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To: Local Educational Agencies

Subject: ELIMINATION OF CURRENT PROCEDURAL TERMINOLOGY CODE 96101 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REPLACEMENT CODE 96130 IN THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY MEDI-CAL BILLING OPTION PROGRAM

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) notifies Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (BOP) that current procedural terminology (CPT) code 96101, used to bill initial/triennial, annual, and amended Individualized Education Plan (IEP)/Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) psychological assessments, will be eliminated and replaced with new CPT code 96130.

Effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2019, the LEA BOP will eliminate CPT code 96101 and implement new replacement CPT code 96130 for IEP/IFSP psychological assessments. For dates of service prior to January 1, 2019, LEAs should continue to bill CPT code 96101 for IEP/IFSP psychological assessments. For dates of service beginning January 1, 2019, claims billed with CPT code 96101 will be denied. The new CPT code will be billed as follows:

<b><u>New</u></b> Procedure Code and Modifier (effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019)	<b><u>Old</u></b> Procedure Code and Modifier (effective for dates of service prior to January 1, 2019)	Service and Assessment Type
<b>96130 TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)</b>	96101 TL or TM	<b>Initial/Triennial IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment</b>
<b>96130 TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP), 52 (annual)</b>	96101 TL or TM, 52	<b>Annual IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment</b>
<b>96130 TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP), TS (amended)</b>	96101 TL or TM, TS	<b>Amended IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment</b>

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Since the new CPT code 96130 will only be replacing the old CPT code 96101, interim rates and any modifiers designating intensity of service or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act status will remain unchanged. The LEA BOP Provider Manual will be updated to reflect the new CPT code.

If you have questions concerning this PPL, please contact Rick Record, Chief, LEA BOP, at (916) 345-7688 or [Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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