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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) is notifying all LEA BOP Providers about the Practitioner Enrollment Phased-in Approach related to the [Policy and Procedure Letter \(PPL\) 26-001](#). The Practitioner Enrollment Phased-In Approach is attached for your reference and will be published on the LEA BOP website soon.

#### **What you need to know**

- The phased-in approach assists LEAs and their practitioners with a timeline for enrolling practitioners into Medi-Cal in a timely manner.
  - There are 5 phases that group practitioner types together within a specific timeframe to ensure a smooth transition and manageable workload.
- The Phased-In Approach supports practitioners enrolling in Medi-Cal as ordering, referring, or prescribing (ORP) providers.
  - The approach aligns with the ORP application process as it provides practitioners with additional time to meet the effective date of July 1, 2026. Approved ORP applications receive a retroactive effective date of up to one year from the application received date.
  - Practitioners that select a different enrollment pathway will need to be aware that their Medi-Cal effective date will be the date the application was received.
- The phased-in approach is intended to provide a suggested timeline for enrolling practitioners into Medi-Cal, but following the timeline is not mandatory. DHCS still recommends LEAs to encourage practitioners who can enroll sooner to do so at their earliest opportunity. Effective July 1, 2026, it is

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required that the practitioners who have an enrollment pathway to be enrolled in Medi-Cal. Those practitioners that do not meet this requirement may not be included on the Cost Reconciliation and Comparison Schedule (CRCS) and will not receive Medicaid payments.

### **Why this is important**

The LEA BOP aims to provide LEAs and their practitioners with access to clear and helpful resources to ensure that program compliance is met and LEAs receive the maximum allowable reimbursements.

### **We are here to help**

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

Sincerely,

### **LEA BOP Staff**

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