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TO: Local Educational Agency (LEA),
Local Educational Consortia (LEC), and
Local Governmental Agency (LGA),
Coordinators for the Local Educational Agency Billing Option Program (LEA
BOP) Concerning Administration of the Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)

Subject: RMTS Pre-Sample Question for Participant Pool 1 Time Survey Participants
(TSPs)

Purpose: This Policy and procedure Letter (PPL) provides notification to LEA/LEC/LGA Coordinators for the LEA BOP of the changes to the pre-sample questions for TSPs participating in the RMTS process.

Background: RMTS is a time survey methodology used to accurately assess a TSP's work time for the purpose of billing school-based Medi-Cal services and administration. TSPs are asked specific questions in the RMTS process.

Policy: This PPL notifies the LEA Coordinators participating in the LEA BOP and the LEC and LGA Coordinators administering the RMTS for the LEA BOP, that effective October 1, 2021, the second RMTS pre-sample question is updated to the RMTS System Software Platforms (SSP) for Participant Pool 1 TSPs (direct medical service practitioners). The update was made to clarify and simplify the pre-sample question for TSPs; the intent of the question has not changed.

The Department of Health Care Services has updated the following second pre-question to all RMTS SSPs to read as follows:

Was this activity related to an assessment or screening, or related to a service that is authorized in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP), or other service/care plan?

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Possible responses to this question will include “Yes”, “No”, or “Not Sure”. The responses to this question will help RMTS Coders determine the specific code assignment.

If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact the LEA BOP at RMTS@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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