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School Health Access (SHA) Steering Committee

July 29, 2025 – Meeting Summary

Attendees

Nevada Medicaid: Monica Schiffer, Erica McAllister; Facilitators / Sellers Dorsey: Olivia Brown, Lisa Eisenberg (WestEd), Jeremy Ford (WestEd)

Committee Members: Dr. Ashley Greenwald, Cassandra Fox, Fran Maldonado, Jennifer Villanueva, Kaci Fleetwood, Karen Mertz, Monica Romero, Nancy Brooks, Dr. Paul Lords, Vickie Ives

Meeting Summary

SHA Resource Center Update

Nevada Medicaid continues to update and expand the [School Health Access Resource Center website](#). Recent updates include an ongoing series of NV Medicaid SHS Office Hours, which take place on the first Thursday of each month, the release of the inaugural issue of the "Hall Pass to Health" quarterly newsletter, and the addition of the "Family Resources" tab. Planned updates include the start of monthly Multidisciplinary Information Sessions, which will be co-hosted with Nevada Department of Education (NDE), in August.

Communication Strategy

Previous Steering Committee meetings have included discussion about inconsistent understanding of the value of SHS among different stakeholders. As such, Steering Committee members and Nevada Medicaid brainstormed methods of improving communication and achieving a shared understanding of SHS among providers, teachers, principals, superintendents, school boards, and other relevant stakeholders. Discussion included identification of where communication breakdowns are most common, additional meetings or communication avenues Nevada Medicaid could consider leveraging, and the types of messaging that are most appropriate for the different stakeholders summarized above.

CMS School Health Services Grant Update

Nevada Medicaid received the Year 2 Notice of Award for continued funding under the CMS Grant on July 1, 2025. Additionally, Nevada Medicaid submitted the Q4 Progress Report ahead of the July 30th deadline. Nevada Medicaid and NDE are working to execute a data sharing agreement, which will significantly improve the ability to collect, match, and report on data as required by the CMS Grant. The next annual data report is due January 30, 2026.

Policy Updates

The SHS Chapter of the Medicaid Services Manual and related policy guide have been finalized and posted. Nevada Medicaid is currently working on a compliance policy and is collaborating with partners to create a crosswalk for new allowable provider types under the recently approved State Plan Amendment (SPA). The resource will be shared in August.

Second Annual School Survey Results

Steering Committee members reviewed the results of the Second Annual School Survey, which collected information regarding the performance of the SHS program in the 2024-25 school year. Of the 24 respondents representing 18 LEAs, 14 indicated they currently bill Nevada Medicaid for SHS. The most commonly billed services include Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Nursing Services. Three LEAs indicated they are in the process of beginning to bill for non-IEP services, two LEAs indicated they are currently billing for non-IEP nursing and screening services, and one LEA indicated it is currently billing for non-IEP mental health services. The most commonly reported challenges regarding SHS pertain largely to billing. As such, Nevada Medicaid is in the process of developing a School Medicaid Access and Reimbursement Tool (SMART) to provide commonly requested billing code support.

SHS Program Evaluation

Steering Committee members reviewed the draft logic model, which links SHS inputs to outputs and short-, medium-, and long-term outcomes. They also reviewed metrics related to the following overarching program evaluation questions:

1. What is the Nevada Medicaid School Health Services (SHS) program doing to expand LEA participation in the program and increase access to SHS, including non-IEP services?
2. How effective is the Nevada Medicaid SHS program in expanding participation and increasing billing through the program, including for non-IEP services?
3. What is the impact on students of increased LEA participation and billing through the Nevada Medicaid SHS program?

Nevada Medicaid is in the process of finalizing metrics and identifying data sources for each and will provide updates at subsequent meetings.

Next SHA Steering Committee Meeting

The next SHA Steering Committee is scheduled for September 24, 2025, at 8:30 am.