

School Readiness

60BB-4.500 Reimbursement-General Provisions Regarding Reimbursements for Absences

(2) Absences. Reimbursement shall be authorized for no more than three (3) absences per calendar month per child except in the event of extraordinary circumstances in which case the coalition or its designee shall provide written approval for payment based on written documentation provided by the parent justifying the excessive absence for up to an additional seven (7) days.

(a) Examples of extraordinary circumstances include the following:

1. Hospitalization of the child or parent with appropriate documentation;
2. Illness requiring home-stay as documented;
3. Death in the immediate family with appropriate documentation (i.e., obituary, death certificate);
4. Court ordered visitation with appropriate documentation (i.e., court order); or
5. Unforeseen documented military deployment or exercise of the parent(s).

(b) Total monthly reimbursed absences shall not exceed ten (10) calendar days.

(c) In the event that a child is absent for five consecutive days with no contact from the parent, the provider shall notify the local coalition or its designee who in turn shall determine the need for continued care. If a termination is filed, the notice will be provided to the referring entity.

(d) When an at-risk child has an unexcused absence or seven consecutive days of excused absences, the school readiness provider shall notify the Department of Children and Families. The Rilya Wilson Act establishes these reporting requirements for children 3 to 5 years old. This rule shall apply to all at-risk children of any age in a school readiness program. - 113

Specific Authority 411.01(4)(k) FS. Law Implemented 411.01(5)(d)3.f. FS. History–New 2-2-05.