Managing Your Medi-Cal Income

Monitoring High User Account Status

No Active Account = Hugh Losses

- School Must Provide Services regardless of Medi-Cal Account Status

- Families who inadvertently lose coverage result in the schools inability to recoup a portion of their costs

- Monitoring student Medi-Cal coverage can avoid these losses

High User Profile

- Students with multiple services:
  - Severely Handicapped:
    - Occupational Therapy
    - Physical Therapy
    - Speech Therapy*
    - Nursing Services*
    - Transportation
  - Emotionally Disturbed:
    - Frequent Counseling
    - Transportation
    - Services provided by an EPSDT Provider by contract with the LEA

*meets licensing, credential and/or supervision requirements

Case Profile

- Other Health Impaired (OHI)
  - Tube Feeding by aide- daily
  - Speech Therapy (swallowing)- 2 x week
  - Occupational Therapy- 1 x week
  - Physical Therapy- 1 x monthly
  - Transportation (no mileage)
  - Evaluations: 1 amended/annual each School Nurse, OT, PT, Speech of 1 during the year.
  - Total Potential Reimbursement (interim rate)
    - 17,497 / 2 for FFP
    - $8,749

Case Profile

- Emotionally Disturbed served by District
  - Group Therapy Daily
  - Individual Therapy Weekly
  - Psychologist Evaluation Monthly
  - Transportation (no mileage)
  - Total Potential Reimbursement (interim rate)

$18,000 /2 for FFP

= $9,000

Note a class of 10 individuals would be $90,000

Case Profile

- Emotionally Disturbed served by County
  - These students are the fiscal responsibility of the District
  - They receive a wide array of services that are beyond the scope of school based, including family counseling, medication management, access to county mental health LCSWs and Psychiatrist.
  - In some districts these services are written into the IEP, and the services are paid by the student's Medi-Cal to the County.
  - If the Medi-Cal is discontinued, a variety of issues will arise that will disrupt the student's therapy
  - AND for the period of time that the student is receiving the services and the Medi-Cal is inactive the district may be the fiscally responsible party, including costs for residential treatment. Up to $100,000 per year.

How to Monitor

- Obtain access to:
    - Current Eligibility, by the month
    - Aid Code
    - Any restrictions in use

- Go to the DHCS page for Provider Enrollment Division (PED) https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/signup.asp
- NOTE THAT ONCE YOU ARE IN A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT, YOU CAN ACCESS SOME FEATURES THAT ARE INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE ENTRIES IN, PLEASE RESTRICT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE STAFF, THE PIN NUMBER SHOULD BE KEPT SECURE

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Individual Student Eligibility (helpful for securing verification of full scope Medi-Cal prior to referring to County Mental Health)
- Real Time Internet Eligibility
- Batch Internet Eligibility,
  - lists of students can be created that will be housed in the DHCS server and can be run at the first of every month without having to re-enter the information, students can be added and deleted as desired.

Useful DHCS Website Pages

- Services Available: https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/Services.asp

- Enrollment Requirements: https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/SignUP.asp

- DHCS POS Agreement http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/LEA/Eligibility_Verification/New.POS.Agreement.pdf

- Log into Medi-Cal: https://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/Eligibility/Login.asp