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MEMORANDUM

TO: Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors

FROM: Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning 

SUBJECT: Full-time Reimbursement to School Readiness (SR) Providers for School Age Children during the School Year 2020-021

Background: On July 6, 2020, the Department of Education issued [Executive Order No. 2020-EO-06](#) to address the requirements for reopening of Florida's schools. The Order requires the reopening of brick and mortar schools to offer full services five days a week for Florida's students and families. The Order allows for reopening plans that include flexible innovative learning options as an added feature to in-person instruction.

Reimbursement for Full Time Care: Based on the circumstances described above and in consideration for parents requiring child care to continue working, SR providers offering full-time services for school age children not attending brick and mortar schools, will be reimbursed the approved full-time school age rate. Upon reinstatement of parent fee requirements, parents will be responsible for the part-time parent copayment (DEO EO-20-06).

EFS Mod Processing: Coalitions should instruct providers to change the unit of care from part-time to full-time when reporting attendance in EFS Mod. In the event a provider does not change the attendance to full time for these cases, the coalition may 1) reject the attendance roster so the provider can make the necessary changes, or 2) move the submitted attendance roster to adjustments to make the appropriate unit of care change on behalf of the provider (i.e. by completing a current period adjustment).

Federal regulations (Section 45 CFR 98.21) require that a family receive services at the same level for the duration of an authorization period. To remain in compliance with that provision and to support providers offering these services, coalitions should instruct providers to report every day as full-time for these children until the child(ren) return to brick and mortar school and only part-time care when that is needed by the family, as verified by the family and the coalition.

If you have any additional questions, please contact OEL.Questions@OEL.MyFlorida.com.

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