

SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes 7/23/2015

1. Deferral

- **Report on Actions by DHCS and Response**

- DHCS, John Mendoza, sent an email on 7/17 regarding Backcasting. It included a list of the claiming units no longer participating in RMTS, CMS questions and DHCS' response on backcasting methodology. The Backcasting response update is attached.
- SMAA LEA workgroup met with DHCS several weeks ago To once more expressing concern on the DHCS response to CMS regarding backcasting.
- Final settlement claims repayments are slated to begin in 2018-2019. Former SMAA/RMTS participants may still be backcasted against.
- CTA's David Nebin is working on a backcasting methodology response for DHCS to review. (Attached)

- **How the funds are being distributed to LEAs**

- LEA's that were paid at 100% previously will now owe this money from their deferred payments. Since they are only receiving 40% of their funds, this means that to make DHCS whole they will need to repay from either future payments or the LECs or LGAs will have to come up with the funds by not paying back other districts. This has affected other districts within the LEC/LGAs, as it caused a negative balance with nothing left to distribute to other LEA's.
- LGAs and LECs are all charging different fees now that payments are being received.
- Districts that have received payment in some cases expected to receive more. Quarters for 10/11 and 11/12 were included. In some cases 12/13 was not, and this could be part of the cause for negative balances in some districts. We don't know why some districts were paid for certain quarters and others were not. However, payment checks overall appear to be inaccurate, and cannot be verified with the list distributed by DHCS. John Mendoza has been made aware of the problem and asked for some time to investigate and get back to the Workgroup.

- CCESA, Peter Birdsall and Amanda Dickey were contacted regarding the current deferral payment issue. At this time there are no plans by CCESA to pursue further action. LEA's may also contact CCESA to express concern, and encourage their involvement moving forward.
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- DHCS is getting 100% and is holding LEA checks to receive their payment. This issue will continue to be addressed with DHCS.

2. RMTS

- Summit meeting for DHCS, PCG, LECs, and LGAs was held on July 16-17. Coding, training and PCG formatting software issues were addressed.
- LECs and LGAs have asked that PCG generate different reports. PCG has specified that there will be added fees for these requests, as they were not included in the original contract. LECs and LGAs will need to individually pay for what they want. At this time there is no recourse or option for LEAs, as PCG is one of the only vendors offering RMTS software.
- DHCS is working on a general training for new TSPs to explain MAA, and their role in the program. Each LEC and LGA will be responsible for further shared information with TSPs. DHCS is also working on new code training.
- DHCS, Tony Terresi, sent an email update with links to new SMAA documents. (Attached)

3. LEA Billing Option

- Report from Workgroup

The next meeting will be August 5th. Minutes from past meetings, questions and concerns can be submitted onto the DHCS website directly.

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx

4. SB 276- Free Care

- School nurses are the proponents of the bill. How will free care affect the SMAA Billing option? What happens to SMAA?
- CMS hosted a call for LEA's regarding free care. It was positive overall, and they encouraged LEA's to bill for free care services provided at schools.

- CMS suggested that LEAs need to submit a State Plan Amendment regarding free care services. Also, 3rd party liability will need to be addressed, and IEP requirements removed. Overall, there are limited obstacles and LEAs billing for free care services could soon be implemented.
- Current approved State Plan Amendment SPA

Updates, comments and information regarding SPA can be found by using the following link.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/ApprovedSPA.aspx>

5. SB 123-Update

An audit is currently underway. Results, available in mid-August, will determine how the bill progresses.

6. PPL 14-014

Due to confusing verbiage it has been withdrawn. No new PPL in its place at this time.

7. Next Meeting

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call: August 7th 11am
Number: 1-800-914-8405, Code: 1785191#