

LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Meeting Time: 10:00 am - 2:15 pm

SELF Building

1531 I Street Suite#300, Sacramento, CA

LEC Coordinator/Representative Attendees

Sharon Battaglia, Sonoma County Office of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 1

Randy Jones, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2

Coreen De Leon, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2

Jen Minton, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools – Region 3

Michelle Cowart, Contra Costa County Office of Education – Region 4

Tina Reger, Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Region 5

Janice Holden, Stanislaus County Office of Education – Region 6

Rhonda Yohman, Madera County Office of Education – Region 7

Rosalee Hormuth, Orange County Department of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 9

Rebekah Smith, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Region 10

Octavio Castelo, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11

Phil Downing, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11

Via Phone

Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8

Other Attendees

Tony Teresi, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Michelle Kristoff, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Betty Lai, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Francisco Yanes, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Rida Munir, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Stacey Armstrong, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Amanda Dickey, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)

1.0 Roll Call

- Each individual stated his/her name and agency affiliation

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

- **Coding Report LEA availability**
- **LEC fee structure**

3.0 Approval of Minutes - Minutes from the October 6, 2017 meeting

- Under 4.1 backcasting alternative plan: “Several” or “Some” LECs offered to pull together data.
- Add TINA REGER, REGION 5 to attendees

4.0 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report/Update

4.1 Backcasting:

- **What is the status of communications with CMS? No response received to DHCS submission.**
- **Upcoming Deadlines for Group 2 (due Feb. 28, 2018) and Group 3 (due June 29, 2018) are remaining unchanged, correct? No changes to invoice submission schedule. Is there possibility of extension for 16/17 Q1 & Q2 March 31 deadline? Can discuss on a case by case basis, but would like formal deadline to remain, as is.**
- **Updated Backcasting Invoice Template – version 11.30.17**
 - Can you explain what the changes were? **Only change was to final summary invoice pages, 5a & 5b, cell to enter interim settlement payment. Calculating under 25,000 at 100% instead of 90%**
 - When do we need to use it verses just the updated Summary Invoice Page? **When no changes at all to worker log invoice, otherwise you would use whole backcasting master invoice. Formatting issue request due to letterhead unable to be input. Stacy Armstrong to review. Tony to discuss with accounting: a rounding issue.**
 - If an LEA is going to receive additional dollars (beyond the interim payment) when can they expect to be paid? **DHCS will begin issuing payment for group 1 starting 17/18 Q3. Deferral payments will remain separate from backcasting invoice payments. Before any payments made, districts will be reviewed to see if they are in the positive or the negative and issue payments accordingly. Alternative backcasting invoice is not formally approved by CMS and should not be used.**
 - If the LEA is no longer participating in SMAA, how should they payback DHCS? **If LEA does not have 15/16 or 16/17 invoices to use, complete back casting invoice for specific deferred invoice. When Group 2 is due. If last claim was after 6/30/2012 need to back cast using newest guidelines. If school district took 11/12 invoice and they were done, no need to backcast. Even if they quit in 12/13 and didn't do claiming for 13/14, still need to backcast.**
- **Offsetting PPL**
 - What is the status of the PPL DHCS said they were issuing? **Offsetting PPL is under management review. Will issue updates as new info is received.**
 - To begin with 15/16-Q3 RMTS invoices? **DHCS will make offsetting methodology available as soon as possible.**
 - How long (#qtrs.) will DHCS allow the offsetting to roll forward? Will there come a time when an LEA would need to cut a check for any outstanding payback amount? Then at that point, will DHCS be providing an invoice for the LEA's remaining/outstanding repayment balance? **Timeline for offsetting and procedure for resolving any remaining balance will be addressed in offsetting PPL. Revised PPL will apply starting Q3.**
- **Alternative Calculation Proposal**
 - Can DHCS provide the LEC Committee with a copy of the analysis showing details of how the 17.3% and 82.7% were calculated?
 - What is DHCS considering 'compliant' and 'non-compliant'? **Pulled batch of worker log invoices, went thru claiming unit functions grid.**

Mostly looking for teachers. 13/14 non compliant is 17.6% and is the highest for three years.

- Is DHCS proposing no backcasting for 'compliant' claims? **No. DHCS is requesting CMS to consider a two backcasting methodologies. Claims that are not compliant will have to backcast using original methodology. Compliant, DHCS will request CMS to allow using alternate methodology. Why the two methodologies? Financial management review tied to time component of time study. TSP's turning in responses that were out of compliance. Clarification on 82% compliance in it's relation to how much money will be received back. Can we please put deadline on alternative back casting proposal? Proposal went in August, data just submitted a couple weeks ago. If CMS approved alternative proposal, will work with LEC's to determine an alternative proposal to determine compliance. LEC's would like to see all under alternative or ALL under original, not split.**
- Were 'equivalency' requests and approvals taken into account or justifications previously submitted? **No**
- Who would determine which invoices are compliant for the remaining Backcasting Invoices due? DHCS? In advance of LECs/vendors preparing them?
- Can you explain "self-policing principles"?
- Why does this begin with FY2012/13-Q3 and not the entire 2012/13 year?

