

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
January 18, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rules 6M-10.001, Gold Seal Quality Care Program and 6M-10.002, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), and 1002.945, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department is required to comply with lead agency responsibilities in the administration of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund. DEL must implement specific program eligibility requirements, which includes provider eligibility. Section 1002.945(7), F.S., requires the State Board to adopt rules that provide criteria and procedures for reviewing and approving accrediting associations for participation in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program and conferring and revoking designations of Gold Seal Quality Care providers. Rule 6M-10.001, F.A.C., establishes the criteria for providers to obtain and maintain a Gold Seal Quality Care designation. Rule 6M-10.002, F.A.C., establishes the criteria for accrediting associations to obtain recognition as a Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association and audit requirements.

DEL amended the rule text for Gold Seal Quality Care Programs to add a definition for violation and clarify definitions for Class I, II, and III violations, clarify requirements for obtaining and maintaining a Gold Seal Quality Care designation, add United States Department of Defense as an entity that regulates and determines standard violations, amend timeframe for providers to obtain a new accreditation, remove the reconsideration language, and make technical changes.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS05, Gold Seal Quality Care Provider Application, to clarify inspection documents are only required to be submitted by providers located on a military installation, incomplete applications will only be held for 30 days, and providers must be operational with children in attendance for one year.

DEL amended the rule text for Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Associations to clarify the information required in the accrediting association annual self-assessment survey, add child care facility standards that were inadvertently omitted in the last rule promulgation, and make technical changes.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS01, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Standards for Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, to add letters to standard titles that correlate to the standard sections in the evaluation manual.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS02, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Evaluation Manual for FDCH and LFCCH, to add standard titles and correct page numbers.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS03, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Standards for Child Care Facilities, to add standards F12 – I3 because they were inadvertently omitted in the final document that went before the State Board in March 2022 and to add letters to standard titles which correlate to the standard sections in the evaluation manual.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS04, Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Evaluation Manual for Child Care Facilities, to add missing substandard in section J and to correct page numbers.

DEL amended Form DEL-GS08, Gold Seal Accrediting Association Annual Self-Assessment Survey, to remove the Commissioner of Education and Chancellor from the form header and to clarify information required in the accrediting association annual self-assessment survey.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rules 6M-10.001 and 6M-10.002, F.A.C. Incorporated forms: DEL-GS01 Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Standards for family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, DEL-GS02 Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Evaluation Manual for Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes, DEL-GS03 Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Standards for Child Care Facilities, DEL-GS04 Gold Seal Quality Care Accrediting Association Evaluation Manual for Child Care Facilities, DEL-GS05 Gold Seal Quality Care Provider Application and DEL-GS08 Gold Seal Accrediting Association Annual Self-Assessment Survey (under separate cover)

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