

Early Learning Coalition



of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-620.3.3	Title: Gold Seal	
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References: Coalition Plan Element 5.1.1,
AWI OEL-PG-0047-07

Purpose: To establish protocols for the Gold Seal reimbursement eligibility.

Background:

The Department of Children and Families designates child care providers as Gold Seal based on accreditation by qualifying accrediting bodies.

Gold Seal designation qualifies a School Readiness Provider for the Gold Seal Reimbursement rate of up to 20% above the market rate. Providers who receive a state defined Class 1 Fine from Child Care Licensing lose their Gold Seal designation for one year.

Policy: School Readiness providers receiving a Gold Seal payment who receive a state defined Class 1 Fine will lose the 20% differential immediately upon close of appeal period for 1 year or until Gold Seal designation is reissued by DCF and documentation is submitted to the Coalition.

Procedures:

1. Coalition staff are notified of all fines issued by Child Care Licensing.
2. Gold Seal differential will be eliminated immediately upon close of appeal period with Child Care Licensing.
3. A Provider will be ineligible to receive Gold Seal payment for 1 year or until Gold Seal designation is reissued by DCF and documentation is submitted to the Coalition.

Exhibits: NA