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School Health Access (SHA) Steering Committee

March 26, 2025 - Meeting Summary

Attendees

DHCFP: Malinda Southard, Monica Schiffer, Erica McAllister; Facilitators / Sellers Dorsey: Olivia Brown, Suzanne Bierman, Lisa Eisenberg (WestEd)

Committee Members: Bre Taylor, Christy McGill, Dana Walburn, Fran Maldonaldo, Jenna Grant, Jennifer Bauer, Karen Holley, Karen Mertz, Monica Romero, Nancy Brooks, Paul Lords, Rachel Efros, & Vickie Ives.

Meeting Summary

SHA Resource Center Update

Following the initial launch of the School Health Access Resource Center website, DHCFP has been working on updates and enhancements. Committee members were provided with an overview of the current iteration of the site, which includes links to various relevant resources. DHCFP offered detail on planned future developments such as: a forthcoming announcement to LEAs of the SHA Resource Center's launch, NV Medicaid SHS Office Hours, which will begin in April 2025; and Multidisciplinary Information Sessions, which will be jointly hosted by Nevada Medicaid and the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) starting in August 2025 and cover topics such as non-Individualized Education Plan (IEP) billing, understanding claims denials, and best practices. DHCFP solicited the Steering Committee's input on the types of resources for parents the Resource Center should include.

School Billing System/EHR Procurement Update

Related to the School Billing System/EHR procurement, DHCFP reviewed the various sources of information and stakeholder feedback that informed the Request for Procurement (RFP). The overview included key requirements, such as automating Medicaid billing, providing compliance support and chart templates, offering training and technical assistance, and integrating with systems like Infinite Campus (IC) and Nevada WebIZ. As a result of feedback shared by LEAs and the Steering Committee, DHCFP added a requirement about reporting and analytics to ensure LEAs can directly access and create ad hoc reports and interactive dashboards. The RFP is set to be released in late March, with a submission deadline in late May. Once an award is issued, a pilot strategy will begin in late 2025/early 2026 and include an initial small cohort of interested LEAs.

CMS School Health Services Grant Update

The Q3 quarterly progress report and the Year 2 Non-Competing Continuation Application are both due to CMS on April 30, 2025. DHCFP continues to collaborate with partners in the Office of Analytics and NDE to collect data on data for Medicaid- and CHIP-enrolled students with IEPs or 504 Plans.

SHS Program Evaluation

DHCFP is beginning to develop a program evaluation framework to measure the success of the SHS program, both under the CMS SBS Grant and beyond. Steering Committee members were asked to share insight on potential process, outcome, and impact measures, including the number and types of billed services, the provision of screenings and assessments, the number and characteristics of participating LEAs, and other short- and longer-term measures of the growth and efficacy of the SHS program statewide. In tandem, DHCFP is releasing its second annual school survey on April 1 and will provide an update on findings and trends at a subsequent SHA Steering Committee meeting.

SPA and SHS Program Guide Update

DHCFP provided SHA Steering Committee members an update on the State Plan Amendment (SPA) and School Health Services (SHS) Program Guide. The amendment will allow school counselors, social workers, and psychologists with Department of Education endorsements to bill for allowable school health services within their licensure and scope of practice. DHCFP is awaiting CMS' feedback or approval for the SPA. The SHS Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) chapter is going through the approval process, while the corresponding SHS Program Guide is going through final edits and remediation and will be posted to the SHA Resource Center.

Next SHA Steering Committee Meeting

The next SHA Steering Committee will be scheduled in May, according to the Steering Committee's feedback.