

SMAA LEA Minutes 9/29/16

1. Report on NAME meeting

The 14th annual NAME conference was in September. Many issues were covered including Free Care/ non-iep billing, moment notifications, compliance plans and agreements.

Free care/non iep billing- currently there is no reimbursement for services that are free. There has to be an IEDA and/or IEP. With free care that will no longer be the case. School districts may soon have the ability to bill for some of these services as the SPA submitted to CMS is going well according to DHCS. There is question and possible concern on the health plans role in free care. The requirement is that districts will bill the health plan first and if there is no reply in 45-90 days the bill can then go to Medi-Cal. Districts will also still need a plan to bill for these services though an IEP will no longer be required. The role of managed care still needs to be reviewed. Access to data matching is also a concern. District need to still have access to this data to bill for free care and monitor students who have fallen off of Medi-Cal (www.chipers.org).

The current moment notification process allows five days after the moment to reply. This may be changed in the SPA as well. Not many states are allowed that timeline, but instead receive 1-3 days to reply.

School districts should also have current compliance compliance plans and agreements in preparation for possible audits.

School districts may join name at <http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/>

2. Deferral Issue

The LECs/LGAs were recently presented with charts that displayed loss of 100-300 million dollars a year. This prompted the LECs to write a letter to CMS. The letter was reviewed and revised by the LEA workgroup and sent. District invoice information for quarters 1 of 11/12, 12/13, 13/14 is still needed. No student or personal information will be used. Please send this information to Jeremy.ford@ousd.org.

3. Data Use Agreements

This issue is under review by DHCS. There is a possibility that data will no longer be given to the vendors. The only people able to access this information is possibly districts, and the LECs/LGAs. This is restrictive and may require the LECs/LGAs to be

the vendor. This data is also necessary for the progression of Free Care and to monitor students Medi-Cal enrollment to provide outreach. This topic will continue to be discussed with DHCS. There will be a PPL out soon.

4. SB 75 Update (attached)

Please see the attached document listing contact by county that are able to assist newly eligible students and their families with Medi-Cal enrollment support. It is not clear if these newly eligible students' services can be billed though they are full-scope Medi-Cal. The question is whether the funding would come from the state or health plans instead of the federal government as it typically does for the other students. This is also an issue for free care.

5. Update from field

DHCS has met several times with CMS to discuss the manual. SMAA Updates and due date timelines can be found here:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/SMAAUpdate2016.09.09.aspx>

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call: Thursday, October 20th at 9am
Number: 1-800-914-8405, Code: 1785191#