

Office of Early Learning  
**PLAN AMENDMENT JUSTIFICATION OF CO-PAYMENTS ABOVE 10 PERCENT OF GROSS FAMILY INCOME**

Coalition Name: ELC of the Big Bend Region  
 Contact Person: Liz Murphy, CEO

Amendment #:

**I. PROPOSED ACTION**

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| Explain the reason for the fee schedule change   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Increase in Parent Fees<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Parent Fee Schedule Change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Required Annual Update for Current Federal Poverty Level. |

**II. IMPACT ON PARENT ACCESS TO SERVICES**

| Explain how fees are affordable and provide equal access to services. Include how fees have changed from previous scales. If fees have not changed and just reflect the required annual update for the new Federal Poverty Levels and State Median Income.  |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|
| Fees have been lowered to improve access to the child care available to families whose income is high enough to qualify for school readiness services.  |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| Explain why low income parents are not disadvantaged by paying more than 10% of their gross family income for childcare. Support your explanation with facts.   |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| N/A   |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| Complete this comparison for a family of three with gross income of \$16,600 and 2 preschoolers in center based care.   |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 5px;">Average Monthly Cost of Center Based Preschool Care</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">% of Income for Non Subsidized Family</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">Monthly Parent Fee for Subsidized Care</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">% of Income for Subsidized Family</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1252.33</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">90%</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">81.25</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1.4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Average Monthly Cost of Center Based Preschool Care | % of Income for Non Subsidized Family  | Monthly Parent Fee for Subsidized Care | % of Income for Subsidized Family | 1252.33 | 90% | 81.25 | 1.4% |
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| 1252.33   | 90%   | 81.25                                  | 1.4%                                   |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| How were parents, providers or the general public involved in the decision? What was their input?   |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| The ELC invited public input and comments on this plan amendment by posting the details of the plan amendment to its website for no less than a 14-day period.  |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| What was the date the early learning coalition adopted the change?  |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |
| This will be an agenda item at the ELC's board meeting on March 24, 2022.   |   |  |  |                                   |         |     |       |      |

**III. BUDGET IMPACT**

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| What impact will the proposed fee change have on the coalition budget? If none is anticipated, explain why.  |
| The proposed fee change is expected to cost between 1.4 and 1.6 million dollars per fiscal year. The ELC is comfortable making this change based on the funding levels and our utilization efforts of the past several years, including our history of consistently clearing the waiting list for School Readiness services. |

Sliding Fee Scale for  
Effective date

Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Re  
May 1, 2022

Florida's Office of Early Learning  
SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE

