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Dear Florida Medicaid Enrolled Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify a change in policy that occurred in November 2007 with the release of the most recent Florida Medicaid Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook.

When the handbook was released, it included some major changes in the fee schedule that allowed Early Intervention providers to bill for their individual involvement in an Early Intervention initial or follow-up interdisciplinary psychosocial and developmental evaluation. Previously, these evaluations were billed on a per event, rather than an individual, basis.

Because of these changes in the way the evaluations are billed, all licensed and non-licensed Early Intervention professionals who participate in the evaluations and expect reimbursement from Florida Medicaid *must* be enrolled as a Florida Medicaid Early Intervention (type 81) provider. This requirement must be met even if the provider is enrolled with Florida Medicaid as another type of provider, such as a therapy services provider (type 83), or is employed with a Florida Medicaid enrolled in-patient or out-patient hospital. It is not acceptable for providers to participate in an Early Intervention interdisciplinary evaluation and seek reimbursement from Medicaid under a different program.

For a copy of the current Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, please go to <http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com/index.jsp>, click on the Provider Support link on the left hand side of the page, then click on the Handbooks link.

If you have questions, you may contact Samantha Delloso in the Bureau of Medicaid Services at (850) 922-7316 or your area Medicaid office.

Sincerely,

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