

**NEXT CALL: Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm**

**Conference call number is: 1-800-914-8405; code is: 1785191#.** We will be muting all lines for this call: to contribute to the conversation and un-mute, please press \*7.

***School districts from across the state were part of the meeting. Below are minutes. Pass these on and let others know they can join in the calls.***

**Report from Stakeholders Call with DHCS, LECs/LGAs and CDE–January 16**

There was a discussion of the proposals on the deferred invoices that must be presented to CMS by January 30th.

**Deferral Issue –**

Proposal under discussion:

Progress is being made. CCESA suggested that if all the details for a proposal weren't developed that DHCS could submit a proposal to cap any losses at 75%. This would give some time to develop a more robust proposal if CMS didn't agree but it would meet the timelines. There was a discussion of using proxies to reflect poverty in a district that would support the claim that there wasn't overbilling.

David Nebin (CTA consultant) is currently working on running raw data to determine the best proxy to use. Demographics include: Free and Reduced Price Lunch, Medi-Cal percentages, ELL, Special Ed students, number of clinics and number of family resource centers. Best proxy adjustments will reflect economic hardships. DHCS has since said they are not able to provide Medi-Cal Data at this time. Initial runs of data have shown that using these proxies will increase claims by 20-25%.

The other part of the discussion was not to wait until four quarters of data is available but to use LAUSD data from this period. This would allow the swift settlement of the issue rather than waiting until 2017-18. Sherry Purcell (LAUSD) confirmed that LAUSD fully supports use of their data. In their review of the data they determined that worker log data- only uses billable time. For RMTS everyone is included regardless of bill time. In looking at the percentage, the focus was on the RMTS invoice's billable time. The percentage then shot up. The comparison is equal only for billable time.

Under worker log - 225 included

RMTS - 466 included

Included as proxy –adjustment: to cost pool

Compare RMTS time with cost pools

Using this formula, districts would receive full payment if teachers and other personnel were no longer on the TSP. This issue still needs to be resolved

**RMTS –**

Report from the Field:

It was reported that the PCG help line is not responding to e-mails sent. Calls are not answered. The help line is not helpful and unable to answer questions. Districts must pay extra for access to the help line. They are encouraged to instead work through their LEC/LGA. One problem is information in the manual is poorly written and constantly changing and at times contradictory information is presented. Some districts were even unaware that there is a help line. Northern CA districts are asking their LGAs for a list of the MAA coordinators so that communication can be more open.

One district reported that their RMTS calendar was changed. Students returned January 12<sup>th</sup>, moments were counted from January 2<sup>nd</sup> even though school was not in session. There were 17 moments sent out that day. It was suggested that the 17 moments should not be counted. This issue should be addressed in this circumstance, as well as for any other schools that had this issue over the break.

## **New Items –**

### **SB 123 LUI**

Ed Honowitz from Senator Lui's staff addressed the group about Senator Lui's measure SB 123. Senator Lui chairs Senate Education Committee. The bill addresses the following issues:

- Appropriate agency to review oversights
- Oversight of State and LEC/LGA
- LEC/LGA's program structure
- Communication issue
- Reimbursement issues
- Rates change by LEC's/LGA's
- Being able to choose the LEC/LGA
- Maximize fed funds to expand and operate program in district

The bill will report back to legislator in July 2016. This bill will help to establish a link between schools and health.

### **Audit**

Auditors are currently contacting people who have information about the SMAA program. All are welcome to add to this process. The auditor will be using the collected data to look at a variety of issues.

If you are interested in the legislation or would be willing to confidentially talk to the state auditors you can contact Ed at: [ed.honowitz@sen.ca.gov](mailto:ed.honowitz@sen.ca.gov)

### **Free care:**

There is confusion, on a national level, of how to interpret the wording. As well as how the state implements LEA work group. This may be addressed at the Feb. 11 NAME meeting. To

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participate in this meeting or the upcoming meeting in April, membership is required. Speaker at April meeting is Greg Morris. Updates made to the website to share what was addressed at each meeting. A small group including the school nurses, school health clinics and LEAs will be meeting this Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am to discuss. You can call in at 1.800.444.2801 code: 4010981