

Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc.

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Dear VPK provider,
The following updates are provided regarding the VPK program.

VPK Attendance and Advance Rule

The revised Rule 60BB-8.204, F.A.C., Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program was adopted on August 25, 2009. Implementation of the new attendance rule will take effect with the beginning of the 2009/2010 school-year program. VPK attendance rosters will be processed according to the new rule starting with the August 2009 reporting period. The rule addresses the new legislation by ensuring that no more than 20 percent of the payment made for each student is for absences and requires providers to submit class schedules to ensure accuracy of payment.

Rule 60BB-8.205, F.A.C., Advance Payment and Reconciliation for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program was adopted on August 25, 2009. Provider Advance Payments will be calculated at 95% of the VPK hourly rate starting with the October Provider Advance Payment.

Both rules mentioned above are posted on the ELCFH website (www.elcfh.org under the provider tab)

VPK Noncompliance

Under the new attendance rule, coalitions will continue to handle non-compliance issues in the same manner as they currently do under their approved coalition plan.

VPK Reimbursement Rates Effective 7/1/09 due to DCD adjustments by county:

Year Round Program

County	Revised VPK rate 2-1-09	Revised VPK rate 7-1-09
Charlotte	\$ 2,494.92/\$ 4.62 per hour	\$ 2,506.76/\$ 4.64 per hour
DeSoto	\$ 2,518.09/\$ 4.66 per hour	\$ 2,519.12/\$ 4.66 per hour
Hardee	\$ 2,490.54/\$ 4.61 per hour	\$ 2,493.12/\$ 4.61 per hour
Highlands	\$ 2,466.34/\$ 4.56 per hour	\$ 2,467.37/\$ 4.56 per hour

Summer 2009 Program

County	Revised VPK rate 2-1-09	Revised VPK rate 7-1-09
Charlotte	\$ 2,121.89/\$ 7.07 per hour	\$ 2,131.96/\$ 7.10 per hour
DeSoto	\$ 2,141.60/\$ 7.13 per hour	\$ 2,142.47/\$ 7.14 per hour
Hardee	\$ 2,118.17/\$ 7.06 per hour	\$ 2,120.35/\$ 7.06 per hour
Highlands	\$ 2,097.58/\$ 6.99 per hour	\$ 2,098.45/\$ 6.99 per hour

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