

I currently supervise the Medicaid School Based Health Care Services (SBHS) program in Washington State. The Health Care Authority recently hired a new SBHS program manager, Shanna Muirhead, and she has been approved by our agency to attend the upcoming conference. Our agency is only able to afford one staff to attend the conference so I am applying for a scholarship to attend with Shanna. It will be beneficial to attend with her as she begins to learn and understand the SBHS program and it will be helpful for both of us to listen and participate in the conference discussions together.

Shanna and I are currently working on several topics that will be discussed at the conference including free care, TPL, managed care, and telehealth. Washington is currently in discussions with the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) about how to implement free care in the school setting, including the role of managed care, and we are also taking the required steps to waive TPL requirements in the SBHS program including surveying insurance companies in the state to determine if they reimburse for SBHS services. The SBHS program also recently implemented telehealth so it will be beneficial to hear what other states are doing and how schools are utilizing and billing for services provided via telehealth.

Attending this conference with Shanna will allow us both to hear what other states are doing and be a part of a larger national discussion about how to maximize and leverage services in order to increase funding for schools and ensure students are receiving needed services.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

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