

## **LEA Workgroup Call Minutes**

### **TUESDAY MAY 14 at 9:30 AM**

#### **1. SPA Update and Issues Discussion- John Mendoza, Rick Record and Tony Teresi from DHCS**

John Mendoza, Chief of the Safety Net Financing

Rick Record, Chief of LEA BOP

Tony Teresi, Chief of SMAA

DHCS conducted SPA trainings on April 22 and May 9. All questions from those convening will be answered and available to review on the DHCS LEA BOP website page. <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA.aspx>

DHCS continues to collaborate with CMS with requests for additional items to SPA 15-021. A call was held between CMS and DHCS on May 7 to review the potential changes after a written summary was provided by DHCS to CMS on April 24. The projected date of approval is still July 1, 2019, with official implementation of the SPA being July 1, 2020 to allow time for additional trainings for LEAs and meeting of contract requirements between the LEAs, LECs/LGAs.

SPA Updates include:

- Backcasting methodology is still under review by CMS.
- The cost report will be due eight months after the end of the fiscal year and more clarity will be provided on how RMTS will flow through the cost report with the inclusion of additional health practitioners.
- Currently there are 550 participating units in LEA Billing Option Program and 700 in SMAA. It has not yet been determined how many participants are in both programs. One surprising item brought up by DHCS is, if a district hasn't been a participant for more than a year (they dropped out of the program), they will not owe for backcasting and may rejoin without penalty.
- LECs/LGAs will be negotiating a new contract with LEAs. Currently they are only allowed to charge for their administrative fees and can't charge above that. However, some LEAs have reported to being charged up to 15%.
- Providers that are contracted may affect the SMAA program reimbursement amount. Clarity on this issue is needed to determine if the changes will be negative for LEAs.

DHCS has requested SPA changes on key items including TSP vacancies, TSP replacements, cost and adequate documentation to support the moments. They submitted to CMS language recently approved in New Mexico's SPA and modified to potentially be included in for California in our proposed SPA. DHCS is waiting for final approval from CMS on their new requests before sharing details with stakeholders.

New Mexico SPA Link -

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A58eba4b0-bd0d-41ca-b8e4-20047ce1b301>

Questions about the SPA and the potential changes may be sent to Rick Record at [Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov)

## **2. Legislative Review**

The Governor designated \$80.5 million in Prop 64 cannabis money for childcare in his May Revise proposal. An additional \$21.5million is going to DHCS for treatment and prevention programs and \$12 million to Public Health for surveillance and outreach.

An updated list of legislation attached.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**