

DHCS – CYBHI Cohort 1 Billing and RMTS Information

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**Local Educational Agency
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LEA BOP and MULTI-PAYER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

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To All Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Statewide Multi-Payer School-linked Fee Schedule Cohort 1 (Cohort 1):

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is providing preliminary information for billing and for the random moment time survey (RMTS) for LEAs participating in both the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) and Cohort 1. This information does not apply to LEAs that are not in Cohort 1.

What you need to know

- Do not submit any claims for behavioral health services rendered to students with dates of services on or after January 1, 2024, for LEA BOP or CYBHI until after attending the Cohort 1 Kick-Off meeting on January 26, 2024. Details for meeting registration will be shared by the Office of Strategic Partnerships. Any questions can be directed to DHCS.SBS@dhcs.ca.gov.
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 - Information on how to submit behavioral health services claims to each of the two programs will be provided during the January 26, 2024, kick-off meeting.
- For behavioral health assessments and services, time survey participants (TSPs) in the LEA BOP RMTS system software platform are required to respond as follows to the pre-question “Was the behavioral health assessment, screening or service authorized in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP)?”
 - Yes, if it is solely related to an IEP or IFSP.
 - No, if it is related to any other type of care plan.
 - Not Sure, if the practitioner is not aware.
- Cohort 1 LEAs must train their TSPs in how to respond to the pre-question applicable to fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 quarter 3 moments and forward.
 - This response of No to care plans other than IEPs or IFSPs ensures that time spent on behavioral health services for general education students will not be captured in the LEA BOP payments.
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Why this is important

- A behavioral health service rendered to one student may not be billed to both programs.
- Not adhering to the above instructions may be construed as duplicate billing and corrective measures may be taken.
- Because the LEA BOP payment methodology uses the Direct Medical Service Percentage (DMSP) based on responses to the RMTS, LEAs in Cohort 1 must respond differently than other LEAs in order to exclude CYBHI fee schedule moments from the DMSP.
 - Behavioral health services for students related to an IEP or IFSP should be billed to LEA BOP.
 - Behavioral health services related to other service/care plans, or no service/care plan will be submitted to CYBHI fee schedule.

We are here to help

- If you have questions about the RMTS responses, please e-mail the RMTS@dhcs.ca.gov.
- For information regarding the CYBHI Multi-Payer Fee Schedule, please e-mailDHCS.SBS@dhcs.ca.gov.
- For information regarding the LEA BOP, visit the [LEA BOP website](#).
- For general LEA BOP questions, e-mail DHCS at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.
- For personalized assistance, request a [Technical Assistance visit](#).

Sincerely,

LEA BOP Staff

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