

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

Meeting #31 Summary

December 12, 2017

On Tuesday, December 12th, the thirty-first RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meeting took place in Sacramento. The following was accomplished during this meeting:

- Review of stakeholder feedback from three groups on the following topics
 - One stakeholder asked how the RMTS percentage will be applied to LEA costs, noting that the SMAA invoice uses an average for RMTS Quarter 1 (July through September), and inquiring as to whether this averaging will affect the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) calculations. DHCS responded that **pending SPA 15-021 approval**, the annual LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program RMTS figure will be calculated using the average from the three quarterly time studies that occur during the quarters of October to December (Q2), January to March (Q3), and April to June (Q4).
 - A stakeholder commented that they use contractors to supplement services provided by their employed health service practitioners and asked if contractors would be required to participate in RMTS. The IAG discussed that SPA 15-021 **proposes** to exclude health service contractors from the RMTS, but does include their costs on the CRCS. If LEAs contract out for **all** health services, they will not be required to participate in RMTS; however, if an LEA employs health service practitioners and also contracts for these practitioners, only employed practitioners will be required to participate in RMTS. As a reminder, SMAA contractors are required to participate in RMTS.
 - A stakeholder presented several specific situations where they believe they will have complications when the integrated RMTS is implemented. DHCS will be using the following scenarios, among others, to inform upcoming trainings:
 - How to handle non-licensed staff that provide LEA billable nursing services, when the primary function of the staff is not to provide health services (e.g., teachers providing health aide services);
 - How to handle employees hired mid-quarter and whether you can bill for their services;
 - Dealing with hourly employees covering for a leave of absence or vacancy, in cases when the hourly employee does not have a regular schedule and cannot go on a TSP list;
 - How to handle THCA's that are not assigned to a student until after the TSP list is due to the LEC/LGA (creating an issue in this LEA whereby they do not know which THCA's will be providing billable LEA services prior to the quarter);
 - How to handle per diem employees on the TSP list.

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- The IAG discussed the recent New Jersey school-based audit findings, which can be located at: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region2/21501010.asp>.
- DHCS provided an update on SPA 15-021, indicating that DHCS has submitted the remaining Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) and the revised SMAA Manual to CMS, and was in discussion with CMS regarding the SPA effective date. CMS noted that they are reviewing all submitted documents and expect to respond to DHCS at the end of December 2017.
- The IAG reviewed a draft training presentation, which was prepared to inform Time Survey Participants (TSPs) about their roles and responsibilities under RMTS. The IAG suggested edits to the presentation and Navigant will finalize the training slides after the meeting and then submit them to DHCS to review. This training will not be presented to the LEA community until after CMS approves SPA 15-021. After SPA approval, the training will be available to all TSPs online, prior to the implementation of the integrated RMTS.
- The IAG reviewed a draft of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that are expected to be issued by DHCS in Spring 2018. DHCS will consider the IAG edits/additions to the proposed questions and will now draft answers to these questions. The FAQs have been developed primarily based on questions submitted via the [Stakeholder Feedback Tool](#) or based on issues that arose during IAG meeting discussion. DHCS encourages LEAs to submit questions that they would like considered for FAQs (send these to lea@dhcs.ca.gov).
- This meeting concludes the in-person IAG meeting schedule. DHCS thanked all IAG members for their commitment to the group and valuable feedback over the course of the meetings. DHCS plans to engage the IAG, as necessary, in the coming months as implementation of RMTS nears.