



School Based Medi-Cal Services Programs

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Introductions & Overview

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Safety Net Financing Division (SNFD)

- The School Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Program
- The Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)

Introductions & Overview

Overview

- What is the School Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program?
- What is the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program?
- What is Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)?
- How are school districts reimbursed?
- What are the benefits in participating in the SMAA and LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option (LEA BOP) Programs?

What is SMAA?

- Access to health care
- SMAA is a Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program
- Administering the SMAA program
- Cost of certain administrative activities
- SMAA activities
- The Federal Financial Participation (FFP) rate

The History of SMAA

- Implemented in 1995
- Time Survey
- SMAA deferral
- Conditions of the deferral
- Interim claiming
- Stipulations for DHCS
- CMS settlement and backcasting

What is Random Moment Time Survey?

- RMTS Process
 - Who? What? And Why?
- Calculation of RMTS
- The Time Survey Participant (TSP) Universe
- Percentages for the SMAA Invoice

Why RMTS?

- The RMTS time survey
- Reimbursement to the district
- Assigned time study moment
- What is MAA and Non-MAA?

Participating in SMAA

- Increase Student Access to Health Coverage
- Total LEA Participation
- How to Participate

SMAA Website Resources

SMAA website:

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

- SMAA Program Contacts
- Regular Program Updates
- New SMAA Manual

- SMAA@dhcs.ca.gov

The screenshot shows the SMAA website homepage. It features a navigation menu on the left and a main content area on the right. The navigation menu includes sections for 'New to the Program: School Districts and LEAs', 'Program Information', 'Policies & Legislation', and 'Manuals & Training'. The main content area includes an 'Email Subscription Service' link, a 'For general inquires: smaas@dhcs.ca.gov' link, a 'PROGRAM UPDATE AS OF September 9, 2016' banner, and a 'SMAA Workgroup' section. The 'SMAA Workgroup' section is divided into two columns of links. The left column includes 'Service Regions and Contact Information', 'SMAA Program Contact Information', 'Program Description', 'SMAA Appeal Process', 'SMAA FAQs', 'MAC Agreement', 'OMB A-87 (Not DHCS)', and 'Policy and Procedure Letters'. The right column includes 'Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)', '(NEW) RMTS Training', 'Reasonableness Test Criteria & Interim Claiming', 'Reasonableness Test Criteria (RTC)', 'Tools & Templates', and '(NEW) Vendor Fee Worksheet'. The 'Manuals & Training' section includes '(NEW) SMAA Manuals' and 'SMAA SharePoint Training'. Arrows from the list on the left point to the 'SMAA@dhcs.ca.gov' link, the 'PROGRAM UPDATE AS OF September 9, 2016' banner, and the '(NEW) SMAA Manuals' link.

[Email Subscription Service](#): Subscribe/Unsubscribe to receive an email when there are changes or updates to the SMAA website.

For general inquires: smaas@dhcs.ca.gov

PROGRAM UPDATE AS OF September 9, 2016

SMAA Workgroup

New to the Program: School Districts and LEAs

- [Service Regions and Contact Information](#)
- [SMAA Program Contact Information](#)
- [Program Description](#)
- [SMAA Appeal Process](#)
- [SMAA FAQs](#)

Program Information

- [Random Moment Time Survey \(RMTS\)](#)
- [\(NEW\) RMTS Training](#)

Policies & Legislation

- [MAC Agreement](#)
- [OMB A-87 \(Not DHCS\)](#)
- [Policy and Procedure Letters](#)

Manuals & Training

- [\(NEW\) SMAA Manuals](#)
- [SMAA SharePoint Training](#)

Reasonableness Test Criteria & Interim Claiming

- [Reasonableness Test Criteria \(RTC\)](#)

Tools & Templates

- [\(NEW\) Vendor Fee Worksheet](#)

LEA BOP Introductions & Overview

Overview

- Program Description and Requirements
- Eligible Services and Practitioners
- Statistics and Trends
- State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-021 / Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)
- Resources

Program Description

The LEA BOP was established in 1993.

- Provides federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement to LEAs
- Reimbursement is based upon a "fee-for-service" model
- The majority of students served in LEA BOP have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or an Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP)
- LEA services not included in an IEP or IFSP limited to 24 services per 12 month period

How Does the LEA BOP Work?

