

DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from March 16

Follow-up Items	DHCS Response	DHCS Follow-Up
<p>SB 75 - Coverage for All Children <i>Wendy Longwell, Parent Representative:</i> On another topic, people fill out the application in Spanish but the follow up letters often are not in Spanish. We see lots of families coming in seeking help because the information arrives in English. Can you work to make counties aware that if the application is in Spanish, the follow up should be in Spanish.</p>	<p><i>Adam Weintraub:</i> One item still in process for follow up with Wendy Longwell is the item about letters sent in two different languages.</p>	<p><i>DHCS staff followed up with Wendy Longwell seeking additional details about the incidents she cited.</i></p>
<p>Proposed Dental Recommendations and Discussion <i>Marc Lerner, M.D.:</i> Establishing a target and having the targets publicly available are different. Are those metrics on our dashboard?</p>	<p><i>Rene Mollow, DHCS:</i> There is a benchmark in the CMS-416 report in actual utilization. We need to develop a benchmark year and take utilization up by 10% over the benchmark year. If we get to 15%, there is additional federal funding. We are working to finalize the metrics for each initiative under the waiver. We have had extensive stakeholder engagement on this. Part of the recommendation from the California State Auditor (CSA) report was to look at provider participation and beneficiary utilization. We can make input from those workgroup efforts available related to provider participation standards. We don't have ratios in FFS. We do have these for managed care. We have looked across data points such as enrolled beneficiaries served, provider participation, beneficiary utilization are some metrics based on the input.</p>	<p><i>The same measures are used for the DHCS Pediatric Dashboard and the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI). The dental measures are found on page 4 of the dashboard report, with hyperlinks to the 2013 and 2014 Denti-Cal FFS performance measures. Benchmarks or specific goals could be added to the dashboard once they have been established as part of the DTI.</i></p>