

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

1. Free Care Presentation- Rick Record and Michelle Kristoff, DHCS
Charts attached

The attached chart provides an overview of the populations eligible for proposed services under SPA 15-021.

- Column one – Lists eligibility limitations, relation, types of services and examples.
- Column two- IEP/IFSP – proposed SPA does not affect this population as these services are carved out of managed care plans
- Column three – IHP – SPA proposes to lift the 24 service limit in the one year limitations to accommodate free care guidance. LEAs will bill the OHC first then Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal is the payer of last resort.
- Column four – Non IEP & Non IHP – Private insurance students and so not billable through LEA BOP
- SPA Services being proposed - Assessment and treatment services Respiratory, mobility specialist, Physician Assistant, Speech & Language pathology assistant, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy assistant, orientation mobility specialty, respiratory therapist, associate clinical worker, marriage and family therapist intern.
- Clarification for assessment prior to treatment services is still under review. SB 276 states that all services for Non-IEP services can be billable to the degree of IEP services. However, specific DHCS and CMS documentation requirements must be met for DHCS and CMS.
- Timeline – under final review. DHCS received and will answer additional questions from CMS. CMS will then have 90 days to review and ask additional questions. If approved DHCS will work with IAG to get it implemented. Once the final process has been approved then SPA 16-001 (Targeted Case Management) will be up for approval. 15-021 (Free Care) must be approved first.
- DHCS is working with the LEA advisory workgroup to review the SPA policy and determine documentation requirements to ensure that

procedure will be inclusive of what is currently being done along with meeting state and federal requirements. A report of progress will be shared in April, 2017.

- LEAs are encouraged to continue to keep proper documentation of all services as CMS may allow for retroactive reimbursement.

2. Report back on education groups meeting (2/14/17) with DHCS

A meeting was held between education groups, school districts, LECs/LGAs and DHCS.

The deferral backcasting template outcomes shared by districts were reviewed by CTA consultant, David Neben. It was found that for many districts backcasting will run its proper course as designed. As 15/16 quarters 1 & 2 come back in and factor into backcasting years the range is minus 30-50% for many districts. For years 12-15 outcomes are closer to minus 15-25%.

There are outlier school districts that are at minus 80-90% during the deferral years and at minus 65-70% in more recent quarters. These districts seem to have reasonable circumstances that provide elevated MAA time during certain quarters. RMTS data is not accurately reflecting what is happening during those deferred periods. Information continues to be gathered regarding these particular districts to determine if a policy consideration can be corrected in the backcasting process.

3. Medi-Cal Percentage Issue

Medi-Cal eligibility rates have been lower for some districts than it has been in the past. One issue being looked into as a factor is the 12 month look back vs. the quarter of data service. DHCS is working with LECs/LGAs who had a large change to review the issue. The reason is not yet clear. One issue that could also be a factor in some counties, redeterminations were being processed a year or more behind schedule. In another county there

was a computer system shift and members were dropped and had to be added again. Either of these circumstances could be a factor in the shift in Medi-Cal percentage.

4. Michelle Kristoff, DHCS - As per our conference call with you, we are providing you with the link to the LEA RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) page. I urge LEAs to check in periodically to review the minutes posted, and to send any suggestions or questions through the Stakeholder Feedback Tool. Any information, questions, or suggestions are kept confidential so the group will not know who is sending it in; NCI then provides us the list of submissions for discussion at our meetings. If you have any additional questions, please feel to email Rick or me. Thank you.

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx

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5. Next Meeting

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call

Thursday, March 2nd 16th at 9:30am

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