

**Department of Education, Office of Early Learning
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Rule Number	Rule Title	Rulemaking Action	Reason for Rulemaking	Additional Details on Reason for Rulemaking	Description of Current Rule or Statute to be Implemented	Description of Changes to be Made in Rulemaking	Economic Impact	Highly Technical or Complicated
TBD	Early Learning Coalition Membership	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish requirements related to the appointment of private sector business members to ELC boards.	N/A	None	No
6A-6.040	VPK Director Credentials	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish requirements related to the minimum credentials which must be held by a VPK director.	Legislation adds consultation with Department of Children and Families	SERC	No
TBD	VPK Performance Standards Training	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish requirements for VPK instructors regarding VPK performance standards training.	N/A	SERC	No
6M-8.201	VPK Child Eligibility Determination and Enrollment Procedures	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently establishes the processes for making determinations regarding a child's eligibility to participate in the VPK Program and the processes used to enroll such children.	The legislature has recently amended the relevant statutes to specifically allow certain providers to facilitate the process of making child eligibility determinations and of enrolling children.	SERC	
6M-8.301	VPK Provider Agreement	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently incorporates by reference a provider agreement which describes requirements related to the implementation of the VPK Program by child care providers.	The legislature has made a number of programmatic amendments which must be reflected in the provider agreements for the VPK program.	SERC	No

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6M-8.300	VPK Provider and Class Registration Procedures; Application, Eligibility Determination	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently establishes the processes and criteria for determining the eligibility of child care providers which wish to offer the VPK program.	The legislature recently amended the statute to allow the Office to streamline the process of provider registration wherever possible.	SERC	No
TBD	VPK Provider Noncompliance	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish procedures for removing providers which fail to comply with minimum program requirements from eligibility.	N/A	SERC	No
TBD	SR Uniform Chart of Accounts	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish financial and budgetary processes related to the School Readiness Program	N/A	None	No
TBD	SR Health and Safety Checklist	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish requirements for certain types of providers offering the School Readiness program. The Office is required to develop a health and safety checklist for identified provider types which must be completed by providers which wish to offer School Readiness services.	N/A	SERC	No
6M-4.710	SR Curriculum	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently describes the processes by which a curriculum may be approved for use in the School Readiness program.	Revise to simplify.	SERC	No

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TBD	SR Provider Monitoring	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish the processes by which early learning coalitions will monitor providers offering SR services and include a standard monitoring tool.	N/A	SERC	Yes
TBD	ELC Annual Report	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish the criteria and format by which early learning coalitions will submit information regarding their implementation of early learning services.	N/A	None	No
TBD	ELC School Readiness Plans	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish the criteria and format of early learning coalition School Readiness Plans. The School Readiness Plans developed by coalitions will govern their implementation of School Readiness services in their service areas.	N/A	None	No
TBD	SR Market Rate Schedule and Information Collection	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish the criteria by which the Office will develop a market rate schedule for School Readiness services. In addition, the rule will establish processes by which information is collected from child care providers related to their market rates.	N/A	SERC	No

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TBD	SR Fraud Due Process Procedures	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish due process procedures related to the investigation and suspension of providers suspected of committing fraud.	N/A	SERC	Yes
TBD	ELC Anti-Fraud Plans	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will establish the minimum criteria for development of early learning coalition anti-fraud plans.	N/A	SERC	Yes
6M-9.300	Child Care Resource and Referral	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently establishes minimum criteria and procedures related to the implementation of child care resource and referral services by early learning coalitions.	The legislature recently revised the applicable statute require rules which, at a minimum, address required hours of operation, methods by which parents may request services, and child care resource and referral staff training requirements.	SERC	No
6M-4.503	Misrepresentation or Fraud Regarding Reimbursement	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state) (Include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule currently describes the consequences for providers which are convicted of committing fraud related to the School Readiness program.	The legislature recently amended the relevant statutes to specifically address the commission of fraud. The rule is less strict than the new legislation and should be repealed.	None	No