

SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes

Thursday, September 6th at 10am

1. Report from DHCS

The SMAA DHCS meeting was canceled. There was a meeting with DHCS, Lindy Harrington to review several of issues of concern noted in the SMAA DHCS Action Item log.

0-2 Notifications – Currently districts have a 5/5 notification- 5 days of notification and 5 days to ensure responses. CMS wants a 0/2 notification. Instead DHCS suggested 1-4 notification to CMS after consideration of LEA's recommendation that would have allowed for something closer to 5/5. A 3-3 notification period has been approved in other states. A 1-4 notification rate could greatly affect the response rate. Pool size and/or sample size adjustments are also a possibility to help keep the response rates high. DHCS stated that the states who received 3-3 were before the change from 0-2. That was not the info from the others states. Will discuss at the NAME conference with other states

RMTS Final Moments – PCG may be able to adjust moments so that they are not sent out at the end of the day when staff is unavailable. If this is an issue for districts, they are encouraged to speak with their LEC/LGA to review possible solutions and follow up with PCG.

Deferral Proposal – DHCS has requested that the deferral proposal be dropped now that Prop. 98 will be alleviating some of the backcasting loss for district. However, at this time no final totals have been shared. The LEA Workgroup has asked for the final totals- amount submitted in the original invoice and amounts of withholds and what was collected or paid out by LEC/LGA. DOF, some review done by October. Repayment by Check or Prop. 98 still needs clarification. Most LEAs are meeting deadlines.

Report on Manual Update

The manual is still under review. Changes or concerns with the manual can still be submitted to the SMAA inbox. smaa@dhcs.ca.gov

2. SPA Implementation

Issues and Timeline (attached)

October 4th meeting - Agenda and Questions

DHCS will be hosting a SPA Implementation meeting in Sacramento on October 4th.

Districts are invited to attend in person or participate via phone/webinar. The SPA most likely will be approved by July 2019. RMTS participation will be required. SMAA participation is not. RMTS will officially have a separate manual created for the LEA BOP. Please submit comments on any issues or revisions needed. The timeline sent out conflicts with many school schedules. Changes may be made to better accommodate schools.

- Items that have been sent to DHCS for the Oct. 4th Agenda include:
- Notification update and possible request to CMS for change.

- Request for update and information on the managed care/LEA collaboration status.
- Will the department have any oversight with contracts through the SPA expansion? Clarification for the Coding Report Notice verbiage to limit confusion regarding paid and non-paid lunch breaks.

Questions and issues can be added to the meeting agenda. Please submit these to smaa@dhcs.ca.gov

3. Report from Districts

Order form Physician for School Nurse Issue– Brought to the attention of Lindy Harrington for further clarification and the possible inclusion of the rule into the Manual. It is a federal directive. This issue and the impact on districts is currently being reviewed. The regulation change may also affect the SPA. Updates will be shared once they become available.

Review of DHCS Regulation Change – Order form Physician for School Nurses (See link below)
<https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/Downloads/2016MedicaidandCHIPImproperPaymentReport.pdf>

4. Next Meeting

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call: Thursday, October 11th at 9:30am
Call in number: 866.881.4501 NO PIN REQUIRED