

**Medi-Cal LEA Billing Option Program  
RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG)**

Meeting #9 Summary  
August 12, 2015

On Wednesday, August 12, the ninth RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meeting took place at DHCS in Sacramento. The following was accomplished during this meeting:

- Discussed stakeholder feedback received via the [Stakeholder Feedback Tool](#) regarding the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program RMTS. One stakeholder was concerned that contractor costs would no longer be allowable when the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program implements RMTS. The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program RMTS will include contractor costs. Although the IAG continues to work on the technical details as to how costs will be incorporated into the cost settlement process, DHCS expects LEAs to continue to be able to utilize contractors to provide services to students, and that Medi-Cal will incorporate these costs into cost settlement.
- Discussed the reorganization of the RMTS landing page, highlighting the increased visibility of the RMTS Quick Profile Page. The page is located under the Random Moment Time Study heading under Program Information ([RMTS Quick Profile Page](#)). The IAG discussed additional ways to communicate that RMTS information is available for stakeholder review, including providing a link to the LEA RMTS landing page on the SMAA weekly meeting agenda.
- Reviewed the initial draft list of LEAs that bill in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, but do not participate in SMAA. As part of the implementation plan, the IAG suggests conducting outreach to these LEAs regarding potential Program changes, since they are not currently participating in RMTS via SMAA. This list is in the process of being refined, but it appears that fifty or fewer LEAs bill for direct services without billing for administrative services.
- Discussed progress on the upcoming State Plan Amendment (SPA 15-021) currently being drafted by DHCS for submission to CMS by September 30, 2015. SPA 15-021 is currently undergoing inter-Departmental review and is on schedule to be submitted to CMS by September 30, 2015.
- Reviewed identified barriers and potential solutions to successful LEA RMTS implementation regarding communication, training, and local program administration. IAG members continued to share ideas on possible solutions to these barriers, which are under consideration by DHCS.
- Identified types of potential RMTS implementation trainees and discussed training topics for each respective group. In addition to discussing LEA participant training, the IAG brainstormed on potential statewide organizations that might benefit from understanding upcoming changes to the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, including California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), and California School Boards Association (CSBA), among others.
- Continued discussion of TCM services and how to minimize the potential for duplication of services under RMTS. After reviewing the risks associated with correctly identifying services as Code 2 versus Code 8 under RMTS, the IAG recommends that the Department consider limiting TCMS to the SMAA Program and eliminating this service from the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. The Department would like to review TCMS paid claims data and reach out to a sampling of LEA TCMS providers to discuss this issue, prior to making a final decision.

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- Began discussing specific implementation–related tasks in three general areas: Outreach to LEAs, Contracting/Technical, and Implementation. The IAG plans to discuss these areas further in the next meeting, and plans to begin identifying the critical path and timing associated with each of these tasks.
- The IAG continues to review and discuss stakeholder feedback submitted via the [Stakeholder Feedback Tool](#), and encourages stakeholders to submit feedback. The next RMTS IAG Meeting will take place in Sacramento on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.