



School-Based Medi-Cal Programs Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)

RMTS OVERVIEW

What is RMTS?

RMTS is a federally approved, web-based, and accepted statistical sampling method that estimates the amount of time spent on various tasks (direct medical services or administrative activities), that randomly selects and assigns a “moment” in time (1 minute) to a pre-determined list of Time Survey Participants (TSPs).

Who Participates in the RMTS?

The RMTS supports two federal claiming programs – the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) and the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Program. All LEA employed direct medical service practitioners and administrative personnel must participate in the RMTS in order to receive federal reimbursement through either the LEA BOP or SMAA Program. Exception: LEAs that contract out for all direct health service practitioners do not participate in RMTS.

California has two participant pools:

- Pool 1 - Direct Service Practitioners: the LEA Coordinator identifies TSPs who perform and are eligible to bill for direct medical services under the LEA BOP.
- Pool 2 - Administrative Service Personnel: the LEA Coordinator identifies TSPs who perform administrative activities regularly for reimbursement through the SMAA Program.

How Does RMTS Work?

RMTS is administered quarterly, three times a year (October to December, January to March, and April to June). Moments are assigned randomly among all TSPs in the RMTS. The TSP will receive an email notification one (1) day before a moment has been randomly assigned. The moment must be answered within four (4) student attendance days. If the moment is not answered in the given time frame, the moment expires and CANNOT be answered.

TSPs should make a mental note and/or write down what they are doing during their assigned minute. TSPs do not have to stop what they are doing to respond to the moment; however, they must make sure to be aware of the “who, what, and why” behind the activity and provide focused and detailed answers describing the activity performed during the moment. When TSPs respond to a moment, they need to provide as much detail as possible and not use acronyms.

For more information on RMTS, please visit:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx

For more information on the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, please visit:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA.aspx>

For more information on the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program, please visit: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/SMAA.aspx>