

NEXT CALL: Tuesday March 10th, 11am

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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.

Deferral Proposal–

Update: Sacramento in the field

Assemblymember Bonta and Senator Pan are distributing a letter this week in the Assembly and Senate for signatures. That will be sent to Congress asking for help with CMS.

The Education community also distributed a letter. Ed community lobbyists have distributed data regarding how much each district would gain or lose. There have also been meetings with a number of legislative offices discussing the education coalition letter (letter was included in last workgroup email).

The Governor's office is in support of the proposal. Individual legislators and school districts are going to be sending a letter to Congress Members and to the Senators in DC asking them to intercede with CMS. The education coalition letter has already gone in to CMS. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Senators Boxer and Feinstein have all contacted CMS in support of the proposal.

Though CMS has not yet replied, we are hopeful it will turn out well.

Lofgren may be putting out a similar letter to the congressional delegation for CA She is the chair. Governor's office has made calls to Feinstein and Boxer to let them know that they are on board.

RMTS

Interim Payment Issue:

Districts are concerned about agreeing to either Option 1 or Option 2 as they include backcasting. The deadline to reply to LEC was Feb. 27th. When replying with your option choice, you may include a note that specifies your preference for the proposal submitted on February 20th – that is 75% across the board and no backcasting. A note may also be sent referring to your preference for the Feb. 20th proposal even if you had previously replied with an option.

RMTS implementation (conference call with DHCS 3/2/15)

DHCS hosts Monday call with members of the stakeholders group (LEC's, LGA's and PCG).

Please send comments or concerns to Tony Teresi, DHCS, regarding the attachments sent out by DHCS for the 3/2/15 conference call.

Clarifying Question procedure:

- The draft presented on the call reflects what will happen in the 4th quarter. Currently a different procedure is being used. For the current 3rd quarter, when there is CQ being asked it is sent by the senior coder.
- CQ's must be answered in 5 calendar days. In the 4th quarter it may instead be 5 school days to answer the CQ. Currently MAA coordinators cannot see when CQ's are being sent.
- Coders should be sending CQ's out in a timely manner and possibly have a timeline as to when they can send them if the TSP is required to have a timeline.
- Activity codes in section 615 of the manual does not include all of the RMTS codes. DHCS is working on updates. However, this effects how coders are coding moments now. This may result in many issues when the quarter has been completed. More training and a completed Manual is needed.

A draft of issues concerning RMTS to other districts is circulating (we will resend). Please reply with your concerns, comments or ideas. This document will be sent into DHCS for review.

Last 5 days of School:

- DHCS are consider making the last 5 days of school a holiday. This would mean that if a moment was sent on Friday the week before, time would be limited to respond or receive a CQ. On holidays CQ notifications do not go out.

Example of LAUSD: LAUSD surveys right until the last day of school. There is a 15% margin of error and so if there are any issues it fall under that. Reminders to everyone that they need to complete all moments are sent by LAUSD.

- CMS requests that the children be surveyed every day they are in session. However, DHCS would be giving leeway. It was asked to get the memo from CMS that this was ok in writing.

PCG System Generated Reports:

10% Quality assurance sample – Will the samples be from the LGA and LEC or from the consortium?

Manual states: page 618. The RMTS system will randomly select at minimum 10% of all coded moments and clarifying questions each quarter for quality assurance code review by the LEC/LGA. Each LEC/LGA will submit quarterly quality assurance sample reviews to DHCS no later than 30days after the quarter, to assure statewide consistency. For quality assurance measures the LEC/LGA has the the discretion to sample an even greater percentage of randomly coded moments or clarifying questions.

- This issue may be added to the conference call next Monday with DHCS.
- Appeal rights: Districts have 30 days to appeal.
- Need to determine who will be in charge of the Audit binder

LEA Billing Option group:

LEA reps: Sherry Coburn, Jeremy Ford, Dawn Bray, Cathy Bennett, Debbie Wood, Sherry Purcell, Janice DiCroce. Also in attendance at the first meeting - DHCS; Tony Teresi, Michelle, John Mendoza, Stacy Fox. Rosalie Herba, Margaret Woo, Jennifer Wood, and a rep from CA Office of Ed.

Productive first meeting. Discussed the issue of random moments and looking forward to improvements next quarter. Discussed the details of how communication would go out from the group to other LEA's. As well as getting responses back to discuss at the meetings. The group would like to encourage a sense of involvement in the process from all LEA's. A message will be posted on the DHCS website about the meetings, including a link to express your thoughts and input concerning the topics posted.

SB123: Senator Lui

This bill will be presented in March. Please see if your district/organization supports the measure

- SB123- See link to legislation: -
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB123&search_keywords

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