

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)
CLINICAL ASSURANCE DIVISION (CAD)
PUBLIC HOSPITAL PROJECT**

**Technical Workgroup Teleconference
December 7, 2020 Teleconference Minutes**

Teleconference Attendees on Behalf of the Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1. Dr. Van Natta	DHCS CAD
2. Dr. Kmucha	DHCS CAD
3. Becky See	DHCS CAD
4. Jillian Hart	DHCS CAD
5. Cynthia Hicks	DHCS CAD
6. Richard Luu	DHCS CAD
7. Janelle Jones	DHCS CAD
8. Kelli Mendenhall	DHCS CAD
9. Monique Doduc	DHCS CAD
10. Laura Watkins	DHCS CAD
11. Cherease Baker	DHCS CAD
12. Kiana Wilgus	DHCS CAD
13. Kee Xiong	DHCS CAD
14. Delia Valencia	DHCS A&I
15. Tamara Carter	DHCS OLS

Handouts

Each participant was e-mailed an agenda. In addition, a link to the DPH website for minutes from previous meetings was also provided.

Agenda Item I: Introductions

Agenda Item II: Quarterly Denied Medi-Cal Days

Discussion: The Summer Denied Medi-Cal Days data for dates of admission July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 is due on or before December 31. We will send out a reminder in the next week or so to everyone if your facility has not already submitted the data.

Agenda Item III: Call Lists for Administrative Days – State Holidays

Discussion: Facilities do not have to provide call lists when the administrative day falls on an observed State holiday. These holidays include the following:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Cesar Chavez Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday do not require a call list. Once available, DHCS will distribute the official list with specific dates for each State holiday for the 2021 calendar year and every year thereafter.

Agenda Item IV: Inmate Aid Codes and Admin Days – Recoupment approx. \$150,000

Discussion: County inmate aid codes are not eligible for administrative days. The primary code utilized is M7 but DHCS is working to identify other codes as well. For the 2020 calendar year, DHCS estimates approximately \$150,000 in recoupment for those inmate aid codes. DHCS will identify the claims, instruct hospitals how to CIF those claims, and work with individual hospitals to recoup those funds.

Agenda Item V: Claims Adjustment

Discussion: DHCS is testing a new efficient one-step process to adjust claims identified as recoupable in the Statement of Findings. Currently it is a two-step process (CIF and appeal). We expect to roll-out the new process in early 2021 and will provide additional information at that time.

Agenda Item VI: New Participation Agreement

Discussion: The Designated Public Hospital Participation Agreement (PA) was sent out to facilities on November 30. DHCS requests that the PA is signed with an Executive level signature and returned to DHCS by December 31.

Agenda Item VII: Open for Questions

Discussion: DHCS will share with the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH), COVID-19 related data from March 2020 and forward.

Discussion: Medi-Cal is unable to pay for a baby awaiting foster placement. The baby would need to be sick to have a day reimbursed.

Agenda Item VIII: Next Meeting Date – Monday, March 1, 2021 at 11:00 am