

## School Readiness Required Parent Copayment At-a-Glance

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) provides this side-by-side comparison of assessing parent copayments prior to July 1, 2025, and after July 1, 2025, to facilitate improved understanding of how procedures differ. This chart reflects only the components of the rule that have changed and will be in effect July 1, 2025. View Rule 6M-4.400, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), [here](#).

Required Parent Copayment		
Component and Rule Citation	Prior to July 1, 2025	On or after July 1, 2025
Sliding fee scale (1)(a)	Early learning coalitions (ELCs) submit a sliding fee scale annually as an SR Plan amendment for DEL approval	DEL issues a sliding fee scale annually for ELCs to implement
Copayment threshold (1)(a)	Cannot exceed 10% of the family income	Cannot exceed 7% of the family income
Copayment assessment criteria (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family size</li> <li>• Household income</li> <li>• Hours of care authorized (part time or full time)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household income</li> <li>• Hours of care authorized (part time or full time)</li> </ul>
Sibling discount (2)(a)	Optional, and set by the ELCs	None
Parent and provider notification (4)	Payment certificate includes copay due to <b>each</b> authorized provider for each enrollment	Payment certificate includes copay due to <b>one</b> authorized provider regardless of number of children receiving services or number of enrollments
Copayment collection (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each provider collects copay, unless waived, for each child and each enrollment</li> <li>• Deducted from the monthly reimbursement for each provider attended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One provider collects the copay associated with one child and one enrollment, unless waived, within the household</li> <li>• Deducted from the monthly reimbursement for the provider that collects the copayment</li> <li>• Second and subsequent providers do not collect a copay and receive a full reimbursement</li> </ul>

Copayment changes (8)(c)	Copayment does not increase during initial 12-month authorization period unless a change in employment, income or family size results in a lower copayment	Copayment does not increase during initial 12-month authorization period unless a change in employment or income results in a lower copayment
Accessibility of Copayment Information (11)	Not applicable	ELC must post a copy of the DEL issued sliding fee scale and DEL approved fee waiver policies in an easily accessible location on its website