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TO: Local Educational Consortia and
Local Governmental Agency Coordinators for
School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

SUBJECT: Time Survey for Local Educational Agencies Claiming Medi-Cal
Administrative Activities for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-09

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is a notification of the designated first quarter time survey week for fiscal year (FY) 2008-09 for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The time survey results are used to determine the percentage of time spent on allowable School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA).

Although, the SMAA program was eliminated by CMS's new rule, CMS-2287-F, the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (S 2499) placed a moratorium on this rule. S 2499 provided for a moratorium precluding CMS from taking any action, including the promulgation or implementation of rules, prior to June 30, 2008. DHCS continues to identify efforts by congressional representatives in Washington, DC, to extend this moratorium.

LEAs may continue to conduct time surveys for first quarter of FY 2008-09; however, because of the potential change in status of the SMAA program, it is not definite that there will be any federal reimbursements for these activities. Conversely, LEAs will not qualify for federal reimbursements if no time surveys are conducted for the first quarter of FY 2008-09.

Therefore, time survey week for the first quarter of FY 2008-09 begins on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, and requires staff to time survey for five consecutive days when students are in session, in accordance with the 2007-08 California School-Based MAA Manual.

LEAs participating in SMAA must use the official LEA MAA Time Survey form. It is available for download at www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LocalGovernment.aspx.

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