4.2 Integration of RMTS into LBO Program – status

- Has DHCS officially submitted? Does that include changes to SMAA Manual to CMS? **Not officially submitted, but redline version of manual has been submitted and waiting to hear back. CMS advised they would let concerns be known by end of December.**
- Is the target implementation date still 7/1/2018? **Yes.**
- Will DHCS be sending out formal communications to all districts that are currently participating in LEA BOP? **As soon as SPA approved**
- When will trainings be available for Coders, LEA Coordinators and participants? **IAG will be reviewing and expecting training to take place in Spring 2018, after SPA approval.**
- Concerns with the exclusion of contractors for the RMTS pools. **If their contractor only does SMAA activities, and not be excluded. Contractors who bill for LEA billing services to be excluded, only. Need clarification on who, exactly, will be excluded.**
- Concerns with TSPs with irregular work schedules. **Training issue.**
- How will SMAA RMTS non-compliance affect participation in the LEA BOP? **If non-compliant, excludes them from LEA billing for that quarter. If they don't meet 85%, suspended, how is LEA BOP participation, handled? DHCS has not addressed this. Will research and provide feedback.**

4.3 SMAA Manual Revisions

- Please provide a status update. Any response from CMS? **Currently with CMS, call last Tuesday, and advised they would do their best to have response by end of month.**

- Can additional manual changes be submitted? **Revisions are closed for this submission. Can always make recommendations, and they can be compiled and worked into next submission.**
- LEC suggestions: **6.12 changes made to statistical validity calculation are wrong. Typo in number...2401 vs 2041. Section 6.12 s/b left alone. No wording change is needed.**

4.4 DHCS Data Match Process

- Who is the new DHCS contact? **Francisco Yanez is new contact. Working on procedure change that will allow to be submitted by loading spreadsheet onto moveit and email to be sent directly to IT mailbox and copy DHCS into email.**
- What is the typical turnaround time for return files? **Turnaround times are looking good.**

4.5 Electronic Submissions to DHCS – status, **working out kinks and getting sharepoint.**

4.6 Changes in SMAA staff – **update on vacancies from Karen and Emily, Currently recruiting. More info in next couple weeks. No news on Michelle Kristoff's position, either.**

4.7 DHCS recap of multi-state coalition meeting in DC and CA team call – **John Mendoza attended, and stated. Goals included student health access strategies, collaborating with partner states, promoting best practices. 14 states participating.**

4.8 LEC Fee Structure – **need more updated regional numbers to update the split of DHCS fee. Salary reimbursement. Significant difference between old and new fees. Old split based off worker log claims. New proposal to be based off RMTS data.**

4.9 LEA Coding Report Access – **DHCS is still looking at this; no decision has been made yet. May require CMS approval.**

4.10 LEC Meeting Calendar

- ***February 6, 2018 –SMAA Stakeholder Meeting** from 9:00am-12:00pm at Sacramento County Office of Education (previously February 8)
- **April 5, 2018 – LEC Advisory Mtg** 10:00am USC State Capital Center
- **June 7, 2018 – LEC Advisory Mtg** 10:00am USC State Capital Center

5.0 LEC Committee Business

5.1 CCSESA Update – **After discussing with LEC group and Solutions Based workgroup . Build a coalition of education groups. LAUSD, CDE, CTA, CSBA, among others. In the past month, received an okay to build a platform based on school based health and DHCS. Meeting with budget chair for**

assembly , senate, subcommittee chair on education and health. Will request state to backfill money lost due to back casting. Premise of platform is that these programs are not being run for the benefit of schools and students. Amanda to reach out to each LEC to request additional meetings. Estimated request of \$30 million due to numbers being lost. Amanda needs regional information for individual backcasting numbers. LEA Billing audits – LAUSD has put together proposal to require DHCS to put together an audit guide. Have had LEA's reach out to CCSESA asking for time for Stakeholder's Meeting.

- 5.2 **SMAA Stakeholder Meeting** – Possible move to afternoon and switching LEC meeting to morning time. Send Save the date to everyone in region to ensure all are informed of date change. Discuss what LEC's would like on agenda, as well. Stick with LEA Billing workgroup guidelines regarding who can attend, i.e., advocates, not vendors.
- 5.3 **Update on RFP Process** – Rosalee, Sharon, Octavio, Margaret, Randy & Jen (alternate). 1st posting went off last Friday, 2nd posting went out Monday. List of potential bidders. 7-8 responses from vendors. This coming Tuesday, will have pre-bid proposal conference. Entire committee is going to attend. Will give background of MAA and integration of LBOP. Time for Q&A. Submission deadline for questions is December 29th. Contracts will respond by January 8th. January 19th, committee will get RFP's and rate them. Requesting reference checks. January 31st, reviewed application sheets due from committee. Ranking top 4. Demonstrations February 21st thru 23rd. starting around 10-10:30, last Demo should be over by 4pm on the 23rd. Disclaimer: LACOE Contract, ultimately the intent is that each individual LEC will be contracted.
- 5.4 **LEA BOP Ad-Hoc Workgroup update** – Ordering, rendering or prescribing physicians will need their own NPI. No specifics on which types of providers. 180 days from date that you submit to request NPI until it happens. Cathy Bennett is retiring. Proposal made to change meeting to allow people to call in and to integrate LEA meeting with LEC meeting.
- 5.5 **IAG Workgroup update** – Met Tuesday for last in person meeting. Against of IAG members, DHCS will not communicate anymore on issues until SPA is approved. Recent OIG audit that had PCG as vendor. Estimating in \$600 million. From 2003 thru 2014. Reassignment of RMTS activity codes, inclusion of extraordinary services in the rates. Included unpaid pension costs.
- 5.6 **Recap of December 2017 Solutions Based Workgroup Meeting** – No solutions based meeting this week.

6.0 **Adjourn** – Call in January and next in person meeting in February. May be change to meeting times, Amanda to provide feedback.

*Next LEC Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for February 6, 2018 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm.
Location TBD.*