



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Policy

420.5 School Readiness Provider Requirements for Gold Seal Differential Payments

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POLICY:

1. Section 402.281 F. S sets forth the authority for the Gold Seal Program that enables child care providers to acquire a “Gold Seal Quality Care” designation if they are accredited by a “nationally recognized accrediting agency.”
2. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) is given the authority to determine which accrediting agencies meet the standards to qualify a child care provider for “Gold Seal” designation; and to address eligibility requirements and enforcement actions. A list of approved accrediting agencies is available at: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/goldseal>
3. The COALITION will apply the same requirements and sanctions to all School Readiness licensed or exempt from licensure Child Care Providers who successfully acquire a Gold Seal Quality Care designation by a DCF approved accrediting agency ss. 402.281 (3) F.S.

Citation History: 402.26 (6); 402.281; and 402.3051 (2), F.S.; Rule 65C-22 F.A.C.; 1002.895(2)(a) F.S.

Associated Documents: Policy 220.9 Health and Safety Compliance and related procedures

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