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DHCS – PPL 26-002 Specialized Medical Transportation Requirement Update in the LEA BOP



Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

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LEA BOP UPDATE

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

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) would like to notify all LEA BOP Providers that the Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) 26-002, titled "Specialized Medical Transportation Requirement Update in the LEA BOP" has been published to the [LEA BOP PPL web page](#). The PPL is also attached for your reference.

What you need to know

- This PPL provides an update to all LEAs participating in the LEA BOP of the new specialized medical transportation requirement.
 - To bill for specialized medical transportation services, the specific adaptation must be documented in the students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) as a medically necessary service.
 - This new requirement will be effective July 1, 2026.
- All current policy for billing specialized medical transportation as specified in [Local Educational Agency \(LEA\) Service: Transportation \(Medical\)](#) will remain the same.
- DHCS will be updating the LEA BOP Provider Manual and LEA BOP Specialized Medical Transportation Claiming Guide to align with the new requirement.
- DHCS recommends LEAs start reviewing and updating their IEP/IFSP documentation process to ensure a smooth transition and maintain compliance to continue billing for specialized medical transportation services.

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Why this is important

PPL 26-002 outlines the requirement set forth in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) May 2023 Guide on delivering services in a school-based setting. This policy ensures that program compliance is met and helps ensure your LEA meets all of the requirements to bill for specialized medical transportation services.

We are here to help

- For information regarding the LEA BOP, visit the [LEA BOP website](#).
- The LEA BOP [Onboarding Handbook](#) is available on the [LEA BOP website](#).
- For general LEA BOP questions, e-mail DHCS at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.
- For personalized assistance, request a [Technical Assistance visit](#).

Sincerely,

LEA BOP Staff

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