

PED's Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings Summary for ACA Provider Screening Requirements

September 2011

On September 29, 2011, PED conducted a provider stakeholder meeting to discuss a new regulatory Provider Bulletin that established additional provider disclosure requirements for all provider applicants in the Medi-Cal program. These additional requirements were mandated by Federal Medicaid regulations. In accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.75(b), invitees were asked to review the proposed regulatory bulletin and to submit their written comments or suggested changes by or on the day of the stakeholder meeting. The bulletin titled **"Revised Medi-Cal Provider Disclosure Requirements for Compliance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 455.104 and 455.105"**, was published on the Medi-Cal website on October 14, 2011, and became effective on November 15, 2011.

November 2011

During the week of November 14-18, 2011, PED conducted initial "listening sessions" to hear the concerns of stakeholders in regards to the provider screening and enrollment requirements established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on February 2, 2011. Also during November of 2011, PED established an email for providers and stakeholders to provide input to and ask questions of DHCS in regard to the new provider screening requirements. This email address is PEDACA@dhcs.ca.gov. Information about this email option was also posted on the PED homepage on the DHCS internet.

March 2012

On March 28 and 29 of 2012, PED conducted stakeholder meetings to address any additional or ongoing issues or concerns of provider stakeholders in regards to the implementation of the new Federal provider screening and enrollment requirements. PED presented a powerpoint slideshow that discussed all of the provider screening and enrollment topics in the Federal Medicaid regulations that create new requirements for Medi-Cal providers and for DHCS.

June 2012

On June 25, 2012, PED conducted two workgroup meetings with provider stakeholders who had expressed interest in working closely with the Department in the implementation of two specific new requirements – Revalidation of Enrollment Every Five Years and Enrollment of Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers. PED staff shared draft copies of new provider forms, procedure flowcharts and provider letters that will be part of the DHCS implementation of new provider screening and enrollment requirements. Stakeholders gave their input, feedback, comments and suggestions.

July 2012

On July 25 and 26 of 2012, PED conducted additional stakeholder meetings in regards to the implementation of the new Federal provider screening and enrollment requirements. PED presented a powerpoint slideshow that highlighted all of the topics in detail, including the progress that DHCS was making towards implementation and additional guidance from CMS. Stakeholders brought their concerns and questions which PED gladly addressed as in previous meetings.

August 2012

On August 13, 2012, PED reconvened the two workgroups from the June meetings to share more information about the processes and procedures that PED was developing for the implementation of two specific new requirements – Revalidation of Enrollment Every Five Years and Enrollment of Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers. Stakeholders again provided PED staff with valuable input, feedback, comments and suggestions.

October 2012

On October 22, 2012, PED conducted a public stakeholder hearing to obtain comments on two new regulatory Provider Bulletins that establish new requirements for provider applicants in the Medi-Cal program, i.e., Application Fee Requirement for some providers and Enrollment Requirement for the sole purpose of Ordering, Referring, and/or Prescribing goods or services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. These additional requirements are mandated by Federal Medicaid regulations. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.75(b), invitees were asked to review the proposed regulatory bulletins and a new application form and to submit their written comments or suggested changes by close of business on the day of the stakeholder meeting.