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Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)  
Status Update Summary

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**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) - Audits & Investigation (A&I) Updates**

- 1) **Cost Reporting and Tracking Section (CRTS):** Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) and Certification of Zero Reimbursement (CZR) Reports - Submission Update (as of 9/21/2022)

- [LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov)

State Fiscal Year (SFY)	Received	CRCS' Accepted	CZR (DHCS 2437a)	Rejections
<b>Backcasting Submissions</b>				
2015-2016	443	422	16	5
2016-2017*	429	319	6	6
<b>Original Submissions</b>				
2017-2018	568	525	40	3
2018-2019	527	496	29	2
2019-2020	492	455	36	1
2020-2021	523	472	39	12

\*Subject to change pending review & providers on extension

- 2) **Special Programs Section (SPS) - CRCS Audit Update (as of 9/21/2022)**

[LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov)

- CRCS Audits Update
  - SPS is currently working on SFY 2020-21.
  - SPS will issue the completed audits for SFY 2020-21 once completed.

State Fiscal Year	Number of CRCS Forms Received	Total Participants	Audits Issued	LEAs on Withhold due to not submitting a CRCS	Amount of Withhold
2014-15	525	535	525	10	\$93,093
2015-16	524	537	524	13	\$2,107,355
2016-17	527	538	527	11	\$1,487,750
2017-18	526	539	526	13	\$1,007,917

## **DHCS - Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Updates**

### **3) Beneficiaries with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS)**

- System Development Notice (SDN) 21051 was implemented on June 20, 2022, to deny payments for services rendered to UIS beneficiaries.
- The effective date for this policy is July 16, 2021, per Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) 21-015.
- An LEA's Remittance Advice Detail (RAD) report will show denied claims with the RAD code "9908", "Recipient not eligible for Federal Financial Participation (FFP)."
- An Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) will be forthcoming to recoup erroneously paid claims associated with UIS beneficiaries, starting with claims that have a date of service on or after July 16, 2021.

### **4) Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

- Two new procedure codes (G9919 and G9920) have been added to the FI system to allow billing for ACEs Screenings, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022.
- FI updates were implemented on September 26, 2022.
- LEAs may now submit claims using G9919 and G9920.
- Practitioners who bill Medi-Cal for ACEs screenings must complete a certified ACEs Aware Core Training. This free, two-hour online training certifies eligible clinicians to receive Medi-Cal payment for ACEs screenings. For more information about the training, including how to register, please visit the ACEs Aware website:  
<https://www.acesaware.org/learn-about-screening/training/>.
- LEA BOP Provider Manual updates related to the new procedure codes were implemented on September 16, 2022.

### **5) COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Modifier**

- COVID-19 counseling claims may now be billed using the "CR" modifier with CPT code 99401. Reimbursement will be limited to one unit of service.
- LEAs may bill COVID-19 counseling claims back to dates of service on or after July 1, 2021.
- DHCS has established a one quarter timeliness extension, allowing claims with dates of service from July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021, to be adjudicated until October 31, 2022.
- Claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2022 are subject to the standard 12-month billing timeliness requirements.
- LEA BOP Provider Manual updates related to COVID-19 counseling services were implemented on September 16, 2022.

### **6) Post-Partum Benefit Expansion**

- Aid code 76 will be eligible for reimbursement for LEA BOP services effective April 1, 2022.
- DHCS has initiated an EPC to reimburse claims erroneously denied between April 1, 2022, and the system implementation date of August 22, 2022. The EPC is expected to implement later this fall.

## **7) Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT)/Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW) Expansion of Covered Services**

- Expansion is effective July 1, 2021, allowing AMFTs and ACSWs to be reimbursed for psychosocial status assessments and health education/anticipatory guidance services provided that all applicable supervisory requirements have been met.
- FI updates to add the HM and HL modifiers to existing CPT codes were implemented on June 21, 2022.
- An EPC has been completed for approximately \$130, impacting two LEAs that submitted historical claims related to the AMFT/ACSW expansion.

## **8) SFY 2022-23 Rate Inflation**

- Inflation rates for SFY 2022-23 have been implemented in the claims processing system and are included in the LEA BOP Provider Manual.
- An EPC has been completed for approximately \$575, impacting a small number of LEAs that submitted claims with dates of service between July 1, 2022, and July 25, 2022, when the system updates were completed.

## **DHCS - Local Governmental Financing Division (LGFD) Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch (MCSB) School-Based Claiming Services Section (SBCSS) Updates**

### **9) Compliance Documents**

- Providers who do not submit compliance documents may be put on a reimbursement withhold and/or terminated from the LEA BOP. LEAs that still need to submit documents should send them to:  
[LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov)
- 2022-23 Annual Report (AR)
  - All LEAs must submit an Annual Report.
  - Reporting for current and previous fiscal year.
  - LEAs may use the AR to update their information, such as the LEA's official name, mailing address, and EIN number.
  - Must be submitted electronically (with digital signature) to:  
[LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov).
  - Due by Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

### **10) Eligibility Data Match Update**

- Data Match access has been restored for all LEAs that submitted both a DUA and the Addendum to Attachment A.

### **11) CRCS Reports for SFY 2017-18 – Due 10/31/2022**

- The SFY 2017-18 CRCS and supporting files will be on the LEA BOP website this week.
- Reports should be submitted to [LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov).
- LEAs that need assistance determining their Medi-Cal Eligibility Rate (MER) for any CRCS period should complete Attachment A of PPL 22-001 and submit the form to [LEA@guidhouse.com](mailto:LEA@guidhouse.com).
  - Once submitted, you will receive an e-mail within three

business days of submission letting you know your request has been received.

- Guidehouse personnel will reach out to LEAs that have submitted requests and provide assistance with determining an alternative MER methodology.

#### **12) LEA BOP Provider Manual Updates**

- Minor updates have been published related to transportation and hearing sections of the Provider Manual.

#### **13) Policy and Procedure Letters (PPL)**

- PPLs published to the website:
  - No new PPLs since the last AWG meeting.

#### **14) LEA BOP E-blasts:**

- July 28, 2022 Call for Agenda August School-Based RMTS and SMAA Call
- August 2, 2022 LEA BOP Advisory Workgroup Meeting on August 3, 2022
- August 5, 2022 2016-17 Amended Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)
- August 24, 2022 Educationally Related Mental Health Service Policy Reminder
- September 7, 2022 Correction to FFP Qualified Field and MER Assistance Deadline
- September 8, 2022 Call for Agenda: September School-Based RMTS and SMAA Call
- September 16, 2022 September School-Based RMTS and SMAA Call Cancellation
- September 19, 2022 MER Calculation Guidance
- September 20, 2022 Updates to CPT Code 99401 and the “CR” Modifier

#### **15) LEA BOP Technical Assistance (TA) and Site Visits**

- DHCS provided two TA site visits since the August AWG Meeting.
- LEA BOP Operations Unit is committed to training and TA site visits.
- Please submit TA requests to [LEA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA@dhcs.ca.gov).
- The LEA Operations Unit is focused on enhanced outreach and training in collaboration with expansion contractor, WestEd. Please feel free to submit ideas and requests for training to the [LEA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA@dhcs.ca.gov) inbox or directly to the Operations team.

LEA BOP AWG Meeting Afternoon session - MER Training

**Next AWG Meeting: January 2023**