



Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) was established in 1993, in collaboration with the California Department of Education (CDE), to fund Healthy Start Programs. It is authorized under California's Welfare and Institutions Code section 14132.06, and reimbursement is based upon a "fee-for-service" model.

The LEA BOP reimburses LEAs (school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, community colleges, and university campuses) for health-related services already provided by qualified health service practitioners to Medi-Cal enrolled students. Eligible services include:

- Audiology Services
- Health and Mental Health Evaluation and Education Assessments
- Medical Transportation
- Nursing Services
 - Activities of Daily Living
- Nutritional Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology and Counseling
- School Health Aide Services
- Speech Therapy
- Targeted Case Management
- Respiratory Therapy

GOAL

To allow LEAs to become Medi-Cal providers and bill the LEA BOP for certain health related assessments and services that have already been provided by qualified health service professionals to Medi-Cal enrolled students.

TARGET POPULATION

Medi-Cal eligible individuals under the age of 22 and primarily attending Public School, Charter Schools, Community Colleges, and Universities.

WHO PROVIDES SERVICES

The services are delivered through the LEAs. The LEAs either employ practitioners who provide the services on site, or use practitioners under contract with the LEA.

FUNDING

The LEA BOP is funded with a combination of local and federal Title XIX and XXI funds. Claims are filed using the traditional Medi-Cal fee-for-service system through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) fiscal intermediary. LEAs pay 100 percent for the services and are reimbursed the maximum federal reimbursement for each individual service; therefore, there is no State General Fund expense for this program.

COST SETTLEMENT

LEAs must annually certify that the public funds expended for LEA services provided are eligible for Federal Financial Participation pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Section 433.51. DHCS must reconcile the interim Medi-Cal reimbursements to LEAs with the costs to provide the Medi-Cal services. The Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule is used to compare each LEA's total actual costs for LEA services to interim Medi-Cal reimbursement for the preceding fiscal year.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup meets bi-monthly and is comprised of large, medium and small LEAs, community colleges, Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs), Local Educational Consortia (LECs), DHCS, CDE, and professional associations with the purpose to enhance Medi-Cal services on school sites, increase access of care for students, and increase Medi-Cal reimbursement for LEAs.

DHCS offers technical assistance to LEAs in need of support regarding the LEA BOP. Interested LEAs may complete the Site Visit/Technical Assistance Request Form found on the LEA BOP website, under the 'Getting Started' section.

RANDOM MOMENT TIME SURVEY

As of July 1, 2020, DHCS implemented the Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) methodology for LEA BOP. The RMTS is a federally approved, web-based, and accepted statistical sampling method that is used to capture the amount of time spent providing both administrative activities and direct services to Medi-Cal enrolled students.

For more information on the LEA BOP, please email DHCS at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov or visit our website at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/LEA.aspx>.