Managing Your Medi-Cal Income

Monitoring High User Account Status
No Active Account = Hugh Losses

- School Must Provide Services regardless of Medi-Cal Account Status

- Families who inadvertently lose coverage result in the schools inability to recoup a portion of their costs

- Monitoring student Medi-Cal coverage can avoid these losses
High User Profile

• Students with multiple services:
  – Severely Handicapped:
    • Occupational Therapy
    • Physical Therapy
    • Speech Therapy*
    • Nursing Services*
    • Transportation
  – Emotionally Disturbed:
    • Frequent Counseling
    • Transportation
    • Services provided by an EPSDT Provider by contract with the LEA

*meets licensing, credential and/or supervision requirements
Case Profile

• Other Health Impaired (OHI)
  – Tube Feeding by aide- daily
  – Speech Therapy (swallowing)- 2 x week
  – Occupational Therapy- 1 x week
  – Physical Therapy- 1 x monthly
  – Transportation (no mileage)
  – Evaluations: 1 amended/annual each School Nurse, OT, PT, Speech of 1 during the year.
  – Total Potential Reimbursement (interim rate)
    – 17,497 / 2 for FFP
      – $8,749
Case Profile

• Emotionally Disturbed served by District
  – Group Therapy Daily
  – Individual Therapy Weekly
  – Psychologist Evaluation Monthly
  – Transportation (no mileage)
  – Total Potential Reimbursement (interim rate)
    $18,000 /2 for FFP
    = $9,000

  Note a class of 10 individuals would be $90,000
Case Profile

• Emotionally Disturbed served by County
  – These students are the fiscal responsibility of the District
  – They receive a wide array of services that are beyond the scope of school based, including family counseling, medication management, access to county mental health LCSWs and Psychiatrist.
  – In some districts these services are written into the IEP, and the services are paid by the student’s Medi-Cal to the County.
  – If the Medi-Cal is discontinued, a variety of issues will arise that will disrupt the student’s therapy
  – AND for the period of time that the student is receiving the services and the Medi-Cal is inactive the district may be the fiscally responsible party, including costs for residential treatment. Up to $100,000 per year.
How to Monitor

• Obtain access to:
  – Current Eligibility, by the month
  – Aid Code
  – Any restrictions in use

• Go to the DHCS page for Provider Enrollment Division (PED) [https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/signup.asp](https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/signup.asp)

• NOTE THAT ONCE YOU ARE IN A STUDENT’S ACCOUNT, YOU CAN ACCESS SOME FEATURES THAT ARE INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE ENTRIES IN, PLEASE RESTRICT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE STAFF, THE PIN NUMBER SHOULD BE KEPT SECURE
SERVICES AVAILABLE

• Individual Student Eligibility (helpful for securing verification of full scope Medi-Cal prior to referring to County Mental Health)

• Real Time Internet Eligibility

• Batch Internet Eligibility,
  – lists of students can be created that will be housed in the DHCS server and can be run at the first of every month without having to re-enter the information, students can be added and deleted as desired.
Useful DHCS Website Pages

• Services Available: https://www.medical.ca.gov/Services.asp

• Enrollment Requirements: https://www.medical.ca.gov/SignUp.asp

• DHCS POS Agreement http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/LEA/Eligibility_Verification/New.POS.Agreement.pdf

• Log into Medi-Cal: https://www.medical.ca.gov/Eligibility/Login.asp