

## DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from May 17, 2017

Agenda Item/Topic	DHCS Response	DHCS Follow-Up
<p><b>Budget Update on CCS/MTP Trailer Bill:</b>  <i>Kristen Golden Testa, The Children's Partnership/100% Campaign:</i> Can you offer an example of those services?</p> <p><i>Marilyn Holle, Disability Rights CA:</i> One concern we have is the ability to staff OT/PT. Holding a pencil may be consistent with EPSDT and not with CCS. Can you clarify LEA billing and federal match? Can schools draw federal match for the IEP recommendations not covered by EPSDT or CCS? I want to be sure there is nothing that will hinder school financing.</p> <p><i>Sarah de Guia, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network:</i> I want to be sure this is communicated clearly to education in a way that ensures no interruption to services.</p> <p><i>Marilyn Holle, Disability Rights CA:</i> I am concerned about the benchmark being CCS because they do not use the same medically necessary requirements as EPSDT. I want to ensure that schools can draw down federal match as LEA.</p> <p><i>Kim Lewis, National Health Law Program:</i> We want to ensure Medi-Cal kids get all EPSDT services and that we draw federal match. I am concerned to hear that CCS uses a different medically necessary standard than EPSDT. Can you report back on this?</p>	<p><i>Jacey Cooper, DHCS:</i> Through the Individual Education Plan (IEP), some physical therapy services may be recommended by schools that do not meet the medically necessary criteria.</p> <p><i>Lindy Harrington, DHCS:</i> There may be physical therapy or occupational therapy to allow a child to hold a pencil to write that is educationally necessary, but not medically necessary. This would be covered by school funding, not CCS</p> <p><i>Jacey Cooper, DHCS:</i> It is our understanding it must be medically necessary to draw down federal match. We would need to work with education to know if LEA billing can draw down.</p>	<p><b>DHCS is going to have additional conversations with stakeholders and legislative staff regarding the proposed changes on this item. There were additional funds added to the 2017-18 budget to address the Legislature's rejection of this item.</b></p>

<p><b>Follow Up List:</b>  <i>Carrie Gordon, CA Dental Association:</i> Can we get multiple years of data to identify trends?</p>	<p><i>Adam Weintraub, DHCS:</i> I will look into the resources required to accomplish that.</p> <p><i>Rene Mollow, DHCS:</i> We have been trying to push out dental program data on the DHCS website.</p>	<p><b>Dental utilization and expenditures for FFS and DMC data from July 2007 through June 2016 can be found on this webpage:</b>  <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/DentalFeeforService.aspx">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/DentalFeeforService.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Mental Health Parity Managed Care Rule:</b>  <i>Kim Lewis, National Health Law Program:</i> What tools you are using for assessment?</p>	<p><i>Jacey Cooper, DHCS:</i> We looked at CMS and DMHC surveys and we tailored them.</p>	<p><b>DHCS administered plan surveys on MCPs, MHPs, DMC-ODS County Plans, and counties providing other SUD services. DHCS sought input from the DMHC on their commercial plan experience with MHPAEA compliance and reviewed CMS guidance and survey examples to adapt existing questions to develop its own surveys for the MCPs and MHPs.</b></p>
<p><b>Mental Health Parity Managed Care Rule</b>  <i>Sarah de Guia, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network:</i> You said plans will have the opportunity for comment on the All Plan Letters?</p>	<p><i>Jacey Cooper, DHCS:</i> I will follow up on that.</p>	<p><b>Plans and other stakeholders will have an opportunity for comment on the All Plan Letters through the usual APL feedback process, most likely in August or September.</b></p>