

ExceleRate Illinois

Proposed Standards Framework

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Presentation to the ELC Executive Committee -- Feb 5, 2024

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Background & Overview of Revised ExceleRate Framework

- **Pilot Project Overview & Key Takeaways**
- **Revisions to Framework**

Goals for today

- Approve this recommendation as a roadmap (not approval of every standard as written)

Changes – Big Picture

1. Support “Cultures of Improvement”

Incorporate new standards and provide coaching to help programs implement Continuous Quality Improvement.

2. “Funding First” – Align funding, standards, and supports across sectors

Funding available to support the staffing needed at each Circle of Quality (not as a requirement of ExceleRate, but as an essential support for quality).

3. Standards updates to reflect emerging knowledge in the field and feedback from communities

Standards and guidance are strengthened for Dual Language Learners, culturally responsive teaching strategies, and children with disabilities and developmental delays.

Changes that will require budget increases and legislation over time

- This will require alignment across agencies and programs.

Phase-in

The proposed framework is intended as a roadmap for use in policy development. It does not include a timeline for implementation.

Proposed Action, February 5, 2024

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The Quality & Workforce Committee is asking the Executive Committee to approve the framework as the general direction for ExceleRate changes to be implemented by the new state agency.

Approve “ExceleRate Illinois Revised Framework” (dated 3/2/23) as a roadmap for policy development and implementation.

Approve as a roadmap to inform transition efforts through qualitative and quantitative data collected over the last few years through the pilot project, stakeholder engagement, and coordination.

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Discussion

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Questions or comments
on the framework

