

AUGUST 25, 2023

# **Weekly Memo**

# **Action Items**

#### Notice of Rule Development

To view the draft and submit comments for the following rule, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) <u>State Board Rules Under Review</u>:

• Rule <u>6A-6.03311</u>, Florida Administrative Code, Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities

#### Florida Educators of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (FEDHH) Annual Conference

The 2023 FEDHH Conference will be on **November 10-11, 2023**, at the <u>Hilton UF Conference</u> <u>Center</u> in Gainesville. FEDHH is an association of educators who work with students who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) in Florida. The association promotes professional growth, close cooperation, and effective communication among members. Additionally, it provides a forum for the exchange of current information, teaching strategies and legislative content in relation to the education of students who are DHH. The annual conference is one of the very few opportunities specific to the education of students who are DHH. This unique opportunity serves to meet the needs of individual teacher professional learning whether they are in a classroom or in an itinerant service delivery model. The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services is pleased to offer one paid registration per Florida school district. To obtain your school district code for redemption, contact your DHH program district contact. For more information and to register, go to the <u>2023 FEDHH Conference web page</u>. If you have any questions about the FEDHH conference, contact Kori Gedris at <u>fedhhpresident@gmail.com</u>. For inquiries about registration waiver codes, contact fldhhcontacts@rmtcdhh.org.

# **Informational Items**

### Florida Low Vision Initiative (FLVI) Open Enrollment

FLVI, an FDOE discretionary project, provides students with low vision in prekindergarten through eighth grade with free comprehensive low vision care and prescribed portable optical aids to improve visual access and increase independence in and out of the classroom setting. Participating teachers of students with visual impairments will receive ongoing support from the

FLVI staff and low vision specialist to address the student's individual visual access needs. For more information, go to the <u>Florida Low Vision Initiative LiveBinders</u>. For program questions, contact Kim Roberts at <u>kmroberts@fsu.edu</u>.

### Florida's Medicaid Redetermination Plan

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) has identified over 4.6 million Medicaid recipients in Florida who will have their case redetermined by DCF over the next year. It is estimated that approximately 20 percent of these recipients will not meet eligibility criteria. School districts can assist by informing families to update their <u>MYAccess Account</u> to be able to receive notifications from DCF when it is time for their family to re-enroll. DCF has created a <u>Medicaid</u> <u>Redetermination Partner Packet</u>. This packet contains information to assist families with re-enrollment. In addition, the School Superintendents Association has created a <u>Medicaid</u> <u>Unwinding Toolkit</u> designed to ensure school districts have all the information needed to support families during this process. For more information, contact Nanci English at <u>Nanci English@fdoe.org</u>.

## FDOE-Sponsored Medicaid Tracking System (MTS) and Administrative Claiming System

The FDOE has three products available to assist in Medicaid reimbursement that do not require a contract and are available at no cost to the district. The MTS 2.0 and 3.0 are reimbursement systems used to support the district's Medicaid Certified School Match Program. The Electronic Medicaid Administrative Claiming System (known as EMACS) is used to support the district's School District Administrative Claiming Program. To schedule a demonstration or for more information, contact Nanci English at Nanci.English@fdoe.org.

### 2023-2024 School Year Information

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the <u>2023-2024 School Year Information</u> and attachment A, <u>2023-2024 School Year Information and Updates</u>.

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