

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes AUGUST 9TH

1. DHCS Update

Manual Update – The manual is currently being reviewed. There is a documentation workgroup providing input on each section based on regulations and the LEA perspective. The current items under review are occupational therapy, vision and hearing. DHCS sends items directly to the workgroup they respond with suggestions. DHCS if items are rejected, explains why particular recommendations are not incorporated.

If you are interested in joining the documentation workgroup, please contact Andrea Coleman - andrea.coleman@lausd.net

An issue that may be reviewed are the credentials required for psychologist. Currently district staff psychologist need an education counseling credential. However, a contracted psychologist does not. Billing reimbursement for the contracted member is higher as Medicaid limits district staff psychologist reimbursement rate due to the educational component of the credential. More details will be shared as the manual is reviewed.

The LECs/LGAs have not reviewed the coder training slides as of yet.

DHCS is making efforts to submit more realistic timelines and due dates for programs.

The 0-2 notification issue is still being reviewed. Currently it is at 5-5, and the proposal DHCS made to CMS allows it to change to 1-4.

The RMTS LEA BOP program will be implanted in both the SMAA and LEA BOP programs. This would be a requirement of the new SPA. It is unclear how the new SPA will be implanted. The timeline does not take into consideration school year calendars and availability for training. More district input is needed so that the program use the model of the LEA BOP program instead of SMAA.

Districts are encouraged to comment on these items by email DHCS at their SMAA email: smaa@dhcs.ca.gov

2. DHCS Regulation Change- Order from Physician for School Nurses (see link below)

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/LEA%20BOP/FAQs/ORP_FAQs.pdf

At the most recent LEA Ad Hoc workgroup, a section for nursing services reimbursement was discussed. It is a new requirement for orders to be signed by Physician, not a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant:

See attached: PPL 18-018 and ORP FAQ

Due to the recent audit, DHCS has put the ORP in place. It is unclear at this time if there is any flexibility on the updated terms. See link below.

<https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/Downloads/2016MedicaidandCHIPImproperPaymentReport.pdf>

3. Legislation –

AB 2904- and Mobile Vision Analysis (see attached)

SB 275 Department of Finance Bill Analysis - Note about licensure being required for school based programs (end of second to last paragraph) (attached)

AB 3192 audit guidelines (see attached)

4. Next Meeting

**NEXT MEETING- THURSDAY AUGUST 23rd AT 10am
CALL IN NUMBER 866.881.4501 (NO PIN REQUIRED)**