

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
April 9, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.400, Required Parent Co-payment

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.84, F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. Section 1002.84, F.S., requires the Department of Education to establish a sliding fee scale that increases in relation to family income for School Readiness participants.

The rule is being amended to make technical changes and remove coalition responsibilities to submit an annual sliding fee scale to DEL for approval to comply with state statutory changes made to s. 1002.84(9), F.S., as a result of the passage of House Bill 5101. Amendments also simplify copayment assessment procedures and submission of copayment fee waiver policy requirements. DEL further amended the rule to revise the maximum threshold for assessed copayments from 10% to 7% and add a requirement for coalitions to post its fee scale and parent copayment fee waiver policies to its website to comply with federal requirements in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section (§) 98.45(l)(3) and 45 CFR § 98.33(a)(8), respectively. Revisions also remove the sibling discount as the federally required 7% maximum threshold for assessed parent copayments provides additional affordability for care.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6M-4.400, F.A.C.

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