

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All School Districts
Participating in the SSHSP
Random Moment Time Study
(RMTS)

FROM: NYS OHIP SSHSP & NYSED
Medicaid in Education Units

DATE: December 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Moment Expiration
Update

The purpose of this Medicaid Alert is to notify SSHSP RMTS Coordinators and Participants that effective January 1, 2015, the RMTS moment expiration process will change to comport with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. In addition to changes in the moment expiration process, RMTS participants will no longer be notified in advance of a moment, but rather, will receive notification at the exact time of their moment.

Moment Expiration Changes to be Implemented for the January-March 2015 Quarter

Moments assigned to RMTS participants throughout the January-March quarter are required to be submitted within **three (3) school days** from the time of the moment. After three (3) school days, the moment expires, it can no longer be accessed or submitted by the participant, and will count as a "Non-Response."

Moment Expiration Changes to be Implemented April 1, 2015

Effective April 1, 2015, moments assigned to RMTS participants are required to be submitted within **two (2) school days** from the time of the moment. After two (2) school days, the moment expires, it can no longer be accessed or submitted by the participant and will count as a “Non-Response.”

How Does This Change Impact My District?

“Non-Response” moments decrease both the RMTS district moment compliance and statewide compliance. The expectation is that all districts meet or exceed a 90% response rate each quarter. Districts with low response rates will cause the calculated statewide average direct medical service percentages (DMSP) to be artificially reduced and will ultimately have a negative effect on the annual cost settlement amount.

RMTS Coordinator Requirements

RMTS Coordinators **must notify all district participants of this change immediately** and ensure participants understand moments are required to be submitted within **3 school days** for the January 2015-March 2015 quarter and are required to be submitted within **2 school days** for the April 2015-June 2015 quarter and future quarters.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this alert, please contact the NYS Department of Health at (518) 473-2160, or Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) at 1-866-912-2974 at NYSSHSP@pcgus.com or your local Regional Information Center representative, or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid Unit at medined@mail.nysed.gov.