

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes: THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 10AM

1. Report from DHCS

DHCS hosts bi-weekly SMAA calls that include an Action Item Log (attached). DHCS has stated in the past that they would not hold calls unless there were items submitted for the Agenda for the meeting. It was suggested that meetings should be held to review the Action Item Log's issues if Agenda items have not been submitted. The items can often have updates that have not been detailed in the Log. Below are several items updated on the most recent call.

0-2 Notifications – Currently districts have a 5/5 notification- five to notify 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.

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.

2. SPA Implementation – Issues and Timeline (attached)

DHCS will be hosting a SPA Implementation meeting in Sacramento on October 4th. Please save the date. 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.

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

Issues that need clarification include LEA participation in the SPA and the impact it will have on RMTS response rates. Will districts need additional information to complete their CRCS submission and avoid owing money? What will the process be for districts who dropped out of SMAA, but would like to join again? How will their unpaid invoices from previous years be handled?

3. 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

4. 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>

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.

5. Legislation – SB 1004, AB 3192, SB 275, AB 2904 (attached)

SB 1004- MHS Act, PEI funds, amendments and language changes have been made to the bill. Federal health centers and school-based programs are now included to receive direct funding for prevention and early intervention as well as for youth engagement.

AB 3192 - audit guide bill with additional amendments may be passed.

AB 275 – is still undergoing amendment changes so the bill sets up drug and alcohol treatment standards for those serving youth. The bill, once standards are in effect, would allow for claiming through Medi-Cal, MHSA funds or from Prop 64 cannabis monies.

AB 2904 – vision provider bill that came about from a recent audit. The current bill is dead for this year.

AB 2315 – telehealth bill is still in process.

The Legislature ends 31 August and will not resume until January.

6. Next Meeting
6 September at 10am