

Practitioner-Performed Assessment Services Reimbursable to LEAs

| Practitioner | IEP/IFSP ASSESSMENTS | | | | | | | | NON-IEP/IFSP ASSESSMENTS | | | | | |
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| | Psychological | Psychosocial Status | Health | Health/Nutrition | Audiological | Speech-Language | Physical Therapy | Occupational Therapy | Psychosocial Status | Health/Nutrition | Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance | Hearing ⁽¹⁾ | Vision ⁽¹⁾ | Developmental |
| Registered Credentialed School Nurse | | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | X ⁽⁶⁾ | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | |
| Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist | | | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | X ⁽⁶⁾ | X ⁽⁶⁾ | X ⁽⁶⁾ | |
| Licensed Optometrist | | | | | | | | | | | | | X ⁽⁶⁾ | |
| Licensed Clinical Social Worker | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Credentialed School Social Worker | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Licensed Psychologist | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Licensed Educational Psychologist | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Credentialed School Psychologist | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Credentialed School Counselor | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | X ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| Licensed Physical Therapist | | | | | | | X ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽³⁾ |
| Registered Occupational Therapist | | | | | | | | X ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | X ⁽³⁾ |
| Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist | | | | | | X ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | X ⁽⁴⁾ | | X ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Speech-Language Pathologist | | | | | | X ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | X ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | X ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| Licensed Audiologist | | | | | X ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽⁴⁾ | | |
| Audiologist | | | | | X ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | X ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | |
| Registered School Audiometrist | | | | | | | | | | | | X ⁽⁴⁾ | | |

Notes: (1) State mandated assessments (hearing, vision and scoliosis) are not reimbursable under the LEA Program.
 (2) Requires supervision.
 (3) Requires a written prescription by a physician or podiatrist, within the practitioner's scope of practice. In substitution of a written prescription, a registered credentialed school nurse, teacher or parent may refer the student for the assessment.
 (4) Requires a written referral by a physician or dentist, within the practitioner's scope of practice. In substitution of a written referral, a registered credentialed school nurse, teacher or parent may refer the student for the assessment.
 (5) Requires a recommendation by a physician, registered credentialed school nurse, licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, licensed educational psychologist, or licensed marriage and family therapist, within the practitioner's scope of practice. In substitution of a recommendation, a teacher or parent may refer the student for the assessment.
 (6) Requires a recommendation by a physician or registered credentialed school nurse. In substitution of a recommendation, a teacher or parent may refer the student for the assessment.

General Note: Credentialing requirements for licensed practitioners employed by LEAs are described in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA) Rendering Practitioner Qualifications* section of this manual.

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ASSESSMENTS:

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1. Can practitioners without a license conduct assessments? If so, provide an example.
2. Is it necessary to have a prescription, referral or recommendation from a health services practitioner to provide assessment services?
3. In order for the LEA to bill Medi-Cal, which nurse(s) can assess students?
4. Can a registered credentialed school nurse self-refer a student for a health assessment?
5. Can you bill Medi-Cal if a speech-language pathologist or audiologist without a license assesses a student?

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Credentialed school social workers and school counselors may provide IEP/IFSP psychosocial status assessments; credentialed school psychologists may provide IEP/IFSP psychological assessments; credentialed SLPs may provide IEP/IFSP speech-language assessments (under the supervision of a licensed SLP); and credentialed audiologists may provide IEP/IFSP audiological assessments (under the supervision of a licensed audiologist).

***Refer to local services (in handout packet) and local services for detail on supervision requirements.*

2. Is it necessary to have a prescription, referral or recommendation from a health services practitioner to provide assessment services?

No. In substitution of a practitioner-generated prescription, referral or recommendation, a parent, teacher or registered credentialed school nurse may refer the student for assessment.

3. In order for the LEA to bill Medi-Cal, which nurse(s) can assess students?

The only type of nurse that is able to bill Medi-Cal for LEA nursing assessments is a registered credentialed school nurse. Therefore, a registered nurse (RN), certified public health nurse (CPHN) or certified nurse practitioner (CNP) who does not have a valid school nurse services credential (or valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990) may not bill Medi-Cal for LEA nursing assessments.

4. Can a registered credentialed school nurse self-refer a student for a health assessment?

Yes, a registered credentialed school nurse can self-refer, since they are one of the qualified practitioners listed to refer for assessment services. If a self-referral is made, the practitioner must still include the appropriate documentation in the student's file, including: observations and reason(s) for assessment, and the signature and practitioner title of the credentialed school nurse that is self-referring the student for the assessment.

5. Can you bill Medi-Cal if a speech-language pathologist or audiologist without a license assesses a student?

Yes, assuming the student is referred for the assessment and the supervision requirements are met for these credentialed practitioners.