

## Meeting Agenda

Date: 11/27/2023 Time: 2:45

Location: Zoom

Committee Meeting Procedures

**ROLES: Facilitator:** Ruth Crowell **Notetaker:** Lisa Backman **Additional Members:** Nancy Smith, Danielle Williams, Jess Greenberg **Guests:**

Agenda Topic:	Time:	Agenda Category:	Determinations/Notes:	Person(s) Responsible:
<b>Welcome/Check-in Assign roles</b>	2:45	Update	Discussed upcoming professional development opportunities regarding trauma: MASP will be holding 2 opportunities to be trained in PREPaRE in Jan Ruth is working with a group providing a trauma training in Lewiston Psychology Specialists of Maine: Online webinar Mental Health and Gun Violence	
<b>Updates</b>		Update	Lisa is meeting with MADSEC's Compliance and Guidance (CAG) Workgroup to discuss Emotional Disturbance, SLD, and Adverse Effect forms. It is expected that Eric H. will soon present his draft recommendations to the committee. It is anticipated that MADSEC will ask MASP to present on clinical concerns in making ED determinations once the guidance package is complete.	
		Update	MADSEC October Conference - 4 MASP members presented at the conference: Gary Wickered - Best Practices in Working with Interpreters, Ruth Crowell & Melissa DeSalvo - SLD vs SM, Jim Babcock - Manifestation Determinations Samantha & Jamie - Supporting Rural High Needs Schools	
		Update	Trista Collins - State Medicaid Educational Liaison - MaineCare Services - presented at MADSEC Conference. She reported that 093 school psychologists will be reimbursable when the new rules come out in the spring.	
		New Business	Nancy discussed how she consults with specialized programs that are reimbursable through Sections 28 and 65. Nancy consults along with the school social worker and BCBA's. This model has been very positive for the students. MaineCare funding fully covers the cost for these programs. Section 28 is for students with a lifelong medical necessity. Section 65 is for students with mental health disorders. Discussion focused on potential roles for 093's under the MaineCare guidelines and how this may open the door for us to broaden our roles to include more clinical applications, especially if the MaineCare reimbursement provided additional funds for hiring more school psychologists.  Discussion also focused on further training that may be required for school psychologists to understand the MaineCare policies, procedures and paperwork. Also, what training may be needed to educate administrators on the expanded role for school psychologists.	

			<p>Nancy offered to discuss the following questions with Trista:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whether 093's will be listed as qualified to make diagnoses under MaineCare.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whether 093's will be required to obtain an NPI- National Provider Identification</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whether 093's are going to be eligible to sign off on placements (sign the ORFFs for Section 65 and document medical necessity for Section 28)?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How might the responsibilities of the 093 and licensed psychologists overlap?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What services provided by 093's would be covered under MaineCare and what would be the reimbursable rate? Would it depend on the title (license/certification, Specialist/Doctoral) the professional holds?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Might the door open for covering some pre-referral processes (those students that are not receiving special education service)?</li> </ul> <p>Nancy discussed Newcomers and ML skills: Identify and share technical knowledge regarding supporting schools in meeting the needs of ML students and their families. Some of the newly trained school psychologists have strong skills in this area. Administrators may not be aware of the broader role school psychologists are trained to provide in working with this population as well as other skills within our professional domains. Discussed the possible need for providing future mini-skills sessions (even share among ourselves) to keep up to par regarding ML.</p>	
<b>Old Business:</b>				
<b>Additional Information Committee Adjourned</b>	3:50			
<b>LOOKING AHEAD...</b>				
<b>Upcoming Meetings:</b>	<b>January</b>		Continue to focus on expanding the roles of school psychologists through further exploration of MaineCare reimbursement and providing ML training and services.	
<b>Upcoming Agenda Items</b>			<p>(Nancy) Reach out to Trista Collins: State Medicaid Educational Liaison, State of Maine- Office of MaineCare Services</p> <p>(Lisa) Connect with Kathy Gillis regarding our discussion of MaineCare</p>	
<b>Other Helpful Reminders</b>				

<b>Parking Lot</b>				
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