the evaluation process and help determine the appropriate EI services to foster the developmental and psychosocial adaptive needs of the child. This policy change will become effective for EI evaluations performed on March 1, 2007 or after and will be included in the next issues of the Florida Medicaid PPEC and EI Services Coverage and Limitations Handbooks.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Richelle Cook at 850-922-7316 or Kathleen Core at 850-922-7310.

Sincerely,

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