

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY MEDI-CAL BILLING OPTION PROGRAM (LEA BOP) STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch: Regina Zerne

School-Based Claiming and Services Section: Stephanie Magee

LEA Operations Unit: Sarah Borkowski, Rehana Sharma, Edward Jackson, Lydia Outland, Ankita Singh

LEA Program Unit: Danitzia Singh, Toua Vang, Shadie Lee, Mindy Vang

School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities: Tara Gutierrez

Guidehouse: Marna Metcalf, John Azpeitia, Audrey Pinto

Guest Speakers:

California Department of Education (CDE): Dominick Robinson, Karrie Sequeria

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware: Dr. Mikah Owen

Office of Strategic Partnerships: Kenna Cook, Kevin Gerard

Audits and Investigations (A&I): Brandon Smith, Said Mural, Shalini Johal

- 10:30 – 10:40** Welcome, Introductions, Reminders, Meeting Minutes
- 10:40 – 10:55** CDE Updates
- 10:55 – 11:10** ACEs Screening Presentation
- 11:10 – 11:35** Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Statewide Multi-Payer Fee Schedule Updates
- 11:35 – 12:00** A&I Updates
- 12:00 – 1:00** Lunch Break
- 1:00 – 1:20** LGFD Status Update Summary Highlights and Discussion Points
 - » Data Use Agreement Redetermination Update
 - » Mental Health Coordination
 - » Home-to-School Transportation Reimbursement Program
 - » Update to College¹ Billing
 - » Assembly Bill 483

¹ Colleges are defined in the LEA BOP as Community College Districts, California State University Campuses, and University of California Campuses.



- » Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule
 - State Fiscal Year 2022-23 due Friday, March 1, 2024
 - Noncompliance Update
- » Outstanding Annual Reports
- » Technical Assistance
- » Announcing “Best Practices” breakout sessions coming in April
- » General Reminders
- » LEA BOP Inboxes
 - Termination of the LEA.CRCS.Questions@dhcs.ca.gov inbox

1:20 – 2:20 Training: Cost Reimbursement Comparison Schedule SFY 2022-23

2:20 – 2:30 Wrap up/Conclusion

Next LEA BOP Stakeholder Meeting:

LEA BOP Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting

April 24, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Future agenda items or training requests may be sent to LEA@dhsc.ca.gov.

**Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)
Status Update Summary
January 31, 2024**

Audit Updates:

1) Cost Report Tracking Section (CRTS)

- State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2023 extension requests must be submitted to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov prior to the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) due date.
 - Requirements for extension requests:
 - Must be submitted prior to the cost report due date.
- E-mail must include the LEA name, National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, reason for an extension, and your anticipated submission date.
- Please contact LEA@dhcs.ca.gov for a copy of the Certification of Zero Reimbursement form with your reasonings.
- Complete cost report packages must be submitted in one e-mail with the correct naming convention in the e-mail subject line. Packages must be emailed to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov.
 - The naming convention for the subject line is: State Fiscal Year.NPI Number.LEA Name.Submission Date.CRCS
- Required documents include:
 - Excel Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)
 - PDF CRCS Certification and Signature
 - Grouping Schedule or Bridging Document containing details for employees' salaries and benefits (by quarter), contractor costs, other costs, and transportation costs.
 - Production Log that identifies all employed and contracted practitioners and total units of services and interim Medi-Cal reimbursements received for LEA services rendered.
- Common CRCS rejection reasons:
 - Discrepancy between the reported Total Over/Underpayment in the PDF Certification and Excel Certification page.
 - How to fix: Ensure that reported amounts match between the PDF Certification and Excel CRCS.
 - Incomplete CRCS Certification – all fields must be filled out on the PDF Certification and Excel CRCS Certification tab.



- Incomplete cost report package – all required documents as noted in the CRCS Instructions and Information must be submitted/resubmitted.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding your submission, please e-mail LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov. We appreciate and encourage communication with the LEAs.

2) Special Programs Section (SPS)

- SPS Staff Update.
 - Stacy Fox is the new Financial Review Outpatient Behavioral Health Division (FROBHD) Chief.
 - Brandon Smith is the new SPS Chief.
 - LEA Audit Manager Martin Alvarez has retired.
 - Said Mursal is the new SPS LEA Audit Manager.
- SFY 2023-2024 California Assembly Bill (AB) 483 (Chaptered 2023) takes effect on January 1, 2024 for CRCS FYE 06/30/23 forward.
- AB 483 administration resources allocated to SPS will be used to meet the bill’s requirement to issue interim settlements or final settlements within 12 months of the March 1 CRCS filing date and, if interim settlements are issued, issue the final settlements within 18 months of the March 1 CRCS filing date.
 - Questions specific to your LEA’s audit can be directed to: LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov

**CRCS Settlement Schedule
As of 01/29/24**

CRCS FYE	CRCS Accepted	Interim Issued	Final Issued	Interim Issued By	Final Issued By
6/30/2015		529	-	525	06/01/25
6/30/2016	Amended	513	-	217	06/01/25
6/30/2017	Amended	521	-	54	09/01/25
6/30/2018	Amended	519	-	52	09/01/25
6/30/2019	Amended	524	-	0	12/01/24
6/30/2020		520	-	0	03/01/25
6/30/2021		516	47	463	03/01/24
6/30/2022		509	398	111	03/01/24
6/30/2023				10/01/24	9/1/2025*

*Final settlements will be issued within 18 months of the submission date.

