

SMAA LEA Workgroup Minutes

Thursday, November 29th at 9:30am

1. Report from NAME Conference (continued from last call)

DHCS attended the NAME conference this year for the first time in several years. They were able to see how other states work with their departments of education and CMS. A common trend for other states is 0-2 notifications. CMS is also moving towards states to have an MOU with health plans.

2. SPA -- DHCS submits SPA-- MOUS with Health Plans

DHCS has submitted the SPA and CMS agreed to 1-4 notifications.

The requirement for CMS to approve the SPA was discussed at the summit in October and asked each LEA to obtain an MOU from each health plan to show collaboration in providing care. This would potentially be a logistical challenge for the LEAs in many ways. (There are nearly 50 health plans in California though not all cover Medi-Cal) DHCS is in communication with the Managed Care section of Health Care Services. Several solutions were considered including a template letter. DHCS also hoped to use a Fee for Service report that lists services provided to Medi-Cal members to meet the requirement. However, other possible methods are still being considered. A meeting between health plans and school districts to discuss possible MOU templates and future collaboration may be planned soon and would be coordinated by Teachers for Healthy Kids.

3. Public Charge- Comments due December 10th

A regulation regarding "public charge" that might encourage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), immigrant families otherwise eligible, to drop their Medi-Cal coverage has been published in the Federal Register. It may impact school districts in that families with children with Individual Education Plans may drop out of Medi-Cal in order to be eligible for citizenship. As the provider of last resort, schools will then be required to pick up the cost without Medi-Cal reimbursement.

4. RMTS and number of moments for statistical validity

1-4 notification - LEAs will have 1 student attendance day notification that a moment is coming and 4 student attendance days to complete it. This will require continued training and the emphasis on how important completing the moment is to TSPs. Completion of the moment directly affects Pool 1, the direct service pool, codes 1-17. Results are tied to CRCS. Districts must reach 85% compliance (2041 moments), with the possibility to over-sample by 15% (2721 moments). If districts do not meet the

compliance rate they can be suspended from the program for a quarter and affect the overall average for their consortium.

Valid Moments- Clarification on what constitutes a valid moment will be sent out in a new PPL. This was addressed in summary notes from a past DHCS workgroup call. **See attached.**

Invoice Timeline – DHCS is looking to change the invoice submission timeline, by limiting the time to submit. This is a current concern for LECs and the districts. The new potential timeline also does not coincide with school districts school schedule regarding holidays and breaks.

5. Redetermination in Schools
Covered California Open Enrollment
Open now until January 31st, 2019.

Through a grant from CMS THK helped develop and manages a tool that runs district tape match data and highlights which students have recently fallen off of Medi-Cal. The tool is free and can be found at www.chipers.org. Districts are able to offer support in a variety of ways to these students so they may reinstate their Medi-Cal membership without loss of coverage and help district attain a higher Medi-Cal percentage and maximum possible reimbursement for services.

Please contact Nena Garcia if you have questions or are interested in utilizing this tool.

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6. Next Call

**Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call: Thursday, January 10th at 9:30am
Call in number: 866.881.4501 NO PIN REQUIRED**