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# **School Health Access (SHA) Steering Committee**

September 24, 2025 - Meeting Summary

#### **Attendees**

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

Committee Members: Ashley Greenwald, Nancy Brooks, Cassandra Fox, Dana Walburn, Fran Maldonado, Fredina Drye-Romero, Kaci Fleetwood, Karen Mertz, Monica Romero, Vickie Ives

# **Meeting Summary**

## **SHA Resource Center Update**

The recent cyber event has delayed some updates, but Nevada Medicaid continues to update and expand the <u>School Health Access Resource Center website</u>. Monthly SHS Office Hours have created a space for ongoing collaboration between LEAs and Nevada Medicaid and have garnered significant participation. Monthly Multidisciplinary Information sessions, co-hosted with Nevada Department of Education (NDE), began in August with "Introduction to Medicaid in SHS." Nevada Medicaid and NDE will continue these monthly sessions, inviting subject matter experts to present and guide discussion on relevant topics. Steering Committee members indicated they use the Resource Center regularly and have been promoting it to others.

# **EHR/School Billing System Procurement Update**

Nevada Medicaid is in an active procurement process; therefore, updates are limited at this time. Nevada Medicaid is aiming to receive approval for its notice of intent to award from the Board of Examiners in November. Steering Committee members were advised to check the <u>Nevada ePro</u> site for updates.

#### **CMS School Health Services Grant Update**

Nevada Medicaid is finalizing the Budget Period 1 Annual Federal Financial Report, which is on track for submission by the September 28, 2025 deadline. Nevada Medicaid and the Steering Committee discussed potential strategies to encourage modifier use on SHS claims to allow for improved data collection and reporting. Steering Committee members suggested considering making the modifier a required field on claims, continuing to message the importance of increased modifier use, and connecting with the Office of Comprehensive Student Support to assist with communications to Special Education Directors.

# **SHS Program Evaluation**

Steering Committee members received an update on completed activities – including the logic model, finalization of evaluation measures, and timeline development for annual evaluations – as well as ongoing activities – namely, identifying and collecting outstanding data. There was

discussion of each of the selected metrics as well as "evaluation snapshots," which provided examples of findings from the draft 2024-24 evaluation. Nevada Medicaid hopes to finalize the evaluation report in October and then conduct annual evaluations moving forward.

#### **SMART Resource**

This acronym stands for School Medicaid Access and Reimbursement Tool. It is Nevada Medicaid's way of responding to numerous requests to combine the SHS fee schedule with billing guide information. Nevada Medicaid continues to refine baseline data and plans to post the first iteration of the SMART Resource in October, although the team noted this will be a living document. Steering Committee members expressed enthusiasm for the tool and look forward to using it.

### **Next SHA Steering Committee Meeting**

The next SHA Steering Committee is scheduled for November 26, 2025 at 8:30 am. However, due to proximity to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Nevada Medicaid will work to find a better time the week of November 17.