

SMAA LEA Minutes 9/15/16

1. Deferral Issue

CTA consultant, David Neben, and OUSD, Jeremy Ford collected and analyzed nine LECs/LGAs data. The goal of the project was to look at how much the total invoice amounts have decreased over time starting in 10/11. The system transitioned in 11/12-12/13. LEAs were in higher compliance during the audit. Looking at invoice totals in the average claiming units invoice amount there is a significant drop starting in 11/12 and going into 12/13. Each LEC sees a drop from 30-60% of their total invoice amounts going into 13/14 there is a 10-30% drop. Each claiming unit invoice totals varied some increased and many others lost a significant amount.

The analysis of the gathered data applied the backcasting methodology that was agreed upon by DHCS and CMS in 2015. It is intended to correct 10/11-11/12 invoices.

However, it will over correct 12/13-13/14 invoices. Because the state was more in compliance during 12/13-13/14 it will cause more harm as cost allocation was in place at the time. It is recommended that a different methodology should be put in place or a settlement should be reached.

Please note that the goal is not to delay the settlement. DHCS has given a deadline that is still in place. The SMAA workgroup was given an opportunity to analyze data to present a better proposal. It will not require added work from LECs/LGAs. The backcasting methodology is already in place. The only change is the formula being used.

DHCS will decide if this new proposal is presented to CMS. If this new proposal is accepted it could add millions for the LEAs. Those LEAs who received 75% could end up owing under the backcasting methodology. County Offices of Education will also lose money. All district information was redacted from the presented analysis report. The LEA Workgroup will work with DHCs, LECs/LGAs for a better settlement. Loss with this settlement is between \$100 million to \$300 million per year for two and one half years.

2. Timelines for invoices and TSP lists

- The School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) program has posted a new [Program Update for September 9, 2016](#) to the [SMAA website](#).

3. Data Use Agreements

A letter is being sent to DHCS' John Mendoza regarding LEAs access to data in data usage agreement. The state has adjusted the data report and it is now more easily read. Vendors use this data for billing and LEAs have access to their full meds list. This list is used to retrieve the districts Medi-Cal % for LEA Billing it also lists all student known to Medi-Cal. In moving towards Free Care when districts can bill Medi-Cal for kids who do not have IEPs but are on Medi-Cal, districts will need to verify students on Medi-Cal for billing purposes. LECs also have access to this data through the data use agreement. If LE As are not sharing this data with you please contact us.

4. Free Care, EPSDT and School Based Health- CMS Federal Dept of Ed convening

There will be a second convening with CMS on December 2nd to discuss Free Care. An update from the NAME conference will be shared on the next call.

5. Epi-pens- is this an issue for your district?

The US senate requests California school districts to share Epi-pen purchase/availability information for their testimony. If you have information you would like to share please contact us.

One district shared that schools get two free Epi-pens. A two pack is about \$420 per pack (generic brand).

However, districts have also had issues with expiration of the pens in the midst of the school year since they were set to expire six months from when they are received. This has caused the need to purchase additional pens and having to place additional orders.

6. Health care enrollment outreach.

A link can be added onto your school district website that offers health care enrollment support and information. Please contact us if you are interested in adding this. Example below.

English Version: [Click Here](#)
Spanish Version: [Haga clic aquí](#)

7. Next call:

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call: Thursday, September 29th at 9am
Number: 1-800-914-8405, Code: 1785191#