

SMAA LEA Call Minutes 11/5/2015

1. Settlement Update

A meeting with CCSESA has been rescheduled for November 17th to discuss the recent audit and the deferral settlement issues. Additional information regarding the audit and deferral will be sent out after the meeting. The audit asked for the completion of a letter that is to go out to school districts with further explanation of the settlement. There has been communication with DHCS', Stacy Fox who has been asked to provide more clarification on how to dispense the settlement funds, and what is to be done in situations when a district is no longer participating, but still owes funds.

DHCS has been tentative in approaching CMS as they were in negotiations over a large 17 billion dollar waiver. Their waiver was settled on Oct. 31st. A settlement was reached, and they will be receiving 6.25 billion over a five year period. DHCS was negotiating with Tim Hill from CMS, who is also the person they spoke to regarding the deferral. The hope is that now that the waiver has been settled, they might approach CMS once more to explain that the deferral will not work and why.

Quarters 3 and 4 for last year have been requested for the November 17th meeting. Though DHCS claimed that they do not yet have RMTS numbers. However, in the contract with PCG they are obligated to have that information available within 30 days of the quarter ending. The information may not be 100% accurate, as they have not yet undergone appeal if needed, but it will provide the information needed to move forward.

California Senator Pan recently spoke to CMS regarding the issues of the deferral. The Health Committee is also concerned.

To review the August 20th audit, see the link below.

<https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2014-130/index.html>

2. Training

A TSP training draft has been submitted to DHCS. There has been no update on the status at this time. Workgroup was given additional time to work on this project.

All updates have been asked to be included on the DHCS Monday call agenda.

They did put include examples and this was an improvement. Issues on clarity are still being addressed.

One issue with is the language/verbiage of allowable and unallowable. Why is this activities not MAA related activities? This can be confusing when TSPs consider what is allowed and not allowed. They think they are exempt because the majority of their work is unallowable. They do not understand why they are included. Perception can be confusing to the participants.

3. SB 276 - Free Care

This bill is a way to potentially fund school nursing services. Though, it is not clear yet how this bill will be implemented. There is a white paper that is being worked on that will be shared with DHCS when it is completed. The group working on this will be speaking to several districts. Bill link below:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0251-0300/sb_276_bill_20151008_chaptered.pdf

4. IEP Issues

The manual has been posted and continues to be worked on. The suggestions made by the LEA workgroup are still being considered. What was changed is not clear. They cannot post the version that has strikeouts and changes in it. DHCS will not send the completed version of CMS until the middle of December. CDE is now reviewing the manual regarding the IEP issue specifically. It was also sent to the SELPA directors. DHCS is also looking at what other states have done.

There may be a possible workgroup to review manual changes. Please contact ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org if you would like to participate.

DHCS MAA Manual Draft Link:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/SMAA/Draft_Manual_15_16.pdf

5. SB 75 - Expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented children

Attached is a form that lists the highest population of restricted Medi-Cal participants throughout California by county.

Please save the date for this DHCS webinar to discuss implementation efforts of full-scope Medi-Cal coverage for all children, as required by SB 75 (Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review, Chapter 18, Statutes of 2015).

Link to: <<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1202903474068041473>>

Webinar Registration

Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Place: Webinar and limited seating at DHCS

Please send an email to: <<mailto:SB75EligibilityandEnrollment@dhcs.ca.gov>> SB75EligibilityandEnrollment@dhcs.ca.gov if you plan to attend in person, as seating is limited. Also, feel free to submit any questions in advance of the webinar.

Next Meeting Thursday, November 19th at 1:30pm

Number: 1-800-914-8405, code: 1785191#

