

SMAA LEA Workgroup call
Thursday, May 11th at 9:30am

1. Recent PPLs and Due Dates for Invoices
Update with new due dates from DHCS is attached
2. Deferral Issues/ Backcasting
A meeting between DHCS, SMAA workgroup and LECs/LGAs was held to discuss the deferral. Preliminary backcasting results were not as anticipated or desired. During backcasting years, the districts were in compliance yet the methodology overcorrects the data. The state is open to reviewing the formula calculation that is set to be used for backcasting. They have asked for more data to be presented. This may then be presented to CMS to limit the large loss to LEAs and prevent districts from leaving the program.

Calculations will be done that correct for the differences between worker log and RMTS and are more reflective of the MAA process during 14/15 Q3 & Q4 and 15/16 Q1 & Q2. CTA consultant, David Neben, will be reviewing data from Code Reports to share with DHCS.

Additional data is needed from LEA's. School Districts are encouraged to send their end of quarter CODE REPORTS to ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org. Code reports are received at the end of each quarter and will be used to generate deferral outcomes by sorting claimable and non-claimable codes. No identifying information will be shared.

Please include 2014/15 Q3 and Q4, and 2015/16 Q1 and Q2 Code Reports. You may contact David Neben with additional questions at dneben@strategicadvocates.com

3. Legislation
AB 834– Office of School Based Health within the Department of Education. Largest issue is financing this potential Office. Different possible finance options are being reviewed. The Office would advocate for LEA's. (See bill fact sheet Attached)

AB 882 – Increasing school nurses (See bill fact sheet Attached)
4. AHCA and Special Education Funding – See link and school nurse- CSNO letter link below

The letter was sent to Senators Feinstein and Harris, as well as the Republican Senate committee and the POTUS, and is posted on the CSNO website.

http://www.csno.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/harris_feinstein_csno_america_health_care_act_letter_5-5-2017.docx

THK attended a Student Mental Health workgroup where mental health in schools was discussed by stakeholders throughout the state. Many counselors and therapist did not understand Medi-Cal reimbursement and their place in school based health. They have requested additional information on this. An update would be helpful as Free Care may soon be added.

There are also issues around how special education could be impacted by the federal AHCA (TrumpCare) and possible Medicaid cuts. A provision of the Republican plan to replace the Affordable Care Act would sharply cut Medicaid funds for special education programs across the country.

Subject: NYTimes: A Little-Noticed Target in the House Health Bill: Special Education

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/03/us/politics/health-bill-medicare-special-education-affordable-care-act.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share>

5. Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call

Thursday, May 25th at 9:30am

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