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To all Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) Providers:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is reaching out to inform you about updates related to the termination of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. Much of this information was previously shared during the April 26, 2023, Stakeholder Meeting.

What you need to know

Starting May 12, 2023:

1. Service Authorization Requirements

Extensions for expired service authorizations will no longer apply. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are to ensure that service authorizations are in place and appropriately dated before submitting LEA BOP claims. Please see attached is an e-blast sent on April 11, 2023.

2. Telehealth

- Telehealth will remain available as a modality.
- Written and oral consent requirements for telehealth services are reinstated.
- Rendering practitioners may treat Medi-Cal recipients via telehealth and be reimbursed for covered services even if they are located in another state as long as they are an appropriately licensed/credentialed/registered practitioner in California.
- Practitioners provisionally enrolled during the PHE will need to submit a full application package to continue as a Medi-Cal provider. Applications must be submitted via the Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) portal by June 27, 2023, or risk deactivation.
 - This refers to practitioners that are Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing Medi-Cal providers. This does not apply to the LEAs that are participating as LEA BOP providers.

Further details regarding the permanent expansion of telehealth services within the LEA BOP will be communicated in upcoming updates to the [Provider Manual](#).

3. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rate

From now until January 1, 2024, the temporary 6.2% FMAP increase will be phased out. The rate will decrease quarterly, as illustrated below:

- 5% FMAP increase from April 1 through June 30, 2023
- 2.5% FMAP increase from July 1 through September 30, 2023
- 1.5% FMAP increase from October 1 through December 31, 2023
- No FMAP increase from January 1, 2024, onward

4. Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) Compliance Rate

LEAs participating in the RMTS are required to achieve a minimum response of 85%. This is the pre-public PHE expectation as stated in [Policy and Procedure Letter \(PPL\) 20-043](#).

Why this is important

As the COVID-19 PHE concludes, it is important for LEA BOP providers to be aware of the termination of these PHE flexibilities in order to assure program compliance.

We are here to help

- For information regarding the LEA BOP, please visit the [LEA BOP website](#).
- For RMTS questions, e-mail RMTS@dhcs.ca.gov.
- For general LEA BOP questions, e-mail DHCS at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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