

**California IHSS Consume Alliance**  
**Monthly Statewide Call**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @10 a.m.**  
**Notes**

Karen Keesler, CAPA Executive Director: Governor introduces his budget in January. The Senate Budget Subcommittee #1 has set its budget meeting for IHSS for March 14 at 9:30 a.m. and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 for March 20 at 2:30 p.m. These are both being held in the State Capital Building.

One of the primary issues the IHSS Coalition will focus on is the 7% cut across the board the Governor wants to repeal/eliminate (referring to the way Governor Brown funded it through the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax). If the MCO was to end, the 7% across the board cut to IHSS program would be done. Governor Newsom is proposing a one-year funding from the State's general fund so the 7% cut will not have to happen.

There's appreciation for the one-year funding of the 7% cut from the general fund and eliminating the MCO tax, but this is only for one-year!

We would like to see a united voice for on eliminating the 7% cut and funding this forever. This would eliminate the yearly struggle and work for funding this portion of IHSS. Will be calling a meeting of organizations belonging to the IHSS Coalition to come to an agreement and work on this further in developing a letter for all to sign-on to.

It was also appreciated to hear from Michelle about the need for consumers to testify at the upcoming hearings.

The Governor is also making proposals to change the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) between the County and State for IHSS Services. Over time the present 2017 MOE was going to cost the counties more than their revenues could cover and mental health and other programs were not being addressed. Newsom is proposing redoing the MOE more and brings down the MOE costs to the Counties and they can be covered by the realignment revenues. There will be a couple years with a short gap, but not as large as it was with the current MOE.

County and State currently pay a large set amount towards the IHSS and Public Authority (PA) Administrative costs. Newsom looks to buy out the County portion and have the State and Federal Funding cover the Administrative portion. This would allow the county to still add funds if it wished, but not mandatory.

Electronic Time Sheets (ETS) and Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) the State is striding towards having a couple pilot counties to get this started.

The plan in having some pilot counties, but they have not picked them yet.

The State, in order to meet the Federal requirements, they are building off the ETS system in place. These have been available for about 2-years and is up to 29% of all IHSS program using it. Users have found it to be beneficial being able see less errors, timesheets can be reviewed and approved on time much quicker, and paychecks being deposited and processed faster.

The State has posted training for the ETS both on YouTube and on their CDSS website: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/IHSS-Providers/Resources/Timesheet-Information>

**EVV Site:**

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/IHSS/EVV/StakeholderMeetings>

On the most part, PAs and counties are working to promote more to sign-up for the ETS because of its benefits. For the counties with high numbers of individuals signed up and using the ETS, they may be most likely chosen as pilot counties for the EVV system.

The deadline for submitting Bills is Friday. There has only been one Bill submitted for IHSS, [AB 426](#), authored by Asm. Brian Maienschein. This bill would repeal that requirement to obtain a certification from a licensed health care professional as a condition of receiving in-home supportive services. To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Last month the Brown Act was mentioned, and it was wished to change this.

This was in the matter of IHSS Advisory Committees and their members telecommunicating into the meeting by phone. This is in the law, but under the Open Meeting Act, Brown Act, individuals calling in must post their phone numbers and location of where they are calling from on the agenda and post it publicly for the public to view, and if a member wanted to attend the meeting at the location published. This would require the location be accessible to all.

We are trying to get it changed so the Committee member does not have to post their location (Home). No one has stepped up to sponsor this et as a Bill. Most are working on bugger items like housing, Health, soda tax, etc. Not sure if we will get sponsor but will shelf it for later if not.

Cindy: Interested in how they pick the pilot counties. Was it they may pick the counties that have high numbers using the ETS?

Karen: That is what was shared most likely. They did not share which counties were the highest. This was as of 2-weeks ago.

Cindy: On the Brown Act, it is a big mountain to attack and seems discriminatory for those who are limited to their homes temporarily or even permanently.

Michelle: If it was changed, it would encourage greater participation in our meetings. We have struggled to hold a meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

There has been a Public Records Act Bill introduced to do with PG&E regarding telecommunications. It was believed that our lobbyist was going to talk to the chair of Health & Human Service Committee on this today.

Kim: Are there recipients or others advocating against the EVV? I am just learning about this.

Karen: There are some push back statewide, but mostly Nationally. The State has worked not to do with other States have done. This bill would repeal that requirement to obtain a certification from a licensed health care professional as a condition of receiving in-home supportive services. To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on counties, the bill

would impose a state-mandated local program. CDSS has been making it to be not as intrusive as others.

Randy: Asked about 20%, 8% and 5% cuts.

Karen: The 20% cuts never happened settled in a court case. The 8% cuts were replaced with the 7% cuts and those are being dealt with to be eliminated permanently this in the coming year. As per the wages Governor Brown signed in law the minimum wage law goes up by 2023 to \$15 if there are no economic drops.

Each county had to cover the first year's raise in wages, but after that the State was to cover it.

Charlie read the below:

**EVV Phase I for IHSS and WPCS**  
**EVV Outreach Activities**  
**Update for CICA**  
**2/20/19**

**County Engagement**

- In February, held a joint CWDA/CAPA/CDSS Call to educate county leadership about Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and the Electronic Services Portal (ESP), which includes both the Electronic Time Sheet and Telephonic Timesheet Submittal (TTS) options.
- **Primary messaging to counties: ESP is a critical precursor to EVV.**
  - Transitioning from the current ESP to EVV will be almost seamless for providers who are already using the electronic portal - will only require the users to enter data into the three new fields.
  - The process for reviewing timesheets will not change for recipients. They will still receive emails and phone calls to approve timesheets and will have the ability to view or listen to the new data elements.

- The more providers and recipients using ESP and TTS means that there will be less people that counties must work with and sign up for one of the EVV options during implementation.
- Counties have been provided a County ESP/EVV Toolkit and are encouraged to promote ESP at every touch with recipients and providers.
  1. CWDA County ESP/EVV Action Items
  2. ESP Overview Video
  3. ESP Flyers (in threshold languages)
  4. ESP Webcast Schedule
  5. ESP Flyers (in threshold languages)

## Recipients and Providers

- **Feb 1 – 28, 2019:** EVV Flyer mailed providers currently using paper timesheets.
- **Feb 9, 2019:** EVV Announcement placed in the “What’s New” section of the of the ESP Portal viewable by providers and recipients when they log-in to their account on the ESP Home Page.
- **March 2019:** EVV Flyer to be mailed to recipients who do not have an ESP account.

## All Stakeholders

- CDSS is planning for two statewide meetings to solicit stakeholder input on:
  1. EVV Implementation activities (late March), and
  2. The Telephone option and scripts and final online EVV tool (early April).