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To: Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

Subject: NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO PHYSICIAN PRESCRIPTION POLICY

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) notifies LEA providers participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program that, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2019, authorizations for direct medical treatment services may be signed by Physician Assistants (PAs) or Nurse Practitioners (NPs), as appropriate, in place of an authorization signed by a physician.

For those direct medical treatment services that are reimbursable in the LEA Program and require a physician's order, PAs and NPs may sign the order in place of the physician, consistent with applicable state and federal laws, and subject to the following:

- Authority has been delegated by the supervising physician to provide the covered benefit or service pursuant to their scope of practice.
- The supervising physician and PA/NP are both enrolled as Medi-Cal providers, pursuant to Article 1.3 (commencing with Section 14043) of Chapter 7, Part 3 of Division 9 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

The PA or NP who signs the order may be employed or contracted by the LEA provider, or may be the student beneficiary's primary care provider. In addition, when submitting claims for treatment services ordered by a qualified PA or NP, LEA providers must ensure that they comply with the Ordering, Referring, or Prescribing (ORP) Provider policy, as stated in [PPL No. 18-018R](#).

Nothing stated in this PPL shall supersede any state or federal regulations or statutes.

If you have any questions concerning this PPL, please contact Mr. Rick Record, Chief, LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program, by phone at (916) 345-7688, or by e-mail at Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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