

## **Early Learning Rule Updates**

The following rule updates were approved by the Board of Education on April 9, 2025. The rule updates will take effect at the start of next fiscal year (July 1, 2025). Major changes to the rules include:

### 6M-4.400: Required Parent Copayment

- Family copayment not to exceed 7% of the family's income.
- Removes family size as criteria for assessed copayment.
- Family will make only one copayment to one-authorized provider.

### 6M-4.500: Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursement

- Reimbursement not paid prior to student's first day of attendance or after student's last day of attendance.
- Add provider reimbursement for one staff training day approved by the coalition.
- Remove quality performance differential (QPI) of 4% for providers with program assessment composite scores of 4.50 to 4.99.

The Division of Early Learning is developing supplemental materials and guidance to assist coalitions and providers with implementation of the revised elements of the rules.

## **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PROVIDERS?**

One significant change included in these rule updates for School Readiness Program providers is the removal of the 4% Quality Performance Incentive (QPI) for providers with SR composite scores between 4.5 and 4.99. Effective July 1, 2025, provider with a SR composite score between 4.50 and 4.99 will no longer receive a 4% QPI differential

If you have questions, please reach out to your assigned Provider Relations Specialist or email [providerrelations@elcoc.org](mailto:providerrelations@elcoc.org).