

SMAA LEA Workgroup call 11/10/16

Deferral Update

DHCS scheduled a call with David Neben and Jeremy Ford from the SMAA LEA workgroup and LECs/LGAs to discuss the deferral backcasting proposal. The proposal has been modified and all groups had reviewed. The LECs and LGAs expressed some hesitation with the amount of work that might be involved. California could receive \$80-110 million back if the effort is successful. Now it is up to DHCS to review the proposal and give feedback. At this time, they have not yet made any comments. The workgroup will be following up with DHCS to get their feedback.

Manual Update

The new Manual has been approved and should be posted soon. This will allow invoicing based upon the new criteria including RMTS which is in the new manual. (Link is attached)

file:///C:/Users/THK/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/SM4TRGMP/SMAA_Manual.pdf

IEP's

The old Manuals PPL on IEPs still stands. CMS is concerned that activities in the initial IEP meeting are already being paid by federal funds. There appears to be some wiggle room when discussing specific medical interventions but IEP meetings will generally be coded as Code 1. However, there still needs to be clarification for nuanced activities. This will hopefully be clarified in the upcoming Coding training. A letter was also sent to DHCS to request added clarification as well.

Data Usage Agreement Update

Data Matching protocol (see the PPL attached) will be stay the same for LEAs with the exception of those who only participate in MAA. The procedure will be adjusted for them with updates on this currently being worked on by DHCS. Districts are encouraged to utilize this data to begin a non-IEP Medi-Cal database that could be used for tracking Free Care. This will prepare districts for billing for some services that could be covered if they are provided by schools to the general Medi-Cal population. This process can be helped by utilizing CHIPER – www.chipers.org

Trainings:

LEAs are invited to participate in the Invoice training. They will also be able to listen in on the upcoming Coding training. The coding training will clarify many issues, for example coding IEPs. Details are listed below for Coder training.

20165 SMAA RMTS Coder Training

Join us for a webinar on Nov 28, 2016 at 9:30 AM PST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6913654727196287492>

2016 SMAA Coder Training will provide instructions for coding RMTS moments.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Next call: Tuesday, the 29th at 9:30

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