- LEAs may employ or contract with qualified medical practitioners to render health services
- The LEA bills Medi-Cal for direct medical services provided by qualified practitioners
- Claims are filed using the traditional Medi-Cal fee-for-service system through the fiscal intermediary for DHCS
- School expenditures for rendered services are reimbursed at 50% of cost
- LEAs must annually submit the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)

Requirements

In order to seek reimbursement through the LEA BOP, the LEA must:

- Obtain [National Provider Identifier](#) (NPI) number
- Submit [Provider Participation Agreement](#) (PPA)
- Submit [Annual Report](#) (AR)
- Submit [Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule](#) (CRCS)
- Submit claims for direct health services through the Fiscal Intermediary

Eligible Practitioners

The following is a **general list** of the health professionals who are qualified rendering practitioners under the LEA BOP.

- Audiologist and Audiometrist
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Nurse
- Psychologist
- Physical Therapist
- Physician/Psychiatrist
- Occupational Therapist
- Optometrist
- Program Specialist
- School Counselor
- Social Worker
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Trained Health Care Aide

Eligible Services...

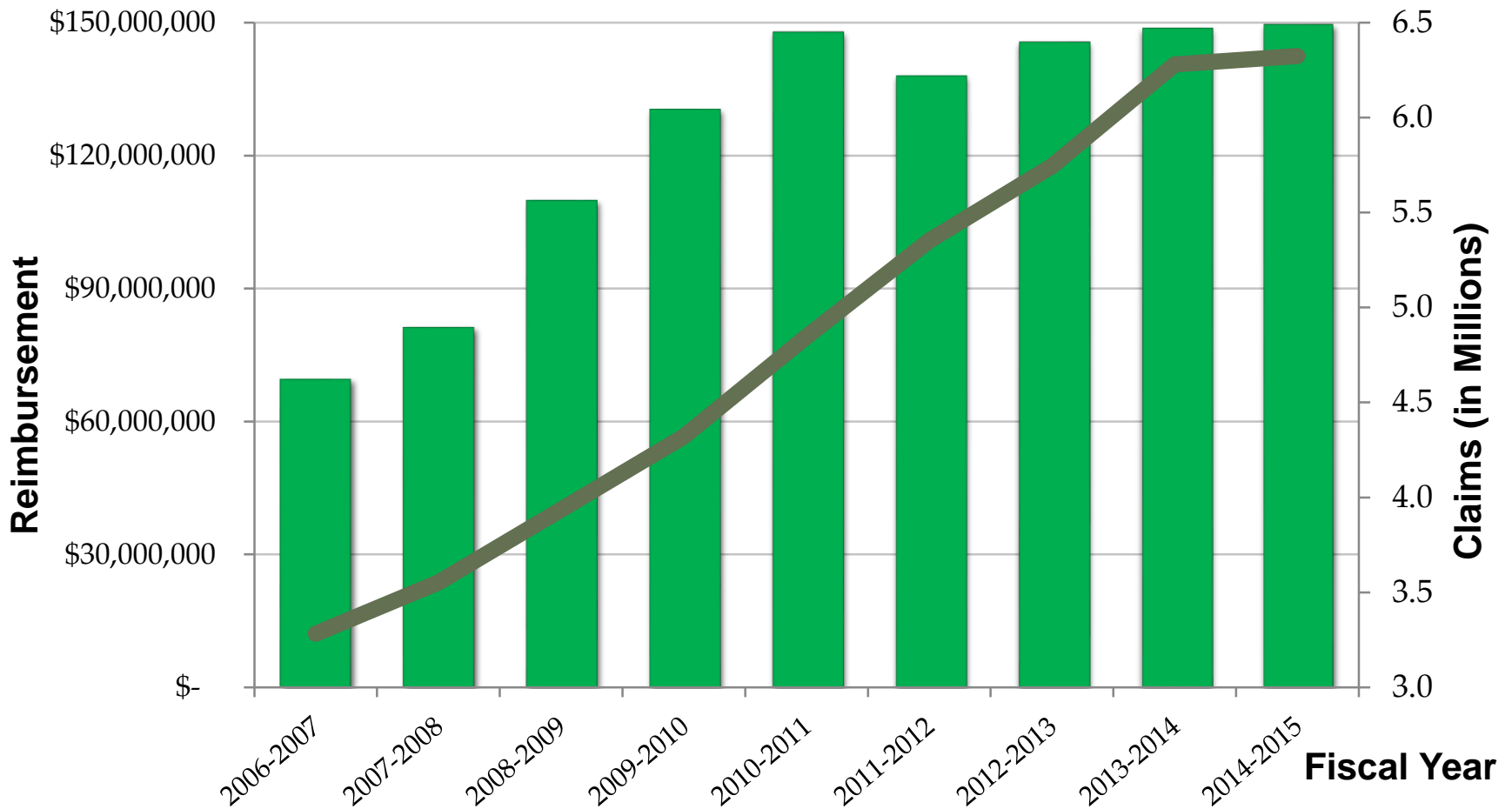
Following is a list of the current services eligible for reimbursement under the LEA BOP.

