

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes

Wednesday, September 20th

1. Review of Meeting with DHCS and CDE on Free Care SPA

The meeting with DHCS, CDE and LEA workgroup reviewed implementation of the proposed SPA. The Free Care SPA will remove the cap to services as well as add additional services and providers that can be billed by the schools to Fee for Service Medi-Cal. DHCS will soon submit the SPA to CMS after several changes required by CMS are made. DHCS is proposing the SPA would begin July 2018 and allow it to be implemented in stages. Billing could go back to 2015 when the SPA was submitted. It is still being determined how claims from 2015 forward would be handled and if districts would be required to bill back to the submittal date which was September 30, 2015. Backcasting for LEA BOP is being considered and the effects of different methodologies to school districts. There will also be a power point or resource sent to all districts on the implementation of Free Care. DHCS continues to work on positive changes to the program. Most of the meeting concentrated on how to get the message out to districts on the changes to LEA BOP and how these changes could support districts.

The Stakeholder feedback tool can be used to submit concerns, questions and suggestions directly to Stakeholder group and DHCS> LEA@DHCS.CA.GOV

2. OT/PT 6-month reauthorization

The verbiage of what is in the manual vs. what is the regulation is currently being reviewed and updated. Progress on this issue is going well. DHCS is supposed to make a positive announcement concerning their regulations perhaps at the upcoming LEA BOP meeting in October.

3. Deferral Update

The newest methodology 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. Currently, verification is being done by DHCS on TSP removal as agreed. An update would be sent soon as various checkpoints must be made. It has become clear that some districts may owe more. It is possible a formal appeal may have been done now that the results of backcasting are clear.

4. Outreach Efforts

Open enrollment in Covered CA is for 3 months in California. It begins November 1st. There will be lots of radio, tv, internet advertising on enrolling in health insurance so districts might want to use this period to send the message to their parents as well. 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