

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
May 11, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.500, Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.895, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services.

Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C., outlines the procedures for reporting attendance and making payments to providers that serve children in the School Readiness Program. The proposed amendments to the rule include technical changes, the addition of a guardianship transfer as a type of hardship that is excluded from the maximum two-time limit for a registration fee reimbursement, clarification of reimbursements based on child attendance and eligibility for the special needs rate and child assessment differential, and a change in the Gold Seal rate differential to comply with s. 1002.945(6), F.S. The timeframe to receive a quality performance incentive differential has also been amended.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.500, F.A.C.

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