

SMAA Regions



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What is SMAA?

The School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Program reimburses certain staff costs to school districts, charter schools, and community colleges when school employees administer the Medi-Cal program. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) oversees the SMAA program.

The activities eligible for the SMAA Program reimbursement are those that directly support:

- 1 Efforts to identify and enroll eligible children into Medi-Cal.
- 2 Administrative costs associated with providing direct medical services that are covered by Medi-Cal.

For more information visit

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What is reimbursable in the SMAA Program?

Schools ask students if they have health coverage. If they don't, the schools give them information about coverage under Medi-Cal. Or, if a student needs help with a mental health issue, or needs substance abuse counseling (both covered by Medi-Cal), the child is referred to a provider. The SMAA Program reimburses for these activities, and others, which are likely happening in your district already. By participating in the SMAA Program, your district could benefit from the reimbursement for these activities.

How reimbursement works

Districts are reimbursed by determining the proportion of time their staff spend on the SMAA Program using a process called Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS). This web-based system surveys employees with three questions that help determine which activities can be reimbursed. The employee is randomly selected for the survey, as are the date and time of the questioning. The selected employee is asked three open-ended questions about their work during a specific moment in time.

- 1 WHO WERE YOU WITH?
- 2 WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
- 3 WHY WERE YOU DOING IT?



How do I participate?

You should contact the Local Educational Consortia (LEC) or Local Governmental Agency (LGA) in your area. These entities work directly with DHCS to process reimbursements on behalf of the school district. For a complete list of regional LECs and LGAs, please visit: <http://dhcs.ca.gov/SMAA>