

6M-4.610 Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program.

(1) General Provisions.

(a) Forms.

1. The State of Florida Statewide School Readiness (SR) Provider Contract, Form DEL-SR 20 with exhibits 1 through 7 (July ~~2023~~2022), is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Form DEL-SR 20L entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Licensed Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2023~~2022), Form DEL-SR 20LE entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract License Exempt Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2023~~2022), Form DEL-SR 20FFN entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Informal Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2023~~2022), and Form DEL-SR 20A entitled “State of Florida Amendment to the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract” (July ~~2023~~2022), are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. A copy of Forms DEL-SR 20 including exhibits 1 through 7, DEL-SR 20A, DEL-SR 20FFN, DEL-SR 20LE, and DEL-SR 20L may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/adopted-forms> ~~<https://www.floridaeearlylearning.com/providers/forms-for-providers>~~ or from the Division of Early Learning, ~~325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399~~. The incorporated forms are also available at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15178> ~~14067~~.

2. The State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, Form DEL-SR 20 with exhibits 1 through 7 (July ~~2026~~2023), is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Form DEL-SR 20L entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Licensed Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2026~~2023), Form DEL-SR 20LE entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract License Exempt Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2026~~2023), Form DEL-SR 20FFN entitled “State of Florida Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Informal Provider Responsibilities” (July ~~2026~~2023), and Form DEL-SR 20A entitled “State of Florida Amendment to the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract” (July ~~2026~~2023) are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. A copy of Forms DEL-SR 20 including exhibits 1 through 7, DEL-SR 20A, DEL-SR 20FFN, DEL-SR 20LE, and DEL-SR 20L may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/adopted-forms> ~~<https://www.floridaeearlylearning.com/providers/forms-for-providers>~~ or from the Division of Early Learning, ~~325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399~~. The incorporated forms are also available at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19027> ~~15178~~.

(b) No change.

(c) All forms referenced in subparagraph (1)(a)1. in this rule, must be used by the early learning coalitions to enter into provider contracts with an end effective date of June 30, ~~2026~~2022. All forms referenced in subparagraph (1)(a)2. in this rule, must be used by the early learning coalitions to enter into provider contracts with a beginning effective date of July 1, ~~2026~~2023 and all dates thereafter until a new contract form is subsequently adopted. All SR providers that register to offer the SR Program must execute Form DEL-SR-20 including exhibits, and Form DEL-SR 20FFN, DEL-SR 20LE, or DEL-SR 20L for the appropriate contract year.

(d) through (f) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) School Readiness ~~Provider Program~~ Ineligibility. For the purpose of this subsection, “individual associated with a provider” means an individual or family member of an individual who, regardless of compensation, holds a management position, oversees the operations of a provider, or is an officer, shareholder, beneficial owner, or member of the board of directors of a provider. A provider will not be eligible to contract to offer the SR program if any of the following circumstances apply:

(a) The early learning coalition may refuse to contract with a SR provider or revoke a SR provider’s eligibility to deliver the School Readiness Program if the provider has been cited for a Class I violation by the department or local licensing agency, as applicable, in accordance with Rule 6M-4.620, 65C-22.010, or 65C-20.012, F.A.C. (as applicable to the provider type). Action taken by the coalition to revoke a provider’s eligibility must be consistent with Section 1002.88(2)(a) and (b), F.S., in that the revocation is for a period of five (5) years. If the coalition chooses to implement this provision the coalition must develop policies and procedures, in accordance with ~~Element V. Monitoring in~~ Form DEL-SR 115, as incorporated by reference in Rule 6M-9.115, F.A.C., to ensure the standard is applied consistently to all potential and current SR program providers. Each coalition must:

1. through 3. No change.

(b) through (g) No change.

(4) Transfer of Qownership. In the event of a change of ownership, sale, sale of assets, conveyance of ownership, or other transfer of ownership interest, the SR provider must notify the early learning coalition no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the transfer of ownership. The coalition and the new owner must execute a new contract for SR services, provided the new owner meets the eligibility requirements set forth in subsection (2) of this rule, and Section 1002.88, F.S., and is not disqualified from contracting pursuant to subsection (3) of this

rule. Upon a request to contract due to a transfer of ownership, the coalition will have up to thirty (30) calendar days to execute or decline the contract. This timeline may be extended if all prerequisite requirements have not been met.

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