

SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes 6/18/15

1. Deferrals

- **Report on DHCS Response to Issues – response from DHCS on deferral (full memo and response attached).**

Deferral methodology:

DHCS responded to the issues that the workgroup raised about the incompatibility of the RMTS and Worker log and how backcasting would mean that districts would be disadvantaged. The Governor's Office had asked that the SMAA LEA workgroup work with the state to help come up with a resolution. Their response is more a justification of their position rather than a response to the questions we raised. Their response is attached.

Payment of Claims

When districts will be paid is answered in a memo received from DHCS. Below is their response:

All deferral packets were submitted to accounting by 5/28/15 and are currently being processed. LECs and LGAs should receive payment before July 15, 2015 and districts should receive payments within 30 days after that date depending on the administrative procedures of the particular LEC or LGA. If districts do not receive payment before the end of July, they should contact their LEC or LGA. DHCS will provide updates as we receive them.

Aspects of repayment are unclear- that is, the quarters included in the payment and if there is variability in payments to districts- some are paid for all quarters while some are paid only for certain quarters. DHCS will be asked what the scope of the payments and if they vary amongst districts. If so, what is the reason for the variability. This will be brought up in the stakeholder's call on Monday 22 June.

2. RMTS Implementation

- **Real Time Access – A victory for coordinators**

DHCS will be implementing real time access in read only status. PCG software could be a concern, but at this time that is not clear. Don't expect until the second quarter of next year.

- **Response on Issues Raised (full list is attached)**

The issues raised with DHCS included:

Software issues – PCG is currently working on updates with DHCS.

The Manual – The Manual will be put out for stakeholder review.

Training screens/videos – These training screens need to be reviewed as they are reported to be confusing and somewhat ambiguous by those completing moments. Vocabulary is not clear. Screenshots were taken of the training screens to be reviewed. PCG may also be asked to provide screenshots to also review and give further feedback. (screens were provided to the workgroup- they will be reviewed and feedback will be given to DHCS.)

Moment Link – The issue is that link is only in the initial notification. The reminder notices do not contain the link. It would also be beneficial if an expiration date information was included with the moment. At this time the LEC or LGA has to send the link if the original was deleted to TSPs. DHCS would like clarification about the link included in a moment email. (The workgroup will clarify)

DHCS has stated that the RMTS Implementation calls are where suggestions and concerns from LEA's regarding RMTS should be shared. They do not think a separate meeting should be required. If you would like to join the Monday meeting DHCS RMTS Implementation calls. If you would like to join the call, details are below.

866-793-1397 participant code 3070028

Monday mornings from 9am-10am. There will not be a June 29th call.

Only LECs and LGAs are asked to identify themselves, if you would like to listen in.

The workgroup discussed the option of doing a webinar and asking DHCS to participate.

- **Workshop on Invoice – Webinar Workshop will be Thursday, June 25th at 11am.**

This workshop/webinar will cover basic invoice procedure and be an opportunity for any questions about invoicing. A second invoice “how to” webinar will be scheduled when the new invoice format is available.

SMAA LEA - Invoice Basics

You have been invited to a join.me online meeting

Join the meeting: <https://join.me/541-852-703>

On a computer, use any browser with Flash. Nothing to download.

On a phone or tablet, launch the join.me app (<https://join.me/app>) and enter meeting code: 541-852-703

Join the audio conference:

Dial a phone number and enter access code, or connect via internet.

By computer via internet:

Join the meeting, click the phone icon and select 'Call via internet'. A small download might be required.

Let us know if you need help with these directions

- **PPL on Federal and State Funds (updated PPL attached)**

The updated PPL- 14-014 is still unclear when referencing “state categorical” and what it includes. DHCS needs to clarify. This could impact Special Education. The PPL has been sent to CDE’s director of Special Ed. and SELPA to ask if they could reach out to DHCS on this. State funds are a match to federal funds they do not provide funding particularly in Special Ed for all program costs. Most programs run a deficiency which is covered by school district’s general funds. It was discussed that the PPL needs further updates and clearer terminology. This will be brought up on the workgroup call.

3. Outreach and Enrollment

- Data Driven Enrollment

Date driven enrollment is a tool for school districts that have family resource centers or staff that can follow up with enrollment inquiries.

- Projects

All children under 250% of the poverty level are eligible for Medicaid including undocumented but income eligible children beginning May 1st, 2016. Outreach projects may be a good option to help these children enroll when the time comes.

4. Report on SB 123 Liu

- Hearing in Assembly Health on June 23

Letters can be sent to the Assembly Health Committee- Assembly Member Rob Bonta, Room 6005 and Senator Carol Liu, Room 5097, State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

5. Next Meetings

Thursday, June 25th at 11am
Invoice webinar presented by Jeremy Ford, Oakland Unified School District

Workgroup meeting Thursday July 9th at 11am