

LEA BOP AUGUST QUARTERLY STAKEHOLDER MEETING STATUS UPDATE SUMMARY

August 14, 2024

Audit Updates:

1) Cost Report Tracking Section (CRTS)

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) Submission Reminder
 - o CRCS reports are due to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on March 1, 2025.
 - o Requests for extension to the FY 2023-24 CRCS due date must be submitted via e-mail to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov before March 1, 2025. Please provide the following information in your request:
 - Local Educational Agency (LEA) name and National Provider Identifier
 - Reason for an extension
 - Extension date
 - o Required documents for a complete CRCS submission include:
 - Excel CRCS Form 6299
 - PDF CRCS Signature and Certification Document
 - Grouping Schedule or Bridging Document
 - Production Log
 - o If your LEA did not receive reimbursement for services provided in FY 2023-24, please request the FY 2023-24 Certification of Zero Reimbursements Form by e-mailing LEA@dhcs.ca.gov. Completed forms are submitted to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov.
 - o For questions or concerns regarding your CRCS submission, please e-mail LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov.

2) Special Programs Section (SPS)

- Audit & Interim Report Status as of June 30, 2024.

CRCS FY	Amended?	CRCS Accepted	Interim Completed	Interim Issued	Final Issued	Interim Issued By	Final Issued By
2014-15	-	532	-	-	529	-	09/30/24
2015-16	Amended	515	-	-	425	-	06/30/25
2016-17	Amended	521	-	-	416	-	08/31/25
2017-18	Amended	521	-	-	431	-	10/31/25
2018-19	Amended	526	-	-	64	-	12/31/25
2019-20	-	525	-	-	155	-	03/31/25
2020-21	-	518	47	47	488	09/22/23	03/31/25
2021-22	-	515	398	398	114	03/1/24	03/31/26
2022-23	-	520	350	-	-	03/01/25*	09/01/25**

*Changed from October 1, 2024, to March 1, 2025, due to fiscal intermediary withholding issue and timing of the anticipated resolution. March 1, 2025, meets all requirements.

**September 1, 2025, or 18 months from CRCS submission date, whichever is later.

- Audit Reports Issued January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

CRCS FY	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
2014-15	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
2015-16	122	19	74	66	11	19	311
2016-17	61	70	151	62	13	20	377
2017-18	2	166	100	89	9	15	381
2018-19	-	-	-	-	16	48	64
2019-20	-	-	-	-	47	108	155
2020-21	4	5	5	8	5	2	29
2021-22	20	1	-	2	-	-	23
Total	209	261	330	227	101	216	1,344

- Settlements will be issued to or collected from the LEA within four weeks of the final settlement report date.
- Questions specific to your LEA's audit can be directed to: LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov.

Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Updates:

3) Fair Share Reimbursements

- As of July 3, 2024, DHCS has proportionately returned fair share reimbursements and surplus funds from FY 2016-17 through 2021-22 to LEA BOP Providers using Remittance Advice Detail (RAD) Code 728. Payments were processed the week of July 3, 2024, and LEAs should have already received the payments. LEAs that were under-collected and thus did not contribute their fair share will not receive part of the surplus.

4) Interim Settlements

- Although withholds should not be applied to Interim Settlement Payments, DHCS is aware that withholds were erroneously applied to recent Interim Settlement Payments that were processed using RAD Code 709.
- DHCS has temporarily put a hold on issuing interim settlements to avoid further withhold collection from the interim settlements. DHCS is working to exclude RAD Code 709 from the administrative withholds and will release interim settlements for the FY 22-23 CRCS period once the issue is resolved.
- This change is scheduled to be implemented on October 28, 2024.

5) Five Percent Administrative Hold

- DHCS is working with the FI to remove the 1 percent withhold and to increase the 2 percent withhold to 5 percent as a requirement of AB 483. Effective date for this policy will be July 1, 2024.
- This change is scheduled to be implemented on October 28, 2024.

6) Update to Current Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) Rates

- DHCS is working with the FI to update the current LEA BOP reimbursement rates with the new rebased reimbursement rates for LEA BOP services. The current rates will be implemented by October 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2024.
- Once the rates are updated, payments from July 1, 2024, onward will be re-processed at the new rates.

Program Updates:

7) Online Program Guide – Assembly Bill (AB) 483

- The LEA BOP website has transitioned into an online Program Guide for FY 2024-25 and forward.
- The online Program Guide was published and live on July 1, 2024, for all participating Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), charter schools, and community colleges.
- DHCS shall only adopt a revision of the Program Guide after providing 30 calendar days' written notification (by electronic mail) of the revision, including a statement of justification, to all participating LEAs and stakeholders. Please note, when revisions are necessary to reflect changes required by state or federal law or mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and those changes require immediate action, DHCS may provide less than 30 calendar days' written notice.
 - A 30-day notice e-mail was sent to all LEA BOP providers on May 31, 2024.
- Previous Program Guides are archived and available on the [LEA BOP website](#).

8) Electronic Cost Reporting System Process

- DHCS has unexpectedly encountered internal challenges resulting in the delay of the electronic reporting process. DHCS aims to transition to the electronic cost reporting process for the FY 2024-25 cost report, which is due March 1, 2026.

9) LEA BOP E-blasts

- April 2024
 - 3 DHCS Announcement – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) School Located Vaccine Event (SLVE) Webinar
 - 18 DHCS – LEA BOP Announcing Best Practices Sessions!
 - 22 DHCS – LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-25 Application
 - 22 DHCS – LEA BOP April Newsletter
 - 22 DHCS – LEA BOP April Stakeholder Meeting Materials
- May 2024
 - 6 RE: DHCS – LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-25 