

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call 10/22/2015

1. Settlement Update (Attached)

DHCS has sent out a PPL to LECs /LGAs regarding the Disbursement and Recoument of Deferral Settlement Funds. There were also letters sent to districts (Chino Valley USD letter attached) who are no longer a part of the SMAA program that were overpaid by DHCS, and are now expected to give back what they owe. It is currently unclear how this will be handled, and if it is the LEC's or LGAs responsibility to determine payment. DHCS expects payment within 30 days from the letters issue date. The state considers their clients to be the LECs and LGAs, and so are not in communication with school districts regarding this matter. It is a concern for school districts currently participating in SMAA that what is owed to DHCS may be taken out of what they are owed. It is clear that DHCS' formula to determine payment is not working. For those districts that are no longer participating cannot rely on RMTS to balance out the amount due, therefore they only have debt.

CCSESA has set up a meeting on November 4th with DHCS to discuss this issue and how to proceed. The possibility of a lawsuit has also been discussed, as the question of who is ultimately responsible for payment to DHCS needs to be resolved.

2. Training

On October 7th DHCS sent out new training slides to be reviewed. However, these slides were not received by the workgroup, and so have been resent for review. Suggestions are being made and DHCS has agreed to consider these changes. As of now, there have been examples included in the slides, which may be helpful for TSPs.

3. SB 276 – Free Care

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

SB 276 is now the law. The bill does not include new practitioners and is vague in language. The nurses, who helped write this bill, are in communication with the LEA Advisory Program Workgroup to discuss how this new bill affects schools.

4. Need for Coding Guide

LEA's continue to only have the manual as a guide for codes. Though, there was recently a coder training for Coders. DHCS has stated that they are working on a coder manual

for coders. The codes need to be written down so that there will be a good appeals process moving forward. Currently there is no unanimity in codes, and this could be a potential issue for the Feds in the future. DHCS has had verbal communication with CMS, but it is now in writing. There continues to be no accurate clarity with codes like 1 or 16 regarding what is included in the code of administrative. However, some districts have received well coded reports.

The issue of PCG software not being able to accommodate the LEA's request for "real time" access has recently been shared.

5. IEP Issue – Need for resolution (Attached)

What is allowable or isn't allowing in charging for MAA is still unclear, and is currently being addressed further with DHCS. Additional meetings are being schedule to discuss interpretation, as DHCS seems to have more restrictive guidelines than CMS.

6. SB 75 – Expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented children

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: [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: 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.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, November 5th at 11am

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