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As part of its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has confirmed to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that a Memorandum of Understanding between Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program and Managed Care Plans (MCPs) is encouraged but will not be required upon implementation of SPA 15-021.

- According to the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Provider Participation Agreement and the LEA Provider Manual, *“LEAs shall also coordinate care to minimize any duplication in services. LEAs may contract with Managed Care Plans (MCPs) or their delegated entities to render health care services separate and distinct from LEA BOP services if mutually agreeable terms can be reached between the LEA and MCPs.”*
- CMS will continue to work with DHCS’ managed care partners on contract language regarding care coordination between LEAs and MCPs.