

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**

Explain the reason for the fee schedule change
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Increase in Parent Fees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Parent Fee Schedule Change <input checked="" 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. This plan update also reflects the required annual update to the federal poverty levels and state median income.								
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.								
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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**

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 Region, Inc  
July 1, 2022

Florida's Division 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
		50%FPL	6,795	9,155	11,515	13,875	16,235	18,595	20,955	23,315	25,675	28,035	30,395	32,755	35,115	37,475	39,835
0.60	0.30	75%FPL	6,796	9,156	11,516	13,876	16,236	18,596	20,956	23,316	25,676	28,036	30,396	32,756	35,116	37,476	39,836
			10,193	13,733	17,273	20,813	24,353	27,893	31,433	34,973	38,513	42,053	45,593	49,133	52,673	56,213	59,753
0.80	0.40	FPL	10,194	13,734	17,274	20,814	24,354	27,894	31,434	34,974	38,514	42,054	45,594	49,134	52,674	56,214	59,754
			13,589	18,309	23,029	27,749	32,469	37,189	41,909	46,629	51,349	56,069	60,789	65,509	70,229	74,949	79,669
1.20	0.60	FPL	13,590	18,310	23,030	27,750	32,470	37,190	41,910	46,630	51,350	56,070	60,790	65,510	70,230	74,950	79,670
			15,855	21,362	26,869	32,376	37,883	43,390	48,896	54,403	59,910	65,417	70,924	76,431	81,937	87,444	92,951
1.40	0.70		15,856	21,363	26,870	32,377	37,884	43,391	48,897	54,404	59,911	65,418	70,925	76,432	81,938	87,445	92,952
			18,121	24,415	30,708	37,002	43,295	49,589	55,883	62,176	68,470	74,764	81,057	87,351	93,645	99,938	106,232
1.60	0.80	85% SMI	18,122	24,416	30,709	37,003	43,296	49,590	55,884	62,177	68,471	74,765	81,058	87,352	93,646	99,939	106,233
		150%FPL	20,385	27,465	34,545	41,625	48,705	55,785	62,865	69,945	77,025	84,105	91,185	98,265	105,345	112,425	119,505
1.80	0.90		20,386	27,466	34,546	41,626	48,706	55,786	62,866	69,946	77,026	84,106	91,186	98,266	105,346	112,426	119,506
			21,177	28,532	35,888	43,243	50,598	57,953	65,308	72,664	80,019	87,374	94,729	102,084	109,439	116,795	124,150
2.20	1.10	85% SMI	21,178	28,533	35,889	43,244	50,599	57,954	65,309	72,665	80,020	87,375	94,730	102,085	109,440	116,796	124,151
			21,970	29,600	37,230	44,861	52,491	60,121	67,752	75,382	83,012	90,643	98,273	105,903	113,534	121,164	128,795
2.60	1.30	85% SMI	21,971	29,601	37,231	44,862	52,492	60,122	67,753	75,383	83,013	90,644	98,274	105,904	113,535	121,165	128,796
			22,762	30,667	38,573	46,478	54,384	62,290	70,195	78,101	86,006	93,912	101,817	109,723	117,628	125,534	133,439
3.00	1.50		22,763	30,668	38,574	46,479	54,385	62,291	70,196	78,102	86,007	93,913	101,818	109,724	117,629	125,535	133,440
			23,554	31,735	39,916	48,096	56,277	64,458	72,638	80,819	89,000	97,181	105,361	113,542	121,723	129,903	138,084
3.40	1.70	85% SMI	23,555	31,736	39,917	48,097	56,278	64,459	72,639	80,820	89,001	97,182	105,362	113,543	121,724	129,904	138,085
			24,346	32,802	41,258	49,714	58,170	66,626	75,082	83,538	91,994	100,449	108,905	117,361	125,817	134,273	142,729
3.80	1.90	85% SMI	24,347	32,803	41,259	49,715	58,171	66,627	75,083	83,539	91,995	100,450	108,906	117,362	125,818	134,274	142,730
		185%FPL	25,142	33,874	42,606	51,338	60,070	68,802	77,534	86,266	94,998	103,730	112,462	121,194	129,926	138,658	147,390
4.20	2.10	85% SMI	25,143	33,875	42,607	51,339	60,071	68,803	77,535	86,267	94,999	103,731	112,463	121,195	129,927	138,659	147,391
			26,161	35,247	44,333	53,419	62,505	71,591	80,677	89,763	98,849	107,935	117,021	126,107	135,193	144,279	153,365
4.80	2.40		26,162	35,248	44,334	53,420	62,506	71,592	80,678	89,764	98,850	107,936	117,022	126,108	135,194	144,280	153,366
		200%FPL	27,180	36,620	46,060	55,500	64,940	74,380	83,820	93,260	102,700	112,140	121,580	131,020	140,460	149,900	159,340
5.80	2.90	85% SMI	27,181	36,621	46,061	55,501	64,941	74,381	83,821	93,261	102,701	112,141	121,581	131,021	140,461	149,901	159,341
			29,219	39,367	49,515	59,663	69,811	79,959	90,107	100,255	110,403	120,551	130,699	140,847	150,995	161,143	171,291
7.80	3.90	85% SMI	29,220	39,368	49,516	59,664	69,812	79,960	90,108	100,256	110,404	120,552	130,700	140,848	150,996	161,144	171,292
			31,257	42,113	52,969	63,825	74,681	85,537	96,393	107,249	118,105	128,961	139,817	150,673	161,529	172,385	183,241
10.40	5.20	85% SMI	31,258	42,114	52,970	63,826	74,682	85,538	96,394	107,250	118,106	128,962	139,818	150,674	161,530	172,386	183,242
			35,836	46,863	57,889	68,915	79,942	90,968									

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.

Income 85% State Median Income:Upper threshold for eligibility

2022 Poverty Level (FPL) effective Jul Jan. 12, 2022  
LIHEAP IM 2021-03 State Median Income Estimates

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