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TO: Local Governmental Agency (LGA) and
Local Educational Consortium (LEC) Coordinators for
Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Programs

SUBJECT: **LGA MAA Contracts – Separate Contracts for County-Based MAA (CMAA)
and School-Based MAA (SMAA)**

Effective with the fiscal year (FY) beginning July 1, 2008, LGAs that currently contract for reimbursements for the performance of School-Based MAA (SMAA) through local educational agencies (LEAs) must maintain a separate SMAA contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

LEAs may contract for MAA reimbursements through either LECs or LGAs. Currently, LGAs maintain one contract with DHCS for MAA reimbursements for both SMAA and CMAA. Effective July 1, 2008, LEAs may only contract with an LGA if that LGA also maintains a separate contract with DHCS for SMAA.

CMAA and SMAA are separate programs, and their contracts serve separate purposes as defined in the contract exhibits. For an LGA with LEAs claiming MAA reimbursements, a new SMAA contract must be initiated. When the same LGA's existing CMAA contract exhibits currently contain SMAA language (such as the words "LEA" or "school"), a new CMAA only contract must also be initiated so that the contract language is relevant only to CMAA.

Because these contracts must be effective July 1, 2008, a Letter of Intent for SMAA and certain CMAA LGAs must be filed with DHCS to initiate new or amended contracts as follows:

- LGAs with LEAs currently claiming MAA reimbursements, the SMAA Unit will mail you the Letter of Intent to Participate by September 1, 2007.
- LGAs that do not currently have LEA claiming units but plan to add them, please contact Lonnie King in the SMAA Unit for the appropriate letter (lonnie.king@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 552-9535).
- LGAs that now have LEA claiming units under CMAA contracts that expire June 30, 2008, will be required to amend the CMAA contract or enter into a new contract to delete the school-based language. The CMAA Unit will contact you with instructions.
- LGAs that have no LEA claiming units but do have contracts containing school-based language will be contacted by the CMAA Unit with further instructions.

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To ensure timely execution of the new and amended contracts, please return the Letter of Intent to Participate within 60 days of receiving it.

All SMAA contracts, including those with LGAs, will be maintained by analysts of DHCS's SMAA Unit. If you have questions, please contact:
Ms. Barbara Schultz, Chief, SMAA Unit, at (916) 552-9616 or barbara.schultz@dhcs.ca.gov or
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Sincerely,

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