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DHCS - LEA BOP April Newsletter



**Local Educational Agency  
Medi-Cal Billing Option Program**



## **LEA BOP NEWSLETTER**

### **Program Announcements!**

**April 22, 2024**

This quarterly newsletter highlights important program updates and reminders, as well as what topics will be discussed at the upcoming stakeholder meeting that you do not want to miss out on.

### **Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting**

The next Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting (QSM) is on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some agenda items and updates that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will cover from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. are:

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- DHCS' Audits and Investigation Updates
- Office of Strategic Partnerships: Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Multi-Payer Fee Schedule Updates
- Mental Health Coordination
- Electronic Cost Reporting  
LEA BOP and the 2023 Center for Medicare & Medicaid & Medicaid Services Guidance Differences
- Next Data Use Agreements (DUA) Fiscal Years 2025-2028
- New Equivalency Form Process for Time Survey Participants
- Fair Share Reimbursements/Surplus Fund Payments
- Ad Hoc Workgroup Application Update
- Updating LEA Contact Information/Address Changes
- Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)
  - Rate Rebasing
  - Impact of Policy and Procedure Letter 21-025
- Utilizing Remittance Advice Details (RAD) to Reconcile Payments
- Five Percent Withhold Payments (Assembly Bill 483)
- Technical Assistance Availability

In the afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m., the LEA BOP is reintroducing Best Practices breakout sessions, allowing LEAs to discuss in smaller groups how challenges and barriers are overcome. These sessions aim to foster innovative problem-solving and enhance collaboration within the community and they may also inform DHCS for effective planning and solutions on specific topics. The April QSM Best Practices will cover the following topics.

- Random Moment Time Survey- How to Get Your Time Survey Participants (TSP) to be Responsive to Moments.
- How to Participate in LEA BOP as a Consortia
- Providing Services as a County Office of Education

## **Technical Assistance (TA)**

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DHCS is dedicated to assisting LEAs in all aspects of the program to maintain compliance, such as the CRCS. If you are interested in Technical Assistance (TA), please fill out the [TA Form](#) and submit it to [LEA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA@dhcs.ca.gov). From there, DHCS will set up a virtual meeting with you to help clear up any questions and provide any support you may need.

If you have a large difference between your reported Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) and the final audited settlement amount, DHCS will contact you with an offer of TA to go over the adjustments made and answer any questions you have. This TA will assist in keeping major adjustments from becoming an ongoing issue.

## **LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup**

DHCS is excited to announce the opportunity to join the LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The Ad Hoc Workgroup is a collaborative group referenced in Welfare and Institution Codes 14115.8 and 14132.06 comprised exclusively of Local Education Agency (LEA) providers and Local Education Consortium (LEC) representatives that collaborate with DHCS on various School-Based Medicaid subject areas.

## **Action Items for April – June 2024**

- Submit compliance documents if you have not already:
  - 2023-24 Annual Report to [LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov) (due November 30, 2023).
  - 2022-23 Cost and Reimbursement to [LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov) (due March 1, 2024)
- Ad Hoc Application 2024-25 (due May 15, 2024)
- Remind your Time Survey Participants to respond to random moments for Quarter 4. This is directly related to the payment methodology.
- Attend the School-Based Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) and School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Call on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

## **The LEA BOP Reminders, Meetings, and Trainings**

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Date/Time:	Reminders/Meeting/Training:
April 24, 2024 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)	Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
April 24, 2024 (1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)	Best Practices Session
May 22, 2024 (9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.)	School-Based RMTS and SMAA Call

Please sign up [online](#) to receive updates and additional information on meetings, program policy updates, and reminders.

## Meet the LEA BOP Staff

We are thrilled to welcome Derrick DeTrinidad and Sherri Crandley to the LEA Program Unit as the new Associate Governmental Program Analysts. Alongside their ongoing roles as analysts with the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP), Derrick and Sherri will be extending their expertise to assist the LEA BOP bringing their dedication, enthusiasm, and a fresh perspective to our team.

**Brian Fitzgerald – Division Chief, Local Governmental Financing Division**

**Regina Zerme – Chief, Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch**

**Stephanie Magee – Chief, School-Based Claiming Services Section**

LEA Program Unit	LEA Operations Unit
<b>Areas of expertise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy</li><li>• Interim claims processing</li><li>• SBHIP</li></ul>	<b>Areas of expertise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outreach and enrollment</li><li>• Technical assistance</li><li>• RMTS Compliance</li></ul>

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<b>Staff:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Danitzia Singh, Chief</li><li>• Toua Vang</li><li>• Shadie Lee</li><li>• Mindy Vang</li><li>• Derrick DeTrinidad (SBHIP)</li><li>• Sherri Crandley (SBHIP)</li></ul>	<b>Staff:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah Borkowski, Chief</li><li>• Rehana Sharma</li><li>• Edward Jackson</li><li>• Lydia Outland</li><li>• Ankita Singh</li></ul>
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