

SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes

Thursday, July 13th at 9:30am

1. Deferral/Backcasting Update

There have been recent meetings between CTA consultant (David Neben), DHCS, LECs and the LEA workgroup to come up with a resolution on the deferral/backcasting issue. Special thanks to the districts who have shared their data as it has been a key factor in determining the best backcasting methodology. The formula takes the RMTS data and removes TSPs who did not show one billable moment throughout the three quarters for MAA. This will decrease the total number of moments. This process maintains the cost allocation plan methodology. The formula's calculations more closely follow the appeals board's guidelines. The formula will not affect the first quarters before 2012 of the deferral time, but will instead concentrate on later quarters. Additional meetings are being planned with DHCS as invoices are due at the end of August. The goal is for this formula to be presented to CMS. If approved, districts will hopefully recoup some of their losses from the deferral. Currently, districts may be required to pay back funds beyond the deferred amount.

2. Free Care – LEA BOP expansion – example attached

The expansion will cover students without an IEP. The SPA is in the last stages of approval by CMS. It expands who receives services as well as removes the 24-limit service cap. The focus would be on services to kids with chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes, mental health services, and those provided already for kids with IEPs. A full list of additional providers and services is attached. Also note that personal care services have been changed to trained health care aides. Please email any questions or concerns to the LEA BOP email link (listed below). Minutes from the implementation advisory workgroup are also available on the site to review updates on the expansion. This expansion goes beyond special education students. Districts are encouraged to share this information with other departments to better determine how they may be involved.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/ProvGovPart/Pages/LEA.aspx>

3. Updates from DHCS – Vendor Worksheet – attached

4. Legislation

AB 834 – This bill is to put in place an office of School Based Health within CDE. A meeting was recently held with DHCS, LEA reps, CDE, and O’Donnell’s staff and the bill’s sponsor, School-Based Health Alliance. The discussion included how the Office would be funded at CDE. This includes through overage from LEA BOP and CDE would invoice DHCS for administrative activities for MAA.

AB 854 – Districts may have been contacted by his office regarding mental health services within their school districts. This bill would fund mental health program expansion, services and possible staff through grants. Districts are encouraged to follow this bill to determine if they are eligible to apply for available funding. More details on the grant process to come.

5. Back to School Health Care Outreach

THK can supply school districts with health care enrollment support, resources and materials. As students return to school it is important they maintain their health care enrollment status. This can be done through a variety of methods including data use or events. Please contact THK to get more details. ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org or 916-440-8811

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call

Thursday, August 10th at 9:30am

Call Number: 866-881-4501, no pin required