

SMAA Program or MAA

School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

School districts are connecting children and families to health services provided by Medi-Cal. SMAA can reimburse a portion of the related costs.

Medi-Cal offers medical services to children whose families are unable to pay healthcare costs. Many of those families are unaware of the program and do not know that they may be eligible for Medi-Cal assistance.

Schools play a key role in connecting families to Medi-Cal. The following reimbursable SMAA activities directly support Medi-Cal services for students and their families.

- Initial Medi-Cal Outreach
- Facilitating Medi-Cal Application
- Ongoing Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Medi-Cal Services
- Arranging Transportation in Support of Medi-Cal Services
- Translation Related to Medi-Cal Services
- Program Planning, Policy Development, and Interagency Coordination Related to Medi-Cal Services
- SMAA Administration, Coordination, and Training

The SMAA program allows school districts and county offices of education to be reimbursed federal dollars for costs incurred while performing certain administrative activities. Employees record their time worked on these activities and then a claim is submitted based on this information.

SMAA is a Federal Financial Participation (FFP) program, which requires a non-federal match. Approved SMAA costs are reimbursed at fifty percent (50%). Revenue is unrestricted.

Who should participate?

A TSP (Time Study Participant) is someone who routinely performs Medi-Cal school health services prescribed in an IEP and administrative activities that support Medi-Cal school health services.

A TSP cannot be 100% federally funded.

How to Participate in MAA or SMAA Program

In order to participate in the School Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) program we use the RMTS method which provides a statistically valid means of determining what portion of a participant's workload is spent performing activities that are reimbursable by Medi-Cal.

The Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) will include the distribution of moments to participants, at random, every quarter during the regular school year.

RMTS is NOT a management tool used to evaluate staff activities or performance.

RMTS staff at the school district level consists of both RMTS Coordinators and Time Study Participants (TSPs).

TSPs are required to respond in a timely manner to each and every moment they receive. If you have been randomly selected to participate in RMTS this quarter, your participation is required and will only take a few minutes of your time. Each school district must maintain an 85% response rate for the time study to be valid. School districts will be penalized for not meeting the required response rate.

Required: When you receive a moment/email from calec@pcgus.com

Answer the following prompts:

Were you working during your sample moment? (Select appropriate radio button when prompted)

- Yes, I was working
- No, Moment was before/after workday (This does not include lunch)
- No, Moment was during paid day off
- No, Moment was during an unpaid day off

If you believe you or anyone at your site qualify to participate, or if you just have questions, please contact Leona Smith (619) 644-8088.