

Lisa's first meeting with Dr. Walsh

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In our very first encounter, I presented Dr. Walsh with her first "random moment." At the time I was in charge of making sure the selected individuals received the forms and filled them out. The list of required participants is sent by program quarterly. This is a bookkeeping item that is required to be filled out by a certain staff (SLP, nurse, counselors and administrators) about what they were doing at a random time. Medicaid uses these random moments to help calculate reimbursement. I saw that Dr. Walsh's name was on the list and had a random moment due at the end of October 2023 so I approached Dr. Walsh to set up an appointment with her so I could review the procedure with her. Dr. Walsh told me to pick a time that worked in her schedule, I did and Dr. Walsh agreed to the date and time. On the appointed date, I went to the front office. Dr. Walsh was in the business office when I arrived. When Dr. Walsh saw me, she came out of the business office and told me that she had cancelled the appointment by sending me an email. I said that I had not seen the email (there was not one) and asked when we could reschedule. Dr. Walsh then said that we could still meet and ushered me into her office. I explained the random moments program. Dr. Walsh said that it was fraud and that she would not be filling out the form. I was confused because there is no way to commit fraud with the form and wondered why Dr. Walsh was reacting to me this way. I offered to re-explain random moments. Dr. Walsh ordered me to call the state to tell them that Plains School had a new superintendent and that she would not be participating in this program. Dr. Walsh also told me that "Dr. Walsh does not sign anything without her lawyer looking at it first." I tried once again to explain what the random moment program was and offered to show Dr. Walsh previous forms that Thom Chisholm had filled out in an attempt to show Dr. Walsh that there was nothing nefarious or fraudulent about them. Dr. Walsh said that she did not need to see anything that the previous superintendent had done because from what she had seen, many things were not done correctly and that she would not be filling out the form. I told Dr. Walsh that if she did not fill out the forms, which are generated by the state, then the school would not receive any Medicaid reimbursement money as it is a required component of the program and then offered to give Dr. Walsh the contact information from the state so she could verify the facts herself. Dr. Walsh again told me to call the state for her. She never did fill out the form, so I assume we received no Medicaid money for that quarter of the year.