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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) 26-001, titled "Practitioner Enrollment in Medi-Cal" 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 requirement to enroll practitioners in Medi-Cal when an existing Medi-Cal enrollment pathway exists.
 - Practitioner types without an existing pathway and who are ineligible to separately enroll in Medi-Cal will remain qualified rendering practitioners under LEA BOP. No additional steps are required.
- Effective with the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 LEA BOP Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) Report, LEA BOP will not reimburse costs for practitioners with a Medi-Cal enrollment pathway who have not enrolled in Medi-Cal.
- DHCS will be sharing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as an additional resource.
- DHCS provided a survey through an E-blast on November 19, 2025, to assist with implementing a phased-in enrollment process. The survey was completed on December 5, 2025.
- DHCS provided training on the new requirement and how to submit an Ordering, Referring, Prescribing (ORP) application through PAVE.
 - The [November 2025 LEA BOP Practitioner Enrollment in Medi-Cal Training](#) and [recording](#) can be found on the LEA BOP training page.

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- DHCS will be monitoring practitioner enrollment and placement on the FY 2026-27 CRCS.

Why this is important

- PPL 26-001 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 receives the maximum allowable reimbursement.
- Being in compliance with this PPL for the FY 2026-27 CRCS will avoid an otherwise likely reduction in final settlement reimbursement.

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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