



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
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**LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**



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Targeted Case Management (TCM) Policy and Billing

****PLEASE REVIEW THE LEA MEDI-CAL BILLING OPTION PROVIDER MANUAL FOR COMPLETE LEA PROGRAM AND POLICY INFORMATION****

Q1. Can my LEA bill Medi-Cal Administrative Activities through the MAA Program and LEA TCM services?

A: There is some overlap between Medi-Cal Administrative Activities through the MAA Program and LEA TCM services. Regardless of whether you bill Medi-Cal Administrative Activities through the MAA Program or TCM services through the LEA Program, you may not bill more than once for the same service. If your LEA is billing Medi-Cal Administrative Activities through the MAA Program, please refer to the [California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual](#).

Q2. Can I bill for TCM services under the LEA Billing Program and through the MAA Program ?

A: An LEA practitioner may only bill for TCM services under one program, not both, this could be considered double dipping. If the individual practitioner's TCM services are billed under the LEA billing program and participates in the MAA program, they should record their TCM time under code 2 in the MAA program. Please refer to the California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual.

Q3. TCM services can be claimed in the MAA Program, but aren't TCM services an extension of a direct medical service and should be claimed in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program? For example, if I develop a plan for an IEP student, do I have a choice of billing through MAA or LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program?

A: TCM services can be an extension of direct medical services. TCM claimed in the MAA Program is for administrative activities and TCM claimed in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program is for direct medical services.

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