- Audiology Services
- Nursing and School Health Aide Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Services
- Physician Services
- Psychology/Counseling
- Speech Therapy
- Targeted Case Management
- Transportation (Medical)

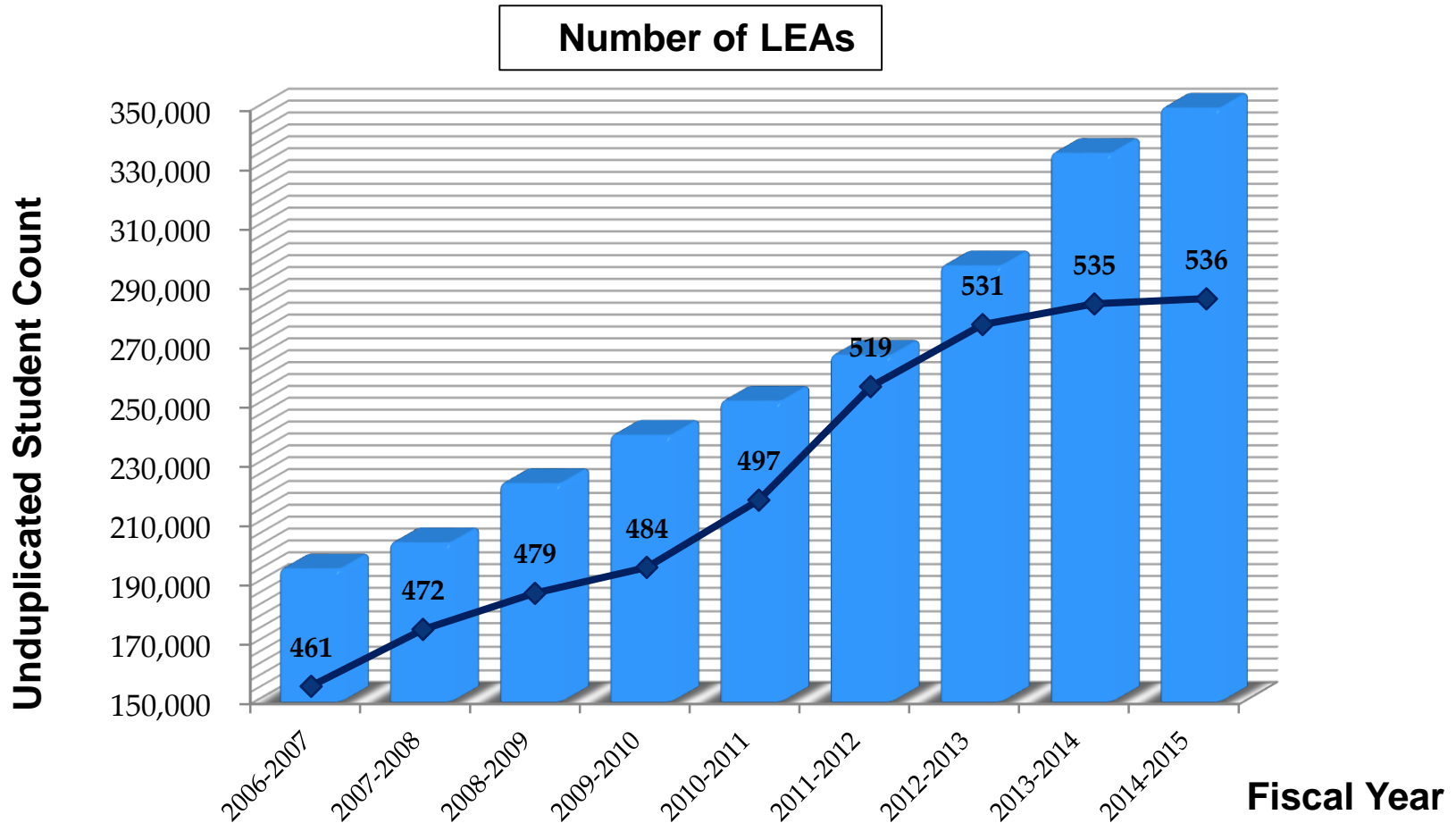
...By Assessments and Treatments

LEA Service Type	Assessment	Treatment
Audiology	✓	✓
Nursing/Health	✓	✓
Occupational Therapy	✓	✓
Physical Therapy	✓	✓
Psychology and Counseling	✓	✓
Speech Therapy	✓	✓
School Health Aide		✓
Developmental	✓	
Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance	✓	
Vision	✓	

