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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently received comments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding their review of the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Manual revisions that were submitted for approval in November 2017. The SMAA Manual revisions added provisions to incorporate the Local Educational Agency Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) into the Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) process. These initial CMS comments focused primarily on a policy change for the notification and response timeline for the RMTS moments. Existing policy requires a 5 student attendance day advanced notice prior to receiving a moment and a 5 student attendance day response period. The new policy would require **no advanced notification and a 2 day response period** for all moments. DHCS would like to request your input on how this proposed direction would impact you/your programs.

Please submit your comments to the SMAA mailbox at smaa@dhcs.ca.gov or the LEA mailbox at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov by close of business Friday, January 19, 2018.