

## **SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes: 24 February, 2016**

### **1. Report back from DHCS/ LEC/LGA Meeting**

The Department of Health Care Services Safety Net Financing staff hold a bi-weekly call with the LECs/LGAs and four representatives from the LEA Group and PCG. Below are notes from the meeting. Attached is the worksheet of issues they are considering and that are discussed until they are resolved:

- Moment Expiration Issue- Dates were changed from what was originally proposed. However, it is unclear as to why the change. Tony Teresi who put it on the agenda was not on the call to clarify. There needs to be further explanation of quarter expiration dates and if what is stated in the manual is being represented correctly. For the current quarter expiration is no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>. PCG said that they would verify the moment expiration timeline for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and discuss this information further with DHCS.
- Action Item Log (attached) – DHCS has a and action item log to monitor the issues that have been brought to their attention and if they have been addressed or are in process.
- Deferral Issue – A PPL is still being reviewed on how DHCS will distribute money as well as collect additional money from districts no longer participating.
- Categorical Funding – DHCS had a meeting with CDE to get further details on what is funded and how it effects Special Ed. Good news is they are consulting CDE
- Marketing Brochure – DHCS has prepared RMTS program participation marketing brochure to be distributed by LECs/LGAs. This is the result of the recent audit which faulted DHCS with losing about 40% of the districts who no longer participate in MAA. Some LECs and LGAs do not seem to want to distribute the brochures and invite districts to join into the program due to workload issues and lingering resentment over the deferrals. However, they will not require LECs/LGAs to distribute this material, but if they chose not to they must submit the reason why to DHCS.
- IEP Letter – The IEP clarification letter prepared by LECs/LGAs, LEAs and DHCS will be sent the first week of March to CMS.
- Manual - All edits and comments are in the manual. DHCS has approved an extensive amount of the suggestions and is sending the new manual and a document noting the what changes were made and why was sent to CMS.
- RMTS Invoice – The finalized version should be available soon.
- Tape Match – In the case that LEAs are only billing MAA tape match is not necessarily needed. Currently when LEAs bill their vendors or LECs/LGAs handle tape match data for all billing. Many LEAs are not sure why the tape match process is under discussion. If the process does change then the same protocol needs to be implemented in the RMTS and LBOP programs.

- Appeals Process- This was brought up but without resolution. Stacy Fox wants examples of issues- not around the IEP issue since they feel they are addressing this so other issues ( see below)

## 2. Appeals Process- Issues with Coding

Concern is there is no written guidance on coding. What is available deals with worker lo. Below is a form that would be helpful for us to keep track of issues that arise and that LEAs could use to report coding where there

The first link is a webform for any district to submit to the group an issue they came upon in the coding process, where they may not have agreed with the coding result.

The second link will display the results of the webform submissions. The sheet is updated real-time and will be a public link that anyone (with the link) can review and edit to provide comments and feedback. Hopefully this will work. Issues brought up were professional development meetings, use of code 16 vs code 1

[RMTS Coding Issue Tracker](#)

[RMTS Coding Issues Sheet](#)

## 3. SB 75-Implementation of Inclusion of Undocumented Students on Medi-Cal

Attached are some background documents on this issue. They include the draft Q and A document, background on the Public Charge issue which will be discussed further on the next call. The implementation date has been moved to May 15<sup>th</sup> by DHCS.

School districts can participate in the SB 75/ AB 1296 Immigration Workgroup Conference Call every other Monday for further updates. The next call will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Meeting materials, including agendas, action item lists, and meeting summaries, can be found here: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/AB1296\\_Immigration.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/AB1296_Immigration.aspx) Conference line: 1-888-455-7711, Participant Passcode: 7128213

## 4. Prioritizing webinars/discussion topics

The following is the topic for the first discussions

- MAA TSP list building guidance and position appeal

## 5. Other Issues: Parent Authorizations “Pay and Chase”

This is an LEABOP issue. It seems that there is a new vendor who was asking parents for authorizations. The DHCS workgroup on LEABOP heard about this and is working to resolve it.

**Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call: Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

**Call number: 1-800-914-8405, Code: 1785191#**