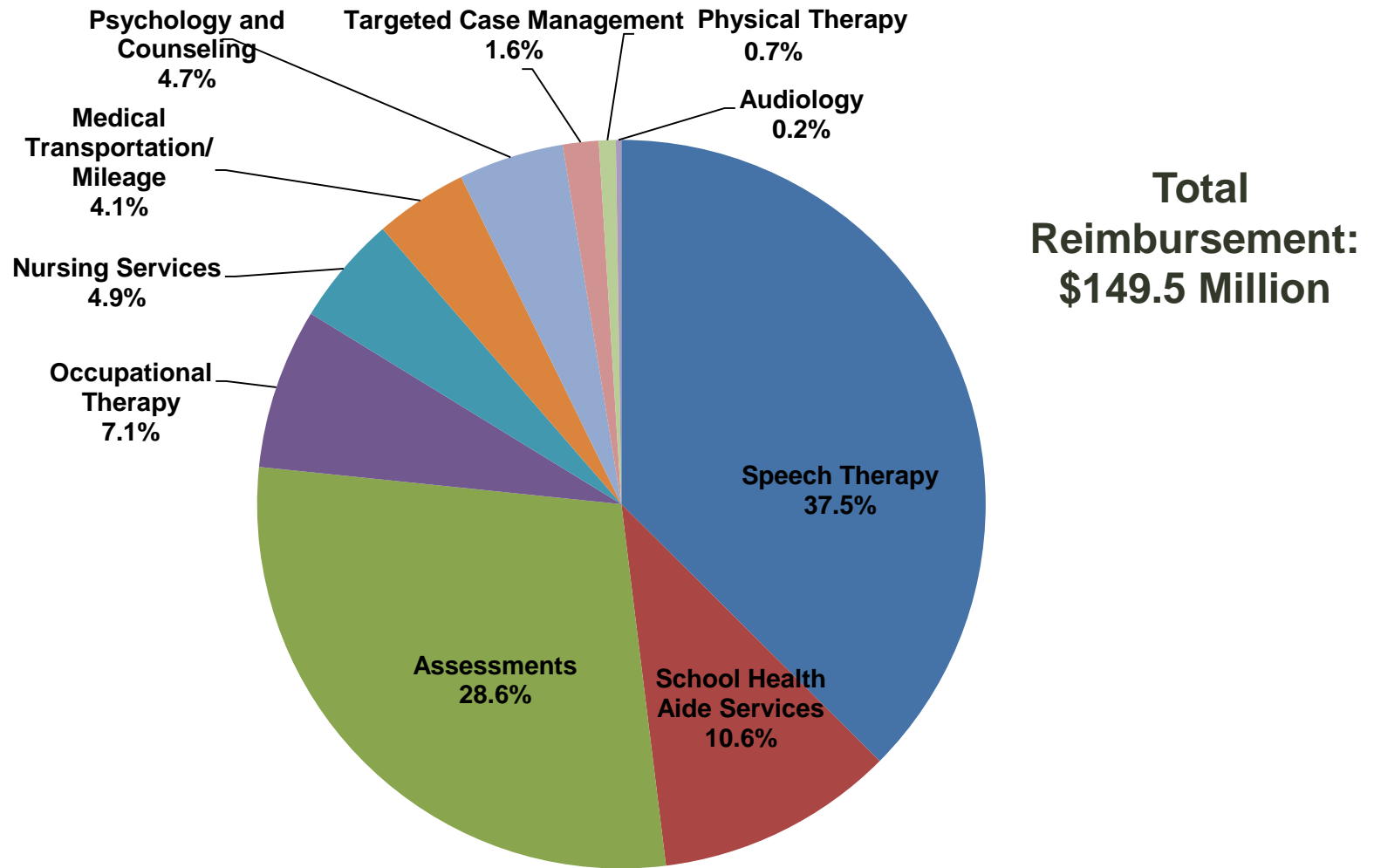
Program Growth Over Time



Growth in LEA Program Participation



Reimbursement by Service Type FY 2014-15



SPA 15-021 Overview

[SPA 15-021](#) was submitted on September 30, 2015, to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and includes:

- Coverage of Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries
- Expansion of covered LEA BOP services
- Expansion of qualified LEA BOP practitioners
- RMTS component of reimbursement

In December 2015, CMS sent DHCS approximately 60 Requests for Additional Information (RAIs).

