

Minutes:

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call: Thursday, August 22nd at 9:30am

Call Number: 866.881.4501- No Pin Required

NEXT Call: 9:30am September 12th

1. Office of School Based Health

Assembly Bill 1322 has been amended by both DHCS and CDE. A recent meeting between DHCS director, Jennifer Kent and Superintendent Tony Thurmond was held to review recent amendments, a potential title for the office and guidelines for funding. Attending were staff from both departments and representatives from CTA, School Nurses and THK. The office will be focused on Medi-Cal. With the expansion in the SPA, the issues will go beyond its current placement within Special Ed. at CDE since LEAs will be able to provide services to all students on Medi-Cal not just those with special needs.

SPI Thurmond has requested estimates of funding from LEAs. School districts are asked to share estimates on the potential increase in revenues if the LEA BOP free care expansion to cover all kids with Medi-Cal, remove the cap on services and cover new providers leads to 5%-10%- 15-20% increase in funding. Also, please identify which category you would fit under. Use you last LEA-BOP claim amount and extrapolate from this. If you think it's a greater or less percentage, let us know that as well.

- Large-urban
- Median urban
- Poor urban
- Rural
- Small rural
- Suburban

Some districts have begun to look at the expansion potential on the mental health side of services regarding contractors vs. district staff. A formula to calculate the

possible increase in reimbursement will also be shared with SPI Thurmond. A CSNO report also estimated the expansion could be \$150 million combined total.

2. SPA Regional Meetings

THK is currently working with the Sacramento County Office of Education on regional training sessions on the SPA implementation beginning in Sacramento. This training is titled Building Capacity for Health Funding in Schools and will support LEAs by reviewing technical information, share best practices for maximizing current programs, and include outside speakers. THK is hoping to secure foundation funding to host these events in different regions throughout the state. These sessions will not replace DHCS trainings on SPA implementation, but instead support districts during the changes expected with this new expansion.

Please contact THK if your district is interested in hosting one of these events.

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3. SPA Update

The SPA is expected to be approved in the fall of 2019. The last item being addressed between DHCS and CMS is transportation. DHCS has confirmed that there will be no backcasting on transportation before July of 2019. They agreed to meet with representatives from LEAs and LECs/LGAs before making a final proposal to CMS. Three representatives from THK will meet with DHCS. Districts are encouraged to keep all data and documents as they are now officially required as of July 2019.

4. Data Use Agreement

DHCS will update the data use agreement when the new SPA is approved. A final version was approved previously, but the official status has been put on hold. A new DUA will require new contracts between LEAs and their LECs/LGAS. Districts are

encouraged to keep access to their Medi-Cal enrollment/billing information as part of their DUA agreement. Vendors need this for billing and it can be used to identify students who have recently lost Medi-Cal coverage and need support getting re-enrolled. The expansion in services and positions will increase reimbursement if all students eligible for Medi-Cal are enrolled.

Districts can see student Medi-Cal enrollment data by running their tape match data through the free tool CHIPER (www.chipers.org).

5. Public Charge

Public charge is a current immigration issue affecting many communities and can decrease student Medi-Cal enrollment as well.

For more information see the link below:

<https://www.childrenspartnership.org/what-we-do/public-charge/>