Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)
Status Update Summary
July 26, 2023

Audit Updates:

1) Cost Report Tracking Section (CRTS)
- Complete cost report packages and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2023 extension requests must be submitted to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov.
  - Each Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) submission must be submitted in one e-mail.
  - All LEAs must submit the entire CRCS package which includes a signed and dated Portable Document Format (PDF) Certification, an Excel CRCS with completed Time Survey Participant (TSP) List, and a copy of the Bridging Document and Production Log.
- Requirements for extension requests
  - Must be submitted prior to the cost report due date.
  - E-mail must include the LEA name, National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, reason for an extension, and your anticipated submission date.
- Document requests such as copies of an audit report, or the Certification of Zero Reimbursement may be submitted to LEA.CRCS.Questions@dhcs.ca.gov.
- Common CRCS rejection points:
  - Incomplete cost report package – all required documents as noted in the CRCS Instructions and Information must be submitted/resubmitted in one e-mail.
  - Incorrect naming convention on submission e-mail and files – Correct naming convention is StateFiscalYear.NPI.LEAName.SubmissionDate.CRCS. For example, the CRCS for SFY 2022-23 should be named: SFY2023.1234567890.SampleSchoolDistrict.3.1.2023.CRCS.XLS (or .PDF)
  - Incomplete Excel CRCS – all worksheets must be filled out and should not contain any formulaic Excel errors such as #VALUE!, #NAME?, #REF!, etc.
  - Incomplete Certification – all fields on the PDF Certification Form (LEA Provider Name, Contact Name, State Fiscal Year, NPI, E-mail Address, Summary of Over/Underpayment, Name, Title, Signature, and Date) and the Excel CRCS Certification tab (Summary of Over/Underpayment; Name; Title; LEA BOP Billing Consortium information, if applicable; LEA Provider Name;

NPI; and Fiscal Year) must be complete. The PDF Certification Form must be electronically signed.

- o Incorrect LEA information reported on submission e-mail or files – Ensure the correct NPI is reported for the LEA.
- o Incorrect Forms or reported SFY – Please use the most current forms for the correct SFY provided on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website.
- o Discrepancy in reported Total Over/Underpayment – the reported Total Over/Underpayment must agree between the PDF Certification and Excel CRCS.

- Tips for a successful and acceptable cost report submission:
  - o Use the LEA BOP website as a reference. It has helpful information such as the Annual Reimbursement Report, cost report submission requirements in the CRCS Instructions and Information, trainings, and program contact. information for the Local Governmental Financing Division (LEA BOP) and Audits and Investigations (A&I).
  - o If you have a vendor that prepares your cost report, please work with your vendor to complete the submission.
  - o If your cost report submission was rejected, you will receive an e-mail from A&I. Please resubmit within two weeks.
  - o If you have any questions or concerns regarding your submission, please e-mail LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov. We appreciate and encourage communication with the LEAs.

2) Special Programs Section
- Questions specific to your LEA's audit can be directed to: **LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov**
- CRCS Audit Update:
  - o SFY 2020-21 – 407 Audit Reports have been issued. SPS' plan is to finalize settlements by the end of September 2023.
  - o SFYs 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 – SPS will begin the audit processes for amended backcasted CRCS reports by the end of July 2023.

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Fiscal Intermediary Updates:

3) **Public Health Emergency (PHE) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rate Update**
   - There are three more quarterly decreases to the PHE FMAP (6.2% increase) in Calendar Year 2023:
     - July 1 through September 30, 2023   52.5%
     - October 1 through December 31, 2023   51.5%
     - January 1, 2024, onward   50.0%
   - An Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) will be implemented to reprocess claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2023, that were reimbursed at 56.2% instead of 55.0%.
   - An EPC will also be implemented to reprocess claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, that were reimbursed at 55.0% instead of 52.5%.

4) **Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) Population EPC**
   - The effective date for this policy is July 16, 2021, per Policy and Procedure Letter [(PPL) 21-015](#).
   - An EPC has been initiated to recoup erroneously paid claims associated with the UIS population, starting with claims that have a date of service on or after July 16, 2021, through June 20, 2022.
   - The Fiscal Intermediary will void and resubmit the affected claims. These voids will appear on Remittance Advice Details (RAD) forms beginning July 13, 2023, with RAD code 0819: Void and resubmit of claims processed in error.
   - DHCS sent e-mail notifications to LEAs that owe $5,000 or more. If your LEA does not meet this dollar threshold, you may still have a recoupment of less than $5,000 even if you did not receive an email.
     - Approximately 85% of LEAs who have a recoupment does not meet the $5,000 threshold.
   - The EPC process will result in 100% recoupment of your LEA's future check writes until the total outstanding amount is fully recouped.

