

## **SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes**

### **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### 1. Update on SPA

California is moving forward with SPA implementation set for July 2019. Trainings are scheduled for Northern and Southern California. One issue that was removed from the SPA but will still need to be addressed by the state, is school district collaboration with health plans. This issue will be addressed separately from the SPA by the Managed Care side of DHCS. The California Association of Health Plans may convene a small group to meet with LEAs and DHCS to discuss possible solutions.

Health Aides – This is an issue of concern for many LEAs as changes are implemented by the SPA. Health Aides have limited access to computers and unpredictable schedules.

Substitute staff -are also not able to be added to TSP lists due to compliance issues. LEAs would like to review the current rule to see if subs can be classified in a way equal to contracted staff for billing purposes. Other states have work arounds.

Mental Health – Now that more mental health positions can be billed, would LEAs be able to bill for these services directly through LEA BOP instead of going through the county? This needs to be discussed further.

New classifications listed in the SPA overview forms below.

- LEA BOP Free Care Overview  
<http://www.teachersforhealthykids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/LEA-BOP-FREE-CARE-OVERVIEW.pdf>
- LEA Program Overview  
<http://www.teachersforhealthykids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/LEA-PROGRAM-OVERVIEW.pdf>
- LEA BOP SPA 15-021  
<http://www.teachersforhealthykids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/LEA-BOP-SPA-15-021-OVERVIEW.pdf>

These SPA issues will be agendaized for the next LEA Workgroup meeting. Some of these issues had been discussed by the working group that DHCS convened for advice on the SPA. However, the suggestions seemed to have disappeared. We will look into before the next meeting.

2. Proposed PPL on Notification and End of Year Issue:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A6e1a4954-7e42-4372-93a7-0dbe83738e1f>

RMTS moments during the last week of school can often cause LEAs issues with compliance. Technical language in the manual does not address the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. This issue has been addressed by DHCS within the new PPL after suggested changes by LEAs. Beginning July 2019 moments will not be issued on the last four student attendance days of the school year.

Please review the PPL link and contact DHCS with any questions or suggestions you may have.

If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact Tony Teresi, Chief of the SMAA Unit, at (916) 345-7887 or [Tony.Teresi@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Tony.Teresi@dhcs.ca.gov)

3. Legislation Review –

Updated list in link below or attached list:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ad4c0c1f1-94ca-4b2e-aa1a-991663751786>

4. IEPs and Health Plans- Update

A contractor to the Orange County health plan CalOptima sent out letters to its physicians requiring them to request parents to request an IEP for their children which would shift the responsibility for services to the districts. This impacted Capistrano Unified, Irvine and Saddleback. Contact was made with Cal Optima and a call was held with the districts and CalOptima and the physician group to resolve the issue. They are reviewing their policy statement and a meeting will be scheduled after the district's spring break.

5. Nurse Practitioners - DHCS Regulation Change required orders to be signed by Physician, not a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant. This policy change is now being reviewed and may soon include Nurse Practitioners once more.

[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/LEA%20BOP/FAQs/GRP\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/LEA%20BOP/FAQs/GRP_FAQs.pdf)

6. Funding Opportunity

A THK health plan partners has offered to sponsor a nurse at school clinics in different counties throughout California: Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial. This small grant could potentially pay for additional hours for part time health staff. Please contact THK for additional information – [ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org](mailto:ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org)