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Department of Health Care Services



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DATE: October 21, 2014

PPL No. 14-016

TO: Local Educational Consortia (LEC) and
Local Governmental Agency Coordinators (LGA)

SUBJECT: Letter of Intent to Participate in the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)
Methodology

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to identify those Local Educational Consortia (LECs), Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs), and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) that will continue to participate in the School-Based Medical Administrative Activities (SMAA) program after June 30, 2014. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires such information to ensure the proper execution of the recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) deferral settlement between CMS and DHCS to resolve all deferred claims for the SMAA program.

On October 7, 2014, CMS provided DHCS with the terms of a CMS deferral settlement to resolve all of the SMAA program claims currently under CMS deferral. The CMS deferral settlement can be found at:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/ACLSS/SMAA/SMAA_Deferral_Resolution_CMS.pdf

The CMS deferral settlement includes an initial payment based on a sliding scale percentage for all SMAA claims submitted during the deferral period, as well as, all fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 claims. In addition to the sliding scale payments, a backcasting methodology will be developed to reconcile all claims from school districts that will continue with the SMAA program in and beyond FY 2014-15. For those claiming units, the backcasting methodology will include a specific set of percentages based on the original claim amount and will be based on four quarters of Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) data. For claiming units that no longer participate or will not participate in the SMAA program after June 30, 2014, the CMS deferral settlement utilizes a separate set of percentages for initial payment and does not include a backcasting component.

In order for DHCS to apply the correct percentages to the deferred claims, it is important to know which LECs, LGAs, and LEAs will continue to participate in the SMAA program after June 30, 2014. Please complete the attached "Intent to Participate" form and return to DHCS on or before October 31, 2014.

If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact Tony Teresi, Chief, School-Based MAA Unit at (916) 552-9049, or Tony.Teresi@dhcs.ca.gov

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JOHN MENDOZA

John Mendoza, Chief
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School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Program

Intent to Participate

_____ intends to participate in the
Name of LEC/LGA

the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) program in accordance with the SMAA Manual approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in June, 2014.

On or before November 30, 2014, _____
Name of LEC/LGA

will submit to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), a fully executed contract with the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) software vendor approved by the Local Education Consortia (LECs) and the Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs) in the state of California. Please include a list of the names and type of school districts that are serviced in the LEC/LGA region.

Signature _____ Date _____
LEC/LGA Coordinator

Please print _____
LEC/LGA Coordinator