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**TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons**

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NEW ROLE FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES (LEAs)

On January 1, 1994 the ability to bill the Medi-Cal program for certain services was extended to LEA's. Entitled the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option, this program was developed especially for school districts and county offices of education to allow them to draw down the 50 percent federal share of the Medicaid program for a specially developed set of bundled LEA health care services provided to Medi-Cal eligible children. These services, typically provided by schools, include physical, occupational, and speech therapy, psychology and counseling, nursing and school health aide services, health and mental health evaluations and medical transportation.

As LEAs become Medi-Cal providers this year, they will be required to verify Medi-Cal eligibility of their students receiving Medi-Cal health services. They may be contacting your office for assistance in obtaining Medi-Cal numbers (Social Security numbers) for their eligible students. We encourage you to respond to requests by local school districts and county offices of education to assist them in verifying the Medi-Cal eligibility of their students. In these situations, the LEAs will be providing the students legal name and date of birth along with other student information.

Please share this letter with the appropriate personnel within your office. If you have any questions about the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option, please call Rob Simmons of the Department of Health Services, Office of School-Linked Services at (916) 657-2798.

Sincerely,

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