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



## **LEA BOP NEWSLETTER**

### **Program Announcements!**

**August 7, 2024**

This Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) 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.

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## **Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting**

The next Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting (QSM) is on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 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:

- DHCS' Audits and Investigation
- Office of Strategic Partnerships: Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Multi-Payer Fee Schedule
- Managed Care Plan Memorandum of Understanding
- Mental Health Coordination
- Electronic Cost Reporting
- Online Program Guide
- Provider Participation Agreement
- Data Use Agreement for fiscal years (FYs) 2024-27
- Five Percent Administrative Withhold /Interim Settlements
- Fair Share Reimbursements
- Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-27
- Clarification on Process of the Targeted Case Management Certification Form
- Unfiled Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) Withhold Notification
- Technical Assistance

The August QSM afternoon session starts at 1:00 p.m. and it will cover the following topics:

- Provider Billing Forum
- Discussion on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 2023 Guidance on payment methodology options

These sessions aim to foster innovative problem-solving and enhance collaboration within the community, along with focused discussion on specific topics.

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## **Technical Assistance (TA)**

DHCS is dedicated to assisting LEA BOP Providers in all aspects of the program to maintain compliance, such as the CRCS. If you are interested in 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 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 appreciates everyone who applied to join the LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup for FY 2024-25. DHCS has finalized the members for the Ad Hoc Workgroup and will provide more information during the QSM. The Ad Hoc Workgroup is a collaborative group referenced in Welfare and Institution Codes 14115.8 and 14132.06 comprised exclusively of LEA BOP Providers and Local Education Consortium (LEC) representatives that collaborate with DHCS on various school-based Medicaid subject areas.

## **Action Items for July – October 2024**

- All participating LEAs (*except colleges*) must extract a file containing the total LEA student enrollment number using their student information systems on the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) Census Day, Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Please note, the total student enrollment data will be utilized as the denominator in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Ratio (MER) calculation when completing the CRCS for FY 2024-25 (due March 1, 2026).
- Work closely with your LEC to ensure that deadlines for the Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) are met.
- Update your LEA's Time Survey Participant (TSP) List for FY 2024-25 Quarter 2.
- Work with your TSPs to ensure that moments are responded to timely.

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## The LEA BOP Reminders, Meetings, and Trainings

<b>Date/Time:</b>	<b>Reminders/Meeting/Training:</b>
August 14, 2024 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)	Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
August 21, 2024 (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-25
September 18, 2024 (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	An Introduction to LEA BOP/(Re)Launching Your LEA BOP
October 30, 2024 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	October Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
November 20, 2024 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Documentation Training
December 13, 2024 (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)	FY 2023-24 CRCS Training
January 29, 2025 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	January Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
January 13, 2025 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)	FY 2023-24 CRCS Office Hours/Check-In One
February 19, 2025 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	FY 2023-24 CRCS Office Hours/Check-In Two
March 18, 2025 (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Office Hours/Workshop: Common Audit Adjustments and How to Prevent Them

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Date/Time:	Reminders/Meeting/Training:
April 30, 2025 (10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	April Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
May 14, 2025 (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	How to Start and Participate in a Billing Consortium
June 19, 2025 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Office Hours: Billing Consortium

Please note these dates and time are tentative and subject to change. DHCS will send e-blasts to confirm each training date in advance. Please sign up [online](#) to receive updates and additional information on meetings, program policy updates, and reminders.

## Meet the LEA BOP Staff

We bid farewell to Brian Fitzgerald and Edward Jackson and congratulate them on their new positions. Here is an organization chart of the Local Governmental Financing Division (LGFD) division with a description of how the two LEA BOP teams (LEA Program Unit and LEA Operations Unit) share responsibility of the administration of the program.

### Local Governmental Financing Division

Charles (Chuck) Anders, Acting Division Chief

### Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch

Regina Zerne, Chief

Rida Munir, Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP)

### School-Based Claiming Services Section

Stephanie Magee, Chief

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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>
<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>• Lydia Outland</li><li>• Ankita Singh</li></ul>

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