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**Subject:** Increase in Personal Care Services Random Moment Time Study Sampled Moments

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**Programs Affected:** School Based Services Random Moment Time Study

The School Based Services program utilizes a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) as one of the steps to allocate costs between educational services and medical services that are covered by Medicaid. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval of the RMTS methodology mandated that a minimum confidence level of 95% with a +/- 2% precision rate be maintained to assure statistical validity. To attain this level of statistical validity, the time study random moment sampling must result in 2,401 valid moments per quarter.

In two of the prior quarters the Personal Care Services staff pool moments did not meet this threshold. Since validity levels were not maintained the Michigan Department of Community Health is taking corrective action steps to assure that future quarters are within mandated validity levels. Effective with the April through June 2011 time study quarter, the sample size for the Personal Care Services staff pool will be increased from 3,000 moments selected per quarter to 3,200 moments selected per quarter to assure statistical validity. The number of moments selected for the summer quarter (July through September) will remain at 800 for all staff pools.

This change only affects the Personal Care Services staff pool.

### Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until applicable information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

### Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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