| DAILY FEE |           | ----- Annual Gross Income - Number of persons in Family ----- |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------|-----------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Full-Time | Part-Time | FPL as indicated unless exceeds                               | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8       | 9       | 10      | 11      | 12      | 13      | 14      | 15      |
| 0.20      | 0.10      | 85% SMI   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 0.60      | 0.30      | 50%FPL  | 6,440  | 8,710  | 10,980 | 13,250 | 15,520 | 17,790 | 20,060 | 22,330  | 24,600  | 26,870  | 29,140  | 31,410  | 33,680  | 35,950  | 38,220  |
| 0.80      | 0.40      | 75%FPL  | 6,441  | 8,711  | 10,981 | 13,251 | 15,521 | 17,791 | 20,061 | 22,331  | 24,601  | 26,871  | 29,141  | 31,411  | 33,681  | 35,951  | 38,221  |
| 1.20      | 0.60      | FPL   | 9,660  | 13,065 | 16,470 | 19,875 | 23,280 | 26,685 | 30,090 | 33,495  | 36,900  | 40,305  | 43,710  | 47,115  | 50,520  | 53,925  | 57,330  |
| 1.40      | 0.70      |   | 9,661  | 13,066 | 16,471 | 19,876 | 23,281 | 26,686 | 30,091 | 33,496  | 36,901  | 40,306  | 43,711  | 47,116  | 50,521  | 53,926  | 57,331  |
| 1.60      | 0.80      |   | 12,879 | 17,419 | 21,959 | 26,499 | 31,039 | 35,579 | 40,119 | 44,659  | 49,199  | 53,739  | 58,279  | 62,819  | 67,359  | 71,899  | 76,439  |
|           |           |   | 12,880 | 17,420 | 21,960 | 26,500 | 31,040 | 35,580 | 40,120 | 44,660  | 49,200  | 53,740  | 58,280  | 62,820  | 67,360  | 71,900  | 76,440  |
|           |           |   | 15,027 | 20,324 | 25,621 | 30,918 | 36,214 | 41,511 | 46,808 | 52,105  | 57,402  | 62,698  | 67,995  | 73,292  | 78,589  | 83,886  | 89,183  |
|           |           |   | 15,028 | 20,325 | 25,622 | 30,919 | 36,215 | 41,512 | 46,809 | 52,106  | 57,403  | 62,699  | 67,996  | 73,293  | 78,590  | 83,887  | 89,184  |
|           |           |   | 17,174 | 23,228 | 29,281 | 35,335 | 41,389 | 47,442 | 53,496 | 59,550  | 65,603  | 71,657  | 77,711  | 83,764  | 89,818  | 95,871  | 101,925 |
|           |           |   | 17,175 | 23,229 | 29,282 | 35,336 | 41,390 | 47,443 | 53,497 | 59,551  | 65,604  | 71,658  | 77,712  | 83,765  | 89,819  | 95,872  | 101,926 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         | 100,526 | 102,497 | 104,468 |
|           |           | 150%FPL   | 19,320 | 26,130 | 32,940 | 39,750 | 46,560 | 53,370 | 60,180 | 66,990  | 73,800  | 80,610  | 87,420  | 94,230  | 101,040 | 107,850 | 114,660 |
| 1.80      | 0.90      |   | 19,321 | 26,131 | 32,941 | 39,751 | 46,561 | 53,371 | 60,181 | 66,991  | 73,801  | 80,611  | 87,421  | 94,231  | 101,041 | 107,851 | 114,661 |
|           |           |   | 20,071 | 27,146 | 34,220 | 41,295 | 48,370 | 55,444 | 62,519 | 69,594  | 76,668  | 83,743  | 90,818  | 97,892  | 104,967 | 112,042 | 119,116 |
| 2.20      | 1.10      |   | 20,072 | 27,147 | 34,221 | 41,296 | 48,371 | 55,445 | 62,520 | 69,595  | 76,669  | 83,744  | 90,819  | 97,893  | 104,968 | 112,043 | 119,117 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 20,822 | 28,161 | 35,501 | 42,840 | 50,179 | 57,519 | 64,858 | 72,197  | 79,537  | 86,876  | 94,215  | 101,555 | 108,894 | 116,234 | 123,573 |
|           |           |   | 20,823 | 28,162 | 35,502 | 42,841 | 50,180 | 57,520 | 64,859 | 72,198  | 79,538  | 86,877  | 94,216  | 101,556 | 108,895 | 116,235 | 123,574 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 21,573 | 29,177 | 36,781 | 44,385 | 51,989 | 59,593 | 67,197 | 74,801  | 82,405  | 90,009  | 97,613  | 105,217 | 112,821 | 120,425 | 128,029 |
|           |           |   | 21,574 | 29,178 | 36,782 | 44,386 | 51,990 | 59,594 | 67,198 | 74,802  | 82,406  | 90,010  | 97,614  | 105,218 | 112,822 | 120,426 | 128,030 |
|           |           |   | 22,324 | 30,192 | 38,061 | 45,930 | 53,799 | 61,667 | 69,536 | 77,405  | 85,273  | 93,142  | 101,011 | 108,880 | 116,748 | 124,617 | 132,486 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 22,325 | 30,193 | 38,062 | 45,931 | 53,800 | 61,668 | 69,537 | 77,406  | 85,274  | 93,143  | 101,012 | 108,881 | 116,749 | 124,618 | 132,487 |
|           |           |   | 23,075 | 31,208 | 39,341 | 47,475 | 55,608 | 63,742 | 71,875 | 80,008  | 88,142  | 96,275  | 104,409 | 112,542 | 120,675 | 128,809 | 136,942 |
|           |           |   | 23,076 | 31,209 | 39,342 | 47,476 | 55,609 | 63,743 | 71,876 | 80,009  | 88,143  | 96,276  | 104,410 | 112,543 | 120,676 | 128,810 | 136,943 |
|           |           | 185%FPL   | 23,828 | 32,227 | 40,626 | 49,025 | 57,424 | 65,823 | 74,222 | 82,621  | 91,020  | 99,419  | 107,818 | 116,217 | 124,616 | 133,015 | 141,414 |
| 4.20      | 2.10      |   | 23,829 | 32,228 | 40,627 | 49,026 | 57,425 | 65,824 | 74,223 | 82,622  | 91,021  | 99,420  | 107,819 | 116,218 | 124,617 | 133,016 | 141,415 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 24,794 | 33,534 | 42,273 | 51,013 | 59,752 | 68,492 | 77,231 | 85,971  | 94,710  | 103,450 | 112,189 | 120,929 | 129,668 | 138,408 | 147,147 |
|           |           |   | 24,795 | 33,535 | 42,274 | 51,014 | 59,753 | 68,493 | 77,232 | 85,972  | 94,711  | 103,451 | 112,190 | 120,930 | 129,669 | 138,409 | 147,148 |
|           |           | 200%FPL   | 25,760 | 34,840 | 43,920 | 53,000 | 62,080 | 71,160 | 80,240 | 89,320  | 98,400  | 107,480 | 116,560 | 125,640 | 134,720 | 143,800 | 152,880 |
| 5.80      | 2.90      |   | 25,761 | 34,841 | 43,921 | 53,001 | 62,081 | 71,161 | 80,241 | 89,321  | 98,401  | 107,481 | 116,561 | 125,641 | 134,721 | 143,801 | 152,881 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 27,692 | 37,453 | 47,214 | 56,975 | 66,736 | 76,497 | 86,258 | 96,019  | 105,780 | 115,541 | 125,302 | 135,063 | 144,824 | 154,585 | 164,346 |
|           |           |   | 27,693 | 37,454 | 47,215 | 56,976 | 66,737 | 76,498 | 86,259 | 96,020  | 105,781 | 115,542 | 125,303 | 135,064 | 144,825 | 154,586 | 164,347 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 29,624 | 40,066 | 50,508 | 60,950 | 71,392 | 81,834 | 92,276 | 102,718 | 113,160 | 123,602 | 134,044 | 144,486 | 154,928 | 165,370 | 175,812 |
|           |           |   | 29,625 | 40,067 | 50,509 | 60,951 | 71,393 | 81,835 | 92,277 | 102,719 | 113,161 | 123,603 | 134,045 | 144,487 | 154,929 | 165,371 | 175,813 |
|           |           | 85% SMI   | 34,166 | 44,678 | 55,191 | 65,703 | 76,216 | 86,728 |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Parents receiving hourly care pay up to the part time fee.  
Note: 10% Parent Fee was calculated using 260 days.  
Refer to 6M-4.400, F.A.C.

2021 Poverty Level (FPL) effective January 13, 2021  
LIIHEAP IM 2020-02 State Median Income Estimates

Income 85% State Median Income: Upper threshold for eligibility

Please answer the following questions:  
(1) If there is a sibling discount what is the percentage? The sibling discount is 50% reduction in the co-payment for each additional child enrolled after the initial child enrolled.  
(2) If any family pays more than 10% of their gross income for child care, please complete and attach the justification form that explains how the fees will not limit parent access to services. N/A