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Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS) Report
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We still have not received any word from the State on the status of the Federal Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit report on Minnesota's Medical Assistance (MA) school-based administrative claiming. Many collaboratives across the state have set dollars aside for this possible payback situation, while others have decided not to address the issue until the outcome is announced and decision is made about repayment by the State. Based on the sizeable amount of the statewide repayment figure, some speculation has occurred about whether the responsibility will be passed along to collaboratives, or if the State will absorb the loss due to the fact that it was not the fault of collaboratives which caused the problem.

Though the end of this school year is drawing near, it is already time to think ahead to plans for the next school year and scheduling of LCTS training for participants. It is a good practice for me to meet with all of the time study participants to at least once during the year to provide updates and answer any questions the participants may have with regard to the time study. Although there have not been any major changes to the time study or the codes themselves, participants almost always have specific questions about past situations that arose and proper coding.

Most of the schools have probably already begun planning their fall in-service schedules. I would ask you to please keep this short 30 minute training in mind as you develop your schedules. I will be in touch with each partner that has time study participants to offer this training. Although Public Health and Corrections do not operate on the school schedule, it is still appropriate for me to visit with these folks as well and I will request time with these participants in the coming summer months.

On a side note, I would once again like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved with the Clay County Collaborative for their continued commitment to the time study and for allowing me to manage this project on behalf of the Collaborative. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to watch the process of collaboration among the partners grow and grow. I believe this Collaborative is stronger than ever due to the positive changes that have occurred during recent years.

