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SSS/FDOE Update

Medicaid and Schools Meeting

September 18, 2015

Parental Consent Form

- Developed draft consent form for PEER
- Medicaid contacts review by October 15
- Additional reviews: BEESS/FDOE general counsel

Free Care Convening Meeting

- June 2015
- Reps from CMS, USDOE, districts, vendors, Trust for America's Health, Healthy Schools Campaign
- Goals of meeting:
 - Utilize recent CMS clarification of free care policy to identify opportunities to improve children's health in school setting
 - Determine changes needed at local and state level to leverage benefits
 - Identify strategies for working with decision makers about recent clarification and how to use it increase health services in the school setting

Meeting Overview

- Free care policy overview/content-Melissa Harris, Acting Deputy for the Disabled and Elderly Health Program Group, CMS
 - Previous CMS guidance: Medicaid payment generally not available for services that are provided without charge to everyone in a community (“free care policy”)
 - Challenged and USDHHS Department Appeals Board concluded policy not in Medicaid statute or existing regulations
 - Schools are biggest stakeholder impacted
 - Door is open to bill for health services delivered in schools-not just services in the IEP
 - Services will vary by state and states might need a SPA
 - CMS not likely to issue additional guidance
 - CMS will support colleagues at USDOE should they develop and disseminate guidance
 - CMS is meeting with USDOE to discuss the free care policy clarification
 - Change applies to the student population that does not have an IEP

Free Care Convening Meeting- Next Steps

- Identify few states to serve as early adopters
- Develop principles outlined by attendees into framework for guiding efforts to implement change in the free care policy
- Create list of questions that school district or stakeholder group should ask before moving forward with implementation of the change

Implementation Challenges/ Opportunities

- Determining covered services
- Collaboration is key
- Reimbursement rates
- Guidance-Examples of how states are moving forward

Charter Schools

- Lot of interest
- Who is participating?
- Technical Assistance Paper (TAP)

SSS/USF Web Page

<http://sss.usf.edu/resources/topic/medicaid/index.html>

Enhancements:

- Emails
- Past meeting information
- Notes from quarterly calls

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Upcoming

- Participation list-September
- Quarterly calls
- How districts are spending reimbursement
- Participation in workshops/hearings through rule process
- Continue to review data
- This school year: Emphasis on assisting districts in review of opportunities for increasing reimbursement
- Continue to send out ICD-10 coding information
- New contact lists

NAME

- Annual meeting October 4-8
- Anne-Board member Region 2.
- Deneen- NAME Annual Meeting 2017
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