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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors/Chief Executive Officers, Early Learning Coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association

FROM: Matthew H. Mears, Chancellor of Early Learning

DATE: December 13, 2021

SUBJECT: **6M-4.720 Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program**

Overview - [Rule 6M-4.720, FAC, Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program](#), became effective on October 3, 2021. A parent may complete the developmental screening of their child during the initial enrollment or redetermination for School Readiness (SR) services. Parents can view the results of screenings with no concerns through the Family Portal. Early Learning Coalition staff or the child care provider will provide in writing, screening results with concerns, and coalition staff must be available to discuss the screening results with families, if requested.

Consent - Under this rule, a parent of a child enrolled in the SR program may consent or decline developmental screenings of their child. A parent that consents to developmental screenings may elect to be their child's screener or transfer the initial and subsequent screenings to the coalition or provider for completion.

If the parent consents to having their child screened with ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2, then a screening must occur upon initial enrollment and annually at redetermination. If the parent waives the option to be their child's screener, then the responsibility transfers to the provider or coalition for completion. A parent may also consent to share the results of the screening with the child care provider and to be referred to other agencies who might help the child if concerns are noted.

New Timelines

- Initial and subsequent screenings are completed by the parent within the first five (5) calendar days of the enrollment or redetermination. Screenings assigned to the provider or coalition shall be completed within forty-five (45) calendar days of the enrollment start date or redetermination.
- Each coalition shall initiate intervention practices, for children whom results show concerns, no later than 30 calendar days after receipt of the screening results.
- The process for implementing intervention practices must include: 1. Concern identification, 2. Concern analysis, 3. Intervention implementation, 4. Plan evaluation, and 5. Referrals to other agencies, as necessary.

Resources

- A series of guiding videos to assist the coalitions, parents, and providers in the implementation of this rule are located at the [DEL YouTube channel](#).
- For more assistance please email OEL.Questions@oel.myflorida.com or the State Warm Line Inclusion Coordinator Lisette.Levy@oel.myflorida.com.

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