

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes

Thursday, October 12th at 10am

1. Healthy Schools Campaign- View from Washington

The workgroup of states has been working on the implementation of free care along with general issues regarding health services at the federal health and education level. In addition, CMS may redo their guidance document. They are currently trying to figure out what they need to change in terms of guidance being provided to the state. A focus is also being put on student chronic absenteeism. Massachusetts' SPA has been approved. California is currently working on theirs. There will be a Healthy School Campaign meeting in December.

2. Discussion on SPA on LEA BOP program and Backcasting

There has been discussion on the implantation of Free Care and CMS requiring Backcasting. If the SPA is approved, it has an official start date of September 2015. This concerns many districts. Sample tests have been done with conservative estimates. This was done by replacing Units and Encounters with Time from Code 2. Results were an increase of 500% and so would not have a negative impact on districts. This issue is still under review and more testing and discussion will take place before implementation.

3. Review of CCESA Stakeholders Meeting

Meeting brought many LECs, LEA's and education groups together. The format of the meeting had the LEA's in the audience and the table headed by LECs. There was limited discussion on the deferral. But other good information was discussed. It is still up for discussion if this type of workgroup forum should be institutionalized or continue to be led by outside/private groups.

4. Tying MAA Outreach and Referral and LEA BOP services into the LCFF on Chronic Absenteeism and Parent Involvement

There is an opportunity for MAA coordinators to increase parent involvement within their districts as required by the LCFF. A project at LAUSD is being put in place that has health plans and their health educators

presenting on health topics to parents. This can increase family involvement at the school site and health families increase their access to services. If you are interested in a participating in a similar project, contact Nena Garcia ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org

5. Appeals – Deferral

The issue of appeals is an option for districts who may lose a significant amount on the deferral. We have learned that several districts have not signed their backcasting letter and may file an appeal.

Next quarter percentages have been received by some of the districts. You may consider appealing for these quarters or writing a letter for the first five quarters as well. Attached is a copy of the appeals procedure.

6. Next Meeting

November mid-week. 16th