

Region 9 LEC

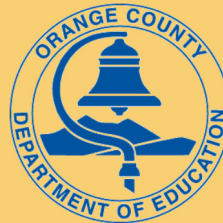
Local Educational Consortium

Since 1999, school agencies in Orange, San Diego, and Imperial counties have contracted with the Orange County Superintendent of Schools to participate in the SMAA program through Region 9 LEC.



Regional Make-up:

- 59 claiming units (including 1 SELPA and 3 COES)
- Approx. 10,000 participants
- Regional Compliance Rate of +96%



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School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program (SMAA)



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School-Based Medi-Cal

Good health is essential for successful student achievement. The state of a child's physical and mental health can improve school performance by:

- * Increased attendance
- * Increased concentration levels in the classroom
- * Expanded ability to participate in extracurricular activities

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 SMAA program allows school districts, SELPAs, county offices of education and community colleges to be reimbursed for costs incurred while performing certain administrative activities related to mental health, speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

California makes use of an ongoing time survey of qualified participants—which is simple and easy to use—that measure how staff spend their paid time working. An invoice is then created, submitted to the LEC and then to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

SMAA Program Basics

Typical program activities:

- * Medi-Cal outreach to potentially eligible individuals about Medi-Cal programs and services
- * Referral, coordination and monitoring of Medi-Cal covered health services
- * Providing translation for Medi-Cal covered health services
- * Arranging transportation to a Medi-Cal covered health services.
- * Developing policies and procedures for access to Medi-Cal covered health services

Program components:

- * Participation in Time Survey (RMTS) – 3 times a year, web-based platform
- * Submission of an Invoice claim for reimbursement approx. 12-15 months after the last day of a fiscal quarter. Invoice documents include salary, benefits and other costs, Medi-Cal eligibility rate, and the district's Indirect Cost Rate.
- * Audit file/Record retention

Participant requirements:

District administration identifies potential employees to participate in a time survey who are:

- * Employee of the school district (payroll or contracted)
- * Not 100% federally funded or 100% funded by the district's Indirect Cost Rate
- * Regularly perform SMAA activities and their job title/duties align to the State's pre-approved job categories

SMAA Program Costs

LEC Administrative Support Fee:

This fee is currently based on 4.5% of quarterly SMAA Invoices submitted for reimbursement. The percentage withheld includes the State's program participation fee which is based on the regions overall proportionate share of the state of CA's cost for providing administrative services for the SMAA claiming process.

RMTS Software Platform Fee:

This fee varies by district and is based on each district's actual cost of utilizing the RMTS Software Platform. The Region 9 LEC is currently contracted with a third party system vendor, PCG Consulting.

Current fees are calculated based on:
 $\$0.67/TSP/qtr * 1qtr + \$1.34/TSP/qtr * 3qtrs$

- * Districts can include these costs in their reimbursement claims.

Optional Invoicing Service Fee:

Beginning with the FY2015/16, the Region 9 LEC office began offering an *optional* service to participating districts for the preparation of the SMAA Invoices.

We currently provide 14 claiming units with this optional service. The current fee is an additional 2% of quarterly SMAA Invoices submitted for reimbursement.

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