

**Practitioner-Performed Treatment and TCM Services Reimbursable to LEAs**

Practitioner	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Speech Therapy	Audiology (including Hearing Check)	Psychology and Counseling	Nursing Services	School Health Aide Services	Targeted Case Management
Registered Credentialed School Nurse						X		X
Certified Public Health Nurse						X <sup>(6)</sup>		X
Licensed RN and Certified Nurse Practitioner						X <sup>(5)</sup>		X
Licensed Vocational Nurse						X <sup>(1)</sup>		X
Trained Health Care Aide							X <sup>(1)</sup>	
Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist					X			
Licensed Clinical Social Worker					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Credentialed School Social Worker					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Licensed Psychologist					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Licensed Educational Psychologist					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Credentialed School Psychologist					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist					X <sup>(4)</sup>			X
Credentialed School Counselor								X
Licensed Physical Therapist	X <sup>(2)</sup>							
Registered Occupational Therapist		X <sup>(2)</sup>						
Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist			X <sup>(3)</sup>					
Speech-Language Pathologist			X <sup>(1)(3)</sup>					
Licensed Audiologist				X <sup>(3)</sup>				
Audiologist				X <sup>(1)(3)</sup>				
Program Specialist								X

Notes: (1) Requires supervision.  
 (2) Requires a written prescription by a physician or podiatrist, within the practitioner's scope of practice.  
 (3) Requires a written referral by a physician or dentist, within the practitioner's scope of practice.  
 (4) 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.  
 (5) Licensed registered nurses and certified nurse practitioners who do not have valid credentials require supervision.  
**(6) Certified public health nurses who do not have valid credentials require supervision, except when providing specialized physical health care services as specified in California Education Code, Section 49423.5.**

General Notes: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION AND MILEAGE ALSO ARE REIMBURSABLE TO LEAs PURSUANT TO STANDARDS IN CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR), TITLE 22, SECTION 51491(h).  
 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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**Using the attached grid from the LEA Provider Manual, answer the following questions:**

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2. My LEA has a credentialed speech-language pathologist with 20 years of experience. Does the licensed speech-language pathologist still have to supervise this practitioner?
3. For nursing treatment services, do RNs who are not also credentialed school nurses require supervision in order to bill Medi-Cal for services provided?
4. If a district does not have a registered credentialed school nurse to provide supervision, can the LEA bill Medi-Cal for services provided by LVNs and trained health care aides?
5. Do credentialed speech-language pathologists require supervision in order to bill Medi-Cal for speech therapy treatment services? If so, by whom?

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1. Can an occupational therapist prescribe treatment services based on his/her assessment?

***No. The occupational therapist conducting the assessment may determine the need for treatment services. However, State regulations require a written prescription by a physician or podiatrist, within the practitioner's scope of practice, to bill for occupational therapy treatment services in the LEA Program.***

2. My LEA has a credentialed speech-language pathologist with 20 years of experience. Does the licensed speech-language pathologist still have to supervise this practitioner?

***Yes. Regardless of the years of experience a credentialed speech-language pathologist may have, he or she must be supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist in order to bill Medi-Cal for the service.***

3. For nursing treatment services, do RNs who are not also credentialed school nurses require supervision in order to bill Medi-Cal for services provided?

***Yes. For nursing treatment services, RNs, CPHNs and CNPs who are not also registered credentialed school nurses require supervision by a registered credentialed school nurse in order to bill Medi-Cal for services provided. Only under Education Code 49423.5, can specialized physical health care services be provided (without supervision) by a CPHN who does not hold a valid school nurse services credential.***

4. If a district does not have a registered credentialed school nurse to provide supervision, can the LEA bill Medi-Cal for services provided by LVNs and trained health care aides?

***No. In order for LEAs to bill Medi-Cal for LEA treatment services provided by LVNs and trained health care aides, these practitioners must be supervised by a licensed physician, registered credentialed school nurse, or certified public health nurse employed by the State Department of Health Care Service.***

5. Do credentialed speech-language pathologists require supervision in order for an LEA to bill Medi-Cal for speech therapy treatment services? If so, by whom?

***Yes. Under current regulations, credentialed SLPs require supervision by licensed SLPs in order to bill Medi-Cal for speech therapy treatment services.***

***\*\*Refer to loc ed serv spe (in handout packet) for detail on supervision requirements.***