

Follow-Up Items from June 24, 2021, MCHAP Meeting

Director's Update

1. *Nancy Netherland*: In terms of vaccine access, is it possible to get that data broken down for children age 18 and under?

DHCS Response: *Will Lightbourne, DHCS:* Yes, we will provide this information.

DHCS Follow-Up: In early July 2021, DHCS started publishing [Medi-Cal COVID-19 Vaccination data](#), compared with COVID-19 vaccination data for California as a whole, for persons 12 years of age and older. The data will be updated regularly.

2. *Michael Weiss, M.D.*: There are a lot of local efforts at the school level, but is there any thought of having the California Department of Education (CDE) help facilitate vaccinations at school sites?

DHCS Response: *Will Lightbourne, DHCS:* I don't know, but I'll follow up.

DHCS Follow-Up: The Local Educational Agency Billing Options Program (LEA BOP) allows for reimbursement of vaccines based on the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Periodicity Schedule. At this time, the COVID-19 vaccine has yet to be added to this list and is, therefore, not reimbursable under LEA BOP.

DHCS will explore options to allow for COVID-19 vaccinations within the LEA BOP, including a potential State Plan Amendment or seeking clarification with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Additionally, as DHCS continues efforts to increase vaccination rates within the Medi-Cal program, DHCS will work with CDE to determine if there are opportunities to provide increased vaccination at school sites.

3. *William Arroyo, M.D.*: Has CDPH issued a strategy to vaccinate children?

DHCS Response: *Will Lightbourne, DHCS:* Not that I've seen. I'll check and will circulate with this group if there is one.

DHCS Follow-Up: The [COVID-19 website](#) includes resources, such as Frequently Asked Questions, social media graphics, and talking points appearing in different languages about vaccines for persons 12 years of age and older. Additionally, CDPH's Women, Infants and Children Division recently [released](#) a new social media campaign on vaccine awareness, aimed at guiding individuals and families to reliable information about COVID-19 vaccines.

Managed Care Plan Procurement: Request for Procurement Draft Release

4. *Nancy Netherland*: Will the benefits directly reimburse peer-to-peer parent support? How will this be addressed, and is there a possibility for inclusion? What about the role of the innovative workforce?

DHCS Response: *Michelle Retke, DHCS*: We've completely restructured the contract, so there's an opportunity under the care coordination and access to care attachment. There's now an easier way to review all of those requirements in one place, whereas in the current contract, things are more spread out.

DHCS Follow-Up: Enhanced Care Management and In Lieu of Services (ILOS) do not cover peer-to-peer parent support. There is, however, respite for caregivers through ILOS that can be utilized.

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Draft Plan

5. *Elizabeth Stanley Salazar*: One of the entry points to determining risk is the prenatal and OB/GYN delivery setting in the hospital. Are you doing any deliberative work in terms of plan for safe care, or are there any updates on that with MCPs and hospitals?

CDSS Response: *Angie Schwartz, CDSS*: We do not have specific answers to that, but I will take it back to my team. We must determine the imminent risk in order to provide the prevention services.

CDSS Follow-Up: The Office of Child Abuse Prevention has awarded 12 Road to Resilience grants, which, through collaboration among grantees and local health agencies, identifies and serves pregnant women with known histories of substance use, pregnant women with current substance use, and mothers of substance-exposed infants. The Road to Resilience grant is funded for fiscal years (FY) 2019-22 and will disseminate a total of \$17.9 million in Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) funding during that time. We also are looking at other ways to support families with prevention services. The FFPSA funds can only be utilized once imminent risk of foster care has been established, and we want to be sure to approach this work very carefully through an equity lens.