5) **Health Education and Anticipatory Guidance - New Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes**
   - DHCS have added new CPT codes that will allow for additional minutes of service for Health Education and Anticipatory Guidance, a service that is currently

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authorized in LEA BOP for only up to 15 minutes of service under CPT code 99401.

- o 99402 approximately 30 minutes
- o 99403 approximately 45 minutes
- o 99404 approximately 60 minutes
- The effective date of this policy update is July 1, 2023.
- The addition of the new CPT codes is expected to be implemented in the claims processing system on September 25, 2023.
- The Provider Manual will be updated to reflect the updates (as noted below) by August 2023.

LEA Service	CPT Code	Practitioner Modifier [1]	SFY 2023/24 Maximum Allowable Rate
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (30 minutes)	99402	AG, TD, U7	$ 48.72
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (30 minutes)	99402	AH, AJ, blank	$ 52.16
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (30 minutes)	99402	HL, HM	$ 21.38
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (45 minutes)	99403	AG, TD, U7	$ 73.08
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (45 minutes)	99403	AH, AJ, blank	$ 78.24
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (45 minutes)	99403	HL, HM	$ 32.08
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (60 minutes)	99404	AG, TD, U7	$ 97.44
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (60 minutes)	99404	AH, AJ, blank	$ 104.32
Non-IEP/IFSP Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (60 minutes)	99404	HL, HM	$ 42.76

Note: (1)

- Licensed physician (AG); Registered credentialed school nurse (TD); Licensed physician assistant (U7); Licensed psychologist (AH);
- Licensed educational psychologist (AH); Credentialed school psychologist (AH); LCSW (AJ); Credentialed school social worker (AJ);
- Licensed MFT (no modifier); Credentialed school counselor (no modifier); Associate MFT (HL); Registered associate clinical social worker (HM)

Program Updates

6) **Compliance Documents**
- 2022-23 Annual Report (AR)
  - o Must be submitted electronically (with digital signature) to: LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov.

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7) LEA BOP Provider Manual Updates
- *loc ed tele* – Expansion of telehealth services in the LEA BOP to reflect the post PHE policy, effective for services rendered on or after May 12, 2023.

8) LEA BOP E-blasts
- 5/1/2023 DHCS-Alternative Format Check-in Meetings, May 2, 2023
- 5/3/2023 Call for Agenda Items: Random Moment in Time Survey (RMTS) & School-Based Medicaid Administrative Activities (SMAA) Call May 17, 2023
- 5/12/2023 Termination of Public Health Emergency & Unwinding of PHE Flexibilities
- 5/17/2023 School-Bases RMTS and SMAA Conference Call
- 5/22/2023 Join LEA BOP Office Hours: Personalized Support and Expert Guidance
- 5/26/2023 DHCS-LEA BOP PPL for Submitting Quarterly RMTS Percentage Results
- 6/7/2023 Call for Agenda Item-RMTS & SMAA Call June 21, 2023
- 6/8/2023 DHCS-LEA BOP July Stakeholder Meeting
- 6/20/2023 DHCS: Erroneous Payment Correction
- 6/21/2023 RMTS & SMAA Call June 21, 2023, at 9:00-9:50am
- 6/22/2023 DHCS: LEA BOP Stakeholder Meeting Reminders
- 6/26/2023 DHCS-LEA BOP Addition of New CPT Codes–99402, 99403, and 99404
- 6/30/2023 Update-LEA BOP Data Match File and Data Use Agreement (DUA) Attachment A
- 7/3/2023 DHCS-April 26 Stakeholder Meeting Materials Now Available
- 7/5/2023 DHCS-Alternative Format Check-In Meeting Presentation Slides
- 7/5/2023 LEA BOP Telehealth Expansion Update

9) LEA BOP Technical Assistance (TA) and Site Visits
- DHCS provided:
  - Three TA site visits since the April LEA BOP Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting.
  - Three Workshop Survey Outreach Meetings - originally intended to follow up on the survey regarding the March Enrollment Workshop and to see if an LEA's interest in enrolling in the LEA BOP had increased or decreased due to the workshop.
    - Further topics were discussed including:
      a. General funding questions
      b. Mental health services
      c. RMTS coordinator contacts

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      d. Credentialed school counselor requirements

      e. Difficulties smaller LEAs can run into/encouraging smaller groups to join consortiums to ease billing and receiving reimbursement.

    o Two LEA Office Hours (one for not yet enrolled LEAs and one for enrolled LEAs) to provide personalized support and expert guidance.

- If you are interested in receiving personalized technical assistance, please submit a TA Request form to LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

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