PROPOSED Covered LEA Services

LEA Service Type	New Assessment	New Treatment
Nursing and School Health Aide Services		Activities of Daily Living Pending CMS Review
Nutritional Services		✓
Occupational Therapy Services		✓ (Group)
Orientation and Mobility Services	✓	✓
Physical Therapy Services		✓ (Group)
Respiratory Therapy Services	✓	✓

PROPOSED Qualified Practitioners

Service Provider
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Orientation and Mobility Specialist
Physician Assistant
Physical Therapy Assistant
Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker
Registered Dietician
Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Intern
Respiratory Care Practitioner
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Random Moment Time Survey

Why is the LEA BOP integrating [RMTS](#)?

How does RMTS fit into the LEA BOP?

- DHCS is working with a group of stakeholders on the RMTS design for the LEA BOP
- This **statistical sampling technique** will be used to estimate the amount of time spent providing LEA BOP approved Medi-Cal **direct services**
- The **web-based system** will randomly select and randomly assign a “moment” in time to a time survey participant

Does a LEA have to participate in RMTS to be in the LEA BOP?

LEA BOP Website Resources

Bookmark the [LEA BOP website!](#)

For general program information:

- Onboarding Handbook
- Random Moment Time Survey
- LEA Program Training FY 2016-17
- LEA Program Provider Manual

Or email the LEA BOP directly:

- LEA@dhcs.ca.gov

Getting Started	Publications & Bulletins
<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEA Program Requirements and Links to Required DocumentsOnboarding HandbookLEA Tool BoxInternal Administrative Functions ChartTech Assistance/Site Visit Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Claims ProcessingFYI - For Your InformationProvider BulletinsPaid Claims Data ReportsReports to the LegislatureAdvisory Workgroup Minutes
Program Information	Policies & Legislation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEA Program DescriptionRelated ProgramsGlossary of TermsFAQsRandom Moment Time Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">California Laws and RegulationsFederal Laws and RegulationsPolicy and Procedure Letters
Manuals & Training	Contact Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">NEW - LEA Program TrainingCRCS TrainingLEA Program Provider ManualRecommendation, Referral and Prescription RequirementsTransportation Billing GuideICD-10 General Equivalence MappingNEW - Nursing and School Health Aide Services Treatment Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEA Program EmailLEA Audits & Investigations EmailUpdate LEA Contact InformationLEA Program Contact InformationEmail Subscription Service
Tools & Templates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">NEW - Provider Participation Agreement / Annual ReportNEW - Cost and Reimbursement Comparison ScheduleEligibility Verification (DUA and POS)Targeted Case Management Labor Survey	

LEA BOP Resources / Contacts

- LEA BOP Website: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pages/lea.aspx>
- LEA BOP E-mail Subscription Form:
<http://apps.dhcs.ca.gov/listssubscribe/default.aspx?list=DHCSLEA>
- LEA BOP Mailbox for Policy or General Questions: LEA@dhcs.ca.gov
- Provider Enrollment Questions: (916) 323-1945
- California Department of Education (CDE):
 - Reinvestment Questions: (916) 319-0914
 - For *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* Questions contact:
[Focus Monitoring and Technical Assistance](#)
- Fiscal Intermediary Billing Questions: 1 (800) 541-5555

Comparison of SMAA and LEA BOP

	SMAA	LEA BOP
Overview	Provides 50%/75% FFP to school claiming units for Medi-Cal administrative activities	Provides 50% FFP to LEAs for Medi-Cal health related direct services
Population Served	Medi-Cal eligible students	Medi-Cal eligible special education students under age 22 and their families
Billable Services	Administrative Activities	Direct Health Services
Contract	DHCS contracts with LECs/LGAs LECs/LGAs contract with LEAs	DHCS contracts with LEAs
Requirements	Operational Plan; Direct Charge; RMTS	Provider Participation Agreement; Annual Report; CRCS (cost report); Documentation of services, RMTS
Claims	Quarterly invoicing via LEC/LGA	LEAs submit claims to the DHCS fiscal intermediary and are paid an interim rate which is reconciled annually through the CRCS.
Restrictions on Funds?	All costs must be in compliance with 45 CFR Part 75 but there are no restrictions on how to allocate reimbursements.	Funds must supplement, not supplant health and social services to students and their families. The LEA local collaborative makes reinvestment decisions.

Integrated Quarterly RMTS

