School Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting
June 25, 2024
9:00am- 12:00pm
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SMAC Member	Present	Not Present
Andrea Barnum	☑	☐
April Harrison	☑	☐
Ashleigh Walters	☑	☐
Bob Estabrook	☑	☐
Chris Moore	☐	☑
Creighton Helms	☑	☐
Elsa Jacobo Flores	☑	☐
Eryn Womack	☑	☐
Joe Leykam	☑	☐
Kelle Hildebrandt	☑	☐
Kelly Coates	☑	☐
Kim Giansante	☐	☑
Landon Braden	☑	☐
Leanne Mixa Bettin	☑	☐
Lisa Ledson	☑	☐
Melissa Reagan	☑	☐
Sarah Foster	☑	☐
Stacy Michaelson	☑	☐

SMAC Member	Present	Not Present
Wendy Niskanen	☑	☐
Facilitators:		
Shelby Parks, ODE	☑	☐
Jennifer R. Smith, OHA	☑	☐
Rusha Grinstead, OHA	☑	☐
Lasa Baxter, OHA by contract	☑	☐
Meeting Support:		
Aimee Elliott, ODE	☑	☐
Liz Lohrke, OHA	☑	☐
Also Present:		
McNeill, Allyson	☑	☐
Sanders, Ely	☑	☐
Pearson, Fran	☑	☐

Agenda Item	Documents	Time	Notes
Welcome & Introductions: (Please keep your intro to two minutes or less 🙂) ● Name ● Role ● Which song can you listen to all day long?		9:00-9:40	A member suggested making a playlist
Meeting Norms & Expectations:		9:40-10:00	● Discuss and agree upon temporary meeting norms: 　○ Respect everyone's time and opinions 　○ Active participation 　○ Listen attentively

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			○ Constructive feedback
			○ Suggestions on other norms
			○ Zoom etiquette
			   ■ Remain on mute
			   ■ To ensure engagement we recommend/encourage cameras to be on
			
			If you have any questions please enter them into the chat
			
			Group Input:
			
			Aimee will be taking notes and distributing them after the meetings.
			
			This is more of an informal meeting venue vs Roberts Rules.
			
			Joe Leykam - "own your impact" Keeping in mind that differing opinions may …
			
			Kelly Coates - "Know when to step up versus stepping back" Giving others more processing time. Chat can be distracting. Advocating for raising hands and asking questions.
			
			Wendy - Please speak out in entire terms versus acronyms. Not all may be familiar with some acronyms.
			
			EHR: Electronic Health Record
			CMS: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
			SBHS: School-Based Health Services
			ORMED: Web application to bill for services
			EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment
			LCSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker
			SMAC: School Medicaid Advisory Committee

Break (10 Minutes)		10:00-10:10	

Intro to School Medicaid:
 	
  ● PPTX
	[School Medicaid](#)	10:10-10:40	● Powerpoint Presentation on Basics of School Medicaid
			  ○ Jennifer Smith and Lasa Baxter
			  ○ Q&A Session

Group Discussion & Brainstorming:		10:40-11:20	● Facilitated discussion on a specific topics including: ○ Share Rules Timeline

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			■ Specific topics: ○ Who should we notify about the new OAR rules? 2025 - will be opening the rulebook, again. Backdated billing will be allowable. Stacy: it will take time for SDs to get their systems ready for billing. Could we have some sort of communication plan to keep SDs apprised about realistic billing systems/procedures.
Break (10 Minutes)		11:20-11:30	
Next Steps:		11:30-11:50	Identify action items and assign responsibilities ○ Time keeper ○ Chat monitor ● Confirm group norms and goals for next meeting Time Keeper: Kelly Coates Chat Monitor: April Harrison Goals for next meeting: Confirm meeting norms
In Closing:	[Doodle Poll](#)	11:50-12:00	● Please click the Doodle Poll link to choose the next meeting dates/times that work for you.
Links Shared During June Meeting:	**[SMAC Charter](#)**		

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	Please review the charter and email the School Medicaid Team with questions and comments. **SB 111 School Medicaid Pilot Project (2017-2020)** **Electronic Health Records: An Essential School Nursing Tool for Supporting Student Health**
Documents Shared During June Meeting:	No documents were shared.
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Questions from Attendees:	Answers:
From Andrea Barnum, OEA Staff (she/hers) **What's the timeline to expand direct services beyond IDEA eligible students?**	We will discuss this later during this meeting when Jennifer shares the rules timeline
Kelle Hildebrandt requests a list of List of ESDs participating in MAC	Lasa Baxter: there are 9 participating Clackamas ESD Southern Oregon ESD Intermountain ESD Multnomah ESD Northwest Regional ESD

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	High Desert ESD Linn Benton Lincoln ESD Wallowa County ESD Lake ESD (Currently Onboarding)
Joe Leykam: requests number of districts participating in MAC/Direct	Lasa Baxter: 69 Schools/ESDs participate currently in MAC. We expect Lake ESD and 4 new school districts to begin billing MAC in the Fall 2024 quarter.
Ashleigh: That's my question, Joe - how many districts and EI/ECSE programs are currently participating in MAC?	Lasa Baxter: 69 Schools/ESDs participate currently in MAC. We expect Lake ESD and 4 new school districts to begin billing MAC in the Fall 2024 quarter.
Wendy, How are MAC funds tracked in relation to how they are spent by districts? What about tracking how direct service reimbursement is spent?	Lasa Baxter: MAC funding reimbursements are tracked both in our MAC web-based reporting system (supported by MESD via IGA contract with OHA), as well as in an IGA budget tracker maintained by OHA. In addition, ESDs/Schools must report annually each October 1 what their MAC funds were used for, to include a vision of the project, actual outcomes, actual costs, including any other dollars necessary to fund the project outside of MAC reimbursement. Medicaid billing vendors/supports costs can be attributed in the hourly cost development methodology for each medical discipline billing Fee-for-Service Medicaid.
	Staffing Time Constraints Technology Referenced back to SB 111 Report-examples of barriers and possible ways to help
From Wendy Niskanen RN (she/her) Oregon School Nurses Association to Everyone 10:13 AM **Is there reimbursement from the federal government for the purchasing of technology to implement school Medicaid billing?**	OHA: No.

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From Joe Leykam, LCSW (he/they) to Everyone 11:09 AM Is it possible that we can get a look at the final draft language? I know the engagement meetings have reviewed things but I wonder if we could look at it as a tighter group?	Jennifer Smith: a final draft will be available for review when it is available for public comment. Version control is difficult - comments are welcomed VERSUS tracking changes to text.
What keeps you up at night about Medicaid? From April Harrison - RRSD/ASD to Everyone 11:19 AM The complexity and seemingly inaccessibility to the majority of our districts. From Kelly Coates (she/her) - CareOregon to Everyone 11:19 AM What keeps me up are the unnecessary complications that have been created by design and by accident that make things harder than they need to be. Well-intention policies, rules and regulations have unintended, deeply felt consequences. From melissa.reagan to Everyone 11:19 AM How to simplify the information so that it is not so overwhelming for new staff, new schools etc, to get on board. From Andrea Barnum, OEA Staff (she/hers) to Everyone 11:19 AM Our members are passionate about adding more healthcare in schools but what keeps me up is how to help school systems understand it in a way that can support students. From Wendy Niskanen RN (she/her) Oregon School Nurses Association to Everyone 11:19 AM Nurses are worried that they will be asked to support Medicaid billing without the technology and training they need From Ashleigh Walters, MECP EI/ECSE (she/her) to Everyone 11:19 AM My up-at-night question: How can efficient documentation and billing occur faster for providers so they can focus on what they want to do, which is serve children and families From Joe Leykam, LCSW (he/they) to Everyone 11:19 AM	

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What keeps me up at night about Medicaid is Oregon is among the leading voices for state level policy discussion and we have been at the forefront of policy development since the 90s..... AND we have some of the poorest health outcomes for kids and families in the nation. Schools offer an opportunity to deploy services at a local level. This will only happen if we can raise the capacity of local systems and lower the regulatory bar. From Kelle Hildebrandt to Everyone 11:19 AM How can we ensure that the funds and services are getting to the people who need it most. From Sarah Foster, NWRESD to Everyone 11:20 AM Where can I continue to improve the things I can control to better utilize the resources we have to optimize reimbursement and provide better supports for kids? Who can assist us in addressing burdens to the work. From Lasa Baxter to Everyone 11:21 AM What are the barriers the schools and ESDs actually want OHA/ODE/State to eliminate or reduce? How can we as a group outline and map those desires/requests? From Creighton Helms, Gervais SD to Everyone 11:21 AM Solutions on how rural districts, who are very thin on administrative staff, can maximize services (and financial return). It is often a challenge to get through all the reporting and business office requirements... From Kelly Coates (she/her) - CareOregon to Everyone 11:21 AM Also, I stay up wondering what role CCOs and other health-related entities could help with this (without mucking up the efforts).	