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6M-4.208	Verification of Employment and Income	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule describes the necessary documentation needed to establish employment, income, educational or training activities and disability.	Streamlining verification processes	None	No
6M-4.209	Redetermination of Eligibility for Financial Assistance	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule describes redetermination eligibility requirements for the School Readiness Program participants.	Streamlining redetermination processes	None	No
6M-4.300	Waiting List Procedures	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule provides requirements for early learning coalitions to include in its waiting list management.	Streamlining waiting list processes; Clarifying language to ensure uniformity	None	No
6M-4.400	Required Parent Co-payment	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule provides an explanation of parent co-payments, fee waiver and reductions.	Amending language to address sibling discounts and income limits required when granting fee waivers	None	No
6M-4.401	Co-payment Collection	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule provides an explanation of parent co-payments Co-payment Collection.	First part of rule no longer in statute; Second part of rule will be incorporated in 6M-4.400	None	No
6M-4.500	Reimbursement-General Provisions Regarding Reimbursements for Holidays and Absences	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule details how provider reimbursements are determined based upon excused and unexcused absences.	Amending language to include revisions in legislation regarding the absence reporting	None	No
6M-4.501	Reimbursement During Emergency Closures	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule establishes methodology for reimbursement during emergency closures.	Will be included in 6M-4.500	None	No
6M-4.502	Records to be Maintained and Monitoring for Reimbursements	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule establishes that school readiness providers will maintain attendance documentation and records to ensure accuracy of reimbursement payments.	Amending language to include revisions in legislation regarding attendance records and monitoring requirements	None	No

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6M-4.610	Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will incorporate by reference a provider agreement which describes requirements related to the implementation of the School Readiness Program by child care providers.	N/A	SERC	Yes
6M-8.100	Documenting Child Eligibility for the VPK Program	Rule Amendment	Update Rule (Explain)	Obsolete definitions need to be updated	The rule provides definitions of terms used in rules for the VPK program. s. 1002.79, F.S.	Revise definitions	None	No
6M-8.200	Documenting Child Eligibility for the VPK Program	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule contains how a coalitions must document age and residential eligibility for children applying for the VPK program.	Some language of the rule will be incorporated in revision to rule 6M-8.201	None	No
6M-8.201	Child Registration Procedures; Application; Parent Orientation Session	Rule Amendment	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 amended the relevant statutes to specifically allow certain providers to facilitate the process of making child eligibility determinations and of enrolling children; Incorporating rules 6M-8.200 & 6M-8.202	SERC	No
6M-8.2011	Voluntary Prekindergarten Parent Guide	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	This rule incorporates by reference the VPK Parent Guide with information about the VPK program.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.2015	VPK Child Registration Pilot Project	Rule Repeal	Other (Explain)	Pilot project with expired timelines	The rule establishes details of a Child Registration Pilot Project for VPK.	Repealing rule that is no longer valid	None	No
6M-8.202	Child Eligibility Determination and Enrollment Procedures	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule instructs coalitions on how to determine eligibility for VPK children and to issue a Child Eligibility and Enrollment Certificate (COE). Also defines enrollment.	Some language of the rule will be incorporated in revision to rule 6M-8.201	None	No

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6M-8.204	Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program	Rule Amendment	Technical Change		Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule describes the policy for paying providers.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.205	Advance Payment and Reconciliation for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program	Rule Amendment	Technical Change		Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule describes the policy for advance payment and reconciliation processes for VPK.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.210	Reenrollment for Good Cause or Extreme Hardship in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)		1-Jul-13	The rule describes the conditions that allow for a good cause reenrollment and an extreme hardship reenrollment, including documentation required for an extreme hardship reenrollment. It also adopts by reference the reenrollment application.	Adds definition of a good cause exemption to reenrollment	None	No
6M-8.300	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 amended the statute to allow the Office to streamline the process of provider registration wherever possible	SERC	No
6M-8.301	Statewide Provider Agreement for the VPK Program	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	Yes
6M-8.305	Recording and Certifying Child Attendance in the VPK Program	Rule Amendment	Technical Change		Change of rulemaking statutory authority	This rule includes instructions for how providers are to record and certify attendance of students in the VPK program.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No

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6M-8.400	VPK Class Sizes; Blended Classes; Multi-Class Groups	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule attempts to describe class sizes and blended classes and multi-class groups as they involve the VPK program. It includes minimum class sizes and maximum class sizes.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.410	Voluntary Prekindergarten Program Substitute Instructors	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule creates the qualifications needed to serve as a substitute instructor in place of a lead instructor in VPK classes. It also includes a time limitation for how long a substitute may be in a VPK classroom.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.601	Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	This rule describes how readiness rates for VPK providers are calculated and assigned.	Changes in how the VPK readiness rate is calculated	SERC	No
6M-8.602	Performance Standards for Children Participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule adopts by references Standards for Four Year Olds in the VPK program.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.603	Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Placed on Probation Good Cause Exemption	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule describes the process of how a provider may apply for a good cause exemption after being placed on probation and remaining on probation for three consecutive years.	Changes in who is responsible for granting good cause exemptions based on statutory change	SERC	No
6M-8.604	Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Curriculum Approval Process	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule describes the process of approving curriculum for DOE for providers that are placed on probation.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.605	VPK Staff Development Plan for Providers on Probation	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Changes in statutes require technical change	The rule adopts by reference the staff development plan that providers on probation may select if they are on probation.	Technical changes to adopted document based on statutory realignment of Office of Early Learning	None	No

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6M-8.610	Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Credential for Private Providers	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	This rule adopts the training requirements needed for a VPK Director Credential for private providers.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-8.620	VPK Pre- and Post-Assessment	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The new rule will adopt the pre- and post-assessment VPK providers must use and the process they must go through to order materials and report results. 1002.67(3)(c), 1002.73(2)(d) FS	N/A	SERC	No
6M-8.700	Provider on Probation; Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Improvement Plan and Implementation; First Year Probation	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule lists the process for a provider to follow when placed on first-year on probation, including submission of an improvement plan and requirements to use an approved curriculum or a staff.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority and other minor changes as a result of legislation	SERC	No
6M-8.701	Provider on Probation; Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Annual Probation Progress Report; Second and Subsequent Year Probation	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule lists the processes for a provider who receives two consecutive low readiness rates. Much of the actual duties are made by referencing Rule 6M-8.700.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority and other minor changes as a result of legislation revisions	SERC	No
6M-8.702	Provider on Probation; Removal From Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Eligibility	Rule Amendment	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule explains the process for removing a VPK provider after the provider has remained on probation for two years and does not meet the minimum readiness rate.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority and other minor changes as a result of legislation revisions	SERC	No
6M-8.900	Obtaining VPK Forms	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule describes how to obtain forms referenced in other rules.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No

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6M-9.115	School Readiness Plan Requirements	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
6M-9.121	Federal Quality Funds	Rule Repeal	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	The rule provides OEL's broad authority to administer the CCDF federal program.	Repeal rule as legislation is sufficient	None	No
6M-9.300	Child Care Resource and Referral	Rule Amendment	Technical Change	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	The rule currently establishes minimum criteria and procedures related to the implementation of child care resource and referral services by early learning coalitions.	Change of rulemaking statutory authority	None	No
6M-9.400	Early Learning Coalition Anti-Fraud	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
TBD	VPK Instructor Training Requirements	New Rule	Statutory Mandate (federal or state; include effective date)	1-Jul-13	s. 1002.55(3)(c)(2), F.S. includes requirement to adopt standards training course.	N/A	SERC	No
TBD	SR Monitoring Tool	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	No