Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

- What is RMTS?
  - A statistical sampling technique that will be used to capture the amount of time spent providing direct services to students by qualified health service practitioners that bill in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

- Why is DHCS moving to RMTS for the LEA Program?
  - As a term and condition of DHCS’ resolution to the SMAA program deferral, DHCS agreed to implement a combined cost allocation methodology for the SMAA and LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Programs

- SPA 15-021 will be submitted to CMS by 9/30/2015 and will include references to RMTS methodology.
RMTS results will be used to replace the “percentage of time” component on the CRCS:

Worksheet A: Costs of Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP

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<th>Practitioner Type</th>
<th>Does Your LEA Receive Federal Funding for this Practitioner Type?</th>
<th>Net Total Personnel Costs A</th>
<th>Percent of Time Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP B</th>
<th>Cost of Providing LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP C = A * B</th>
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<td>Psychologists</td>
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<td>Social Workers</td>
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<td>School Nurses</td>
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<td>Licensed Vocational Nurses</td>
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<td>Trained Health Care Aides</td>
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<td>184,101</td>
<td>28.24%</td>
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<td>Speech-Language Pathologists</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>345,248</td>
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<td>Audiologists</td>
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<td>Physical Therapists</td>
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<td>Physicians/Psychiatrists</td>
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a. Service Costs (Sum, F1 - F11) $167,557
b. Service Costs Excluded from Indirect Cost Rate Application $752
c. Service Costs Included in Indirect Cost Rate Application (a - b) $166,806
d. Indirect Cost Rate 6.22%
e. Indirect Costs (c * d) $10,375
f. Total Service Costs (a + e) $177,933
g. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) 50.00%
h. Medi-Cal Maximum Reimbursable (f * g) $88,966
i. Interim Medi-Cal Reimbursement for LEA Services Documented in an IEP or IFSP $90,992
j. Overpayment/(Underpayment) (i - h) $2,025
RMTS Design

- DHCS is working with a group of stakeholders on the RMTS design for the LEA Program.
  - Ten Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meetings to date
  - IAG meeting summaries on the LEA Program Website at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx

- The RMTS Stakeholder Feedback Tool is available on the LEA Program website (RMTS landing page, link above).
  - Submitted comments will be addressed during IAG Meetings
  - Submitted comments are treated confidentially
Overview of RMTS and how it impacts the LEA Program

Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program will be transitioning to a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) as part of the cost settlement process. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is working on the design and development of a new RMTS for Direct Services provided through the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. The results of the RMTS will be combined with provider-specific costs, in order to determine provider-specific reimbursement for direct service claiming.

For an overview of RMTS and the RMTS areas and topics that impact LEAs participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, please click on the link below:

IAG Meeting Summaries

Following are the RMTS IAG meeting summaries:
- RMTS IAG Summary - July 15, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - June 24, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - June 3, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - May 20, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - April 28, 2015
- RMTS IAG Summary - April 8, 2015
Steps in the Quarterly RMTS Process

Quarterly RMTS Process (excluding summer)

1. Identify RMTS Participant Pools
2. Identify Number of Time Study Moments by Pool (Moment = 1 minute)
3. Randomly Select Moments and Randomly Assign to Participants by Pool
4. Selected Participants Notified to Complete Moment
5. Moment Is Coded to Reflect Activity Performed
6. Use RMTS Results to Calculate Direct Health Service % to Apply to LEA Direct Costs
RMTS – Impact on Cost Settlement

Direct Costs ($)

RMTS Direct Health Service (%)

Indirect Cost Rate (ICR %)

Medicaid Eligibility Rate (MER %)

Total Medicaid Allowable Cost

Notes: Subject to CMS Approval; Transportation cost settlement will follow a separate methodology, which will not utilize RMTS results.

Note: (1) Under LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program
# LEA Billing Option Program
## RMTS “Quiz”

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<td>Will LEAs continue to submit claims to Medi-Cal?</td>
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<td>Will my LEA continue to receive interim reimbursement for submitted claims within the LEA Billing Option Program?</td>
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<td>Will RMTS eliminate the need for the CRCS?</td>
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<td>Will LEAs be required to continue reporting salaries, benefits and other costs on an annual cost report?</td>
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<td>Does RMTS eliminate the need to document delivery of services?</td>
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<td>Is my LEA required to participate in RMTS, once implemented?</td>
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<td>Can I communicate my questions/concerns to DHCS?</td>
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[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA_RMTS.aspx)

*Note: Responses are subject to CMS SPA Approval*