

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes

Thursday, September 7th at 9:30am

1. Backcasting and Deferral (Documents attached)

DHCS and multiple education groups met to review the backcasting deferral proposal sent into CMS. CMS has requested additional information and a desk audit to verify that the appropriate SMAA activities were removed correctly. This proposal is an alternative backcasting calculation. The full proposal is attached and describes the background and methodology details of the deferral. DHCS will share final results. Attachment A is a detail federal explanation of the deferral. Attachment B explains the new adjustments for backcasting purposes. These memos will provide context to district CBO's and superintendents. Legal action may be taken by some districts due the severity of loss from the deferral and backcasting outcome. Districts may contact their LEC's to find out what their loss may be. If collectively there is a large loss to one district, this may affect all the districts in their consortium and result in limited or no payment.

2. LEA Update

SPA - Medi-Cal expansion (Chart attached)

The SPA has not been officially submitted until it will be officially approved.

Spending time with Managed Care contact list needed additional clarification on wording regarding IEPs. (Letter attached)

OT prescription requirement has been approved. Physicians can write prescriptions without having to see the student in person, but it must be done every 6months. This protocol will be reviewed at the next Ad Hoc meeting to suggest a longer time better accommodate a school based timeline model.

3. Legislative Update and Next Steps

AB 834 that proposed an office of school based health did not leave suspension and so will not continue at this time. A review of this bill is underway and Did not get out of appropriations committee. This was a surprising outcome. A review of the bill and continue to pursue this idea with the department of finance. This office is needed as changes and issue arise.

AB 854 – Mental health money for districts.

An EPSDT bill did move forward and may be signed by the governor. This would be a workgroup to review EPSDT between counties and districts.

4. Outreach in the New School Year

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