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**Local Educational Agency  
Medi-Cal Billing Option Program**



## **LEA BOP NEWSLETTER**

**Program Announcements!**

**August 4, 2025**

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This Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) quarterly newsletter highlights important program updates, reminders, and topics that will be discussed at the upcoming quarterly meeting that you will surely want to attend. It also provides information that you will need to know during this first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

## **LEA BOP Quarterly Meeting (QM)**

The LEA BOP QM provides an opportunity for participating LEAs and program partners to gather together, learn about program updates, and participate in focused training on a program-specific topic.

The next QM is on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break. [Please register online to attend virtually.](#)

Some agenda items and updates that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will cover from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. are:

- Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-25 Recap
  - Sub-Committee Recaps (Quarterly Meeting (QM), Provider Participation Agreement (PPA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Guidance, Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)
- Practitioner Enrollment Renewal and Re-enrollment through the Data Match
- Medi-Cal Eligibility Ratio Data Match
- Walk Through New Tools/Tipsheets
- LEA BOP Rates for FY 2025-26
- Mental Health Coordination
- Meeting Minutes Feedback Reminder
- Alternative Format
- California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) Census Day

The August QM afternoon session starts at 1:00 p.m. and will cover the following topics:

- PPA Training
- Provider Billing Forum Part 1

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These sessions aim to foster innovative problem-solving and enhance collaboration within the community, along with focused discussion on specific topics.

## New Requirements

- **Practitioner Enrollment** - Historically, Local Educational Agencies (or LEAs) participating in the LEA BOP are the enrolled "provider" and the practitioners providing services have not been required to enroll with Medi-Cal unless they are an Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing practitioner, in which case they would be enrolled with Medi-Cal. Effective July 1, 2026, all eligible practitioners in the LEA BOP that provide direct services to Medi-Cal eligible individuals under the age of 22 must separately enroll in Medi-Cal as a furnishing provider, if there is an enrollment pathway for that practitioner type, regardless of whether the LEA employing or contracting with the practitioner is already enrolled in Medi-Cal. DHCS is currently drafting a PPL to provide LEAs with guidance on enrolling eligible practitioners into Medi-Cal. DHCS is working with the Provider Enrollment Division to provide LEAs with additional support via training during the implementation process to ensure that LEAs can meet this requirement.

## Provider Participation Agreement (PPA)

DHCS is currently updating the PPA to be in compliance with state and federal requirements and will require all participating LEAs to sign a submit a new PPA to the Department by November 30, 2025. If DHCS does not receive a signed PPA by the due date, LEA providers may be issued a Corrective Action Plan or potentially denied participation in the LEA BOP, effective July 1, 2026. The PPA is an evergreen agreement between the LEA and DHCS that does not expire or need to be renewed unless program changes require an updated PPA in the future. The authority for the PPA comes from W&I Code 14132.06, 22 CCR 51270 and the LEA Provider Manual. DHCS will provide more information about the new additions and changes to the PPA at the August 2025 Quarterly Meeting. DHCS looks forward to seeing you there.

## Action Items for July – September 2025

- Work closely with your Local Education Consortium to ensure that deadlines for the RMTS are met.
- Review your Time Survey Participant (TSP) Lists to prepare for FY 2025-26, Quarter 2. Need guidance on what is the best way to develop your TSP list? Please refer to the [October 2024 TSP Training](#).
- Work with your TSPs to ensure that moments are responded to timely.

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## Look Ahead: Things to do for October – December 2025

- All participating LEAs must extract a file containing the total LEA student enrollment number using their student information systems on the CBEDS Census Day, Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Please note, the total student enrollment data will be utilized as the denominator in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Ratio (MER) calculation when completing the CRCS for FY 2025 - 26 (due March 1, 2027).
- Sign and submit the following compliance documents:
  - FY 2025-26 Annual Report to [LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov) (due November 30, 2025)
  - PPA to [LEA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA@dhcs.ca.gov) (due November 30, 2025)

## Technical Assistance (TA)

DHCS is dedicated to assisting LEA BOP Providers in all aspects of the program to maintain compliance, such as properly completing the CRCS and submitting it on time. TA visits go beyond maintaining compliance – they reflect the LEA BOP Provider Relations Unit’s dedication to empowering LEA BOP Providers through comprehensive support. From offering tailored guidance to fostering program improvement, the LEA BOP Provider Relations Unit plays a vital role in strengthening services and ensuring providers can effectively meet the needs of their communities.

During FY 2024-25, the Provider Relations Unit successfully completed over 69 TA on a variety of topics spanning from general enrollment to specific settlement adjustments. If you are interested in TA, please fill out the [TA Form](#) and submit it to [LEA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA@dhcs.ca.gov). From there, DHCS will help clear up any questions, provide any support you may need, and set up a virtual meeting to discuss items in depth.

## The LEA BOP Reminders, Meetings, and Trainings

Date/Time:	Reminders/Meetings/Trainings:
August 6, 2025 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	August 2025 LEA BOP Quarterly Meeting Afternoon Session: PPA Training and Provider Billing Forum Part 1
September (date TBD), 2025	Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) Phase in Group 1

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October 29, 2025 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	LEA BOP Quarterly Meeting Afternoon Session: Time Study Implementation Plan (TSIP)/Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Training and Program Guide Update
December (date TBD), 2025	FY 2024-25 Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) Training
January (date TBD), 2026	PAVE Phase in Group 2
January 28, 2026	LEA BOP Quarterly Meeting – Afternoon Session: New State Plan Amendment Implementation Training
February (date TBD), 2026	FY 2024-25 CRCS Check-In
March (date TBD), 2026	Time Survey Participant (TSP) List Development for Quarter 1
April (date TBD), 2026 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	LEA BOP Quarterly Meeting – Afternoon Session: Billing Forum, Part 2
April (date TBD), 2026	TSP Quarter 1 List Development Check-In

**Please note these dates and times are tentative and subject to change.** DHCS will send e-blasts to confirm each training date in advance. Sign up [online](#) to receive updates and additional information on meetings, program policy updates, and reminders.

## Meet the LEA BOP Staff

We want to extend a warm welcome to Leilany Perez who has joined the LEA BOP Provider Relations Unit and to Danna Ramos who has joined the LEA BOP Policy and Fiscal Unit. We would like to extend our best wishes to Ankita Singh as she has left DHCS to embark on a new journey in her career.

### Local Governmental Financing Division

Charles (Chuck) Anders, Division Chief

### Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch

Regina Zerne, Chief

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**School-Based Claiming and Services Section**

Stephanie Magee, Chief

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