

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call - Minutes
Thursday, February 2nd at 9:30am

1. Update on the Deferral

- Backcasting Input Template Review – David Neben, CTA consultant

Thanks to districts who shared data after using the backcasting input template (attached). The data results help in determining what issues districts face with backcasting. How many LEAs lose money and why? DHCS has asked for policy reasons for the different percentages of loss. These reasons could help prove that the formula is wrong. On consistent pattern is that districts beginning the program in 2010 or later and who also have limited staff and a low amount of claimable time have positive amounts returned. They can even have more money returned than what was spent. However, for small districts with large claimable times they may lost up to 80% of funding. If the point is to provide Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment support, then why give most of the money to districts who did the least amount of services?

Districts have noted that a significant policy change is when their eligible participants was limited by at least half to be compliant.

Districts will also see that in more recent years their return will be positive. This is somewhat expected with the current methodology. It is over correcting the 2009-2011 years. The 12/13, 13/14/, 14/15 will not have as big of reductions. Though the same districts will lose 60% or more of their money during backcasting years when efforts are the same for RMTS. It proves once more that the formula is flawed.

The Legislation and as well as Pamela Harris are interested in the deferral issue. Attached is a letter that was sent by Education groups sent to congress highlighting issues that are a concern in school health this year. Specifically, Medicaid block grants may have big consequences for SMAA and LEABOP.

2. Data Use Agreement Workgroup

A workgroup is being put together by Michelle Kristoff at DHCS. Districts who are doing their own invoicing or would like access to their Tape Match are encouraged to apply to be on the workgroup.

DHCS is reviewing and updating the Data Use Agreement. Districts will need this data as they move forward with Free Care it could also be a desired tool in conducting outreach. DCHS would also like to know how districts do outreach and what different ways they would like to

use the data as district would be able to determine where in the county and/or district additional outreach support would be needed.

DHCS is also preparing for Free Care. Currently state managed care has a carve out for LEA IHSP services. Individual health support plan services will help establish a frame work of what activities may be billable under Free Care.

The LEA workgroup will be meeting with DHCS along with other education groups. An update from this meeting will be shared during the next SMAA LEA workgroup call.

3. Next Meeting

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call
Thursday, February 16th at 9:30am
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