- Settlements will be issued to or collected from the LEA within 3 weeks of the interim or final settlement report date.

Fiscal Intermediary Updates:

3) Public Health Emergency (PHE) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rate Update

- The FMAP has reverted to the standard federal government's share of California's expenditures for Medicaid at 50 percent as of January 1, 2024.

4) Community College Claiming

- The Department of Health Care Services DHCS has identified an incorrect adjudication for claims associated with colleges that have more than one provider type. The claims have been erroneously assigned under an incorrect Provider Type, instead of Provider Type 55 that is designated to the LEA BOP.
- DHCS implemented changes on December 26, 2023, for the Fiscal Intermediary to assign these claims to LEA BOP Provider Type 55 for proper adjudication.

Program Updates

5) Compliance Documents

- Providers who do not submit compliance documents (i.e., Provider Participation Agreement, Annual Report, Data Use Agreement) may be put on a reimbursement withhold and/or terminated from the LEA BOP. LEAs must submit the required documents to LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov.
- SFY 2023-24 Annual Report Reminder
 - The Annual Report was due to DHCS on November 30, 2023.
 - Please submit your Annual Report as soon as possible to LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov.
 - Must be submitted electronically (with digital signature)

6) Program Guide – Assembly Bill (AB) 483

- The LEA BOP Administrative withhold is five percent effective January 1, 2024.
 - Includes previous administrative withholds of one percent and two percent.
 - AB 483 added an additional two percent withhold to fund staffing for the new requirements.
- Targeted technical assistance is being offered to LEAs with 25 percent or greater difference between submitted cost report and the final audited settlement.



- DHCS will post on our website an updated program guide by July 1, 2024.
 - DHCS must give LEAs a 30-day notice on any Program Guide updates.
- DHCS will publish analyses of audit impact and financial findings.
- Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) reports filed for FY 2022-23 will:
 - Receive a final or interim settlement within 12 months of the due date.
 - For those LEAs that received an interim settlement, the final audited settlement will be issued within 18 months of the date the CRCS was submitted.

7) LEA BOP Provider Manual Updates

- LEA BOP aims to consolidate Policy and Procedure Letter (PPLs) information into a single accessible resource.
- As PPLs are incorporated into the provider manual, eblasts will announce that the PPLs have been archived.
- DHCS is focusing on the following PPLs relating to Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Telehealth and will follow-up via e-blast to notify LEA BOP Providers of the removal.
 - TCM: PPL 20-045, PPL 20-033, and PPL 15-016.
 - Telehealth: PPL 21-019, PPL 20-014R, PPL 15-024, PPL 15-024R.

8) LEA BOP E-blasts

- October 2023
 - 17 LEA BOP October Stakeholder Meeting Invite
- November 2023
 - 1 Keep Your Communities Covered: Schools and Families Webinar
 - 1 LEA BOP SFY 2023-24 Annual Report
 - 6 LEA BOP PPL 23-006 Notification Termination of Public Health Emergency
 - 13 Upcoming Webinar—An Introduction to LEA BOP for Small and/or Rural LEAs
 - 16 Keep Your Community Covered: Schools and Families—Thursday, November 30, 2023, 3pm-4pm (PST)
 - 16 New Re-Enrollment Output File—Know Before Disenrollment
 - 16 Quarterly RMTS & SMAA Conference Call
 - 17 LEA BOP School-based Toolkit and Keep Your Medi-Cal
 - 17 Updated PPL 23-006 Notification Termination of Public Health Emergency



- 29 LEA BOP SFY 2023-24 Annual Report Reminder
- 30 LEA BOP SFY 2023-24 Annual Report Due Date Reminder
- December 2023
 - 7 CRCS Training
 - 13 Upcoming Webinar
 - 21 LEA BOP January Stakeholder Meeting
- January 2024
 - 2 CYBHI Cohort Billing and RMTS Information
 - 8 LEA BOP CRCS January 2024 Check-In Meeting
 - 26 LEA BOP January 2024 Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

9) LEA BOP Provided:

- Nine Technical Assistance (TA) visits since the October LEA BOP Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting. TA was provided to LEA BOP Providers for the following reasons:
 - The 25% audit adjustment.
 - General LEA BOP overview/introduction.
 - CRCS Assistance.
- Trainings:
 - "LEA BOP Support: How to Start and Participate in a Billing Consortium" Workshop on January 16, 2024.
 - State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-23 Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) Check-In on January 11, 2024.
 - DHCS CRCS 2022-23 Training on December 14, 2023.
 - "An Introduction to LEA BOP for Small and/or Rural LEAs" workshop on December 11, 2023.
 - "Keep Your Community Covered: Schools and Families" webinar on November 16 and November 30, 2023.
 - "Including Contractors in the LEA BOP" workshop on November 6, 2023.
 - "LEA BOP and the Time Survey Participant (TSP) List" workshop on October 19, 2023.

If you are interested in receiving personalized technical assistance, please submit a [Technical Assistance Request](#) form to LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.



Please see the [Training Page](#) on the LEA BOP website where you can find these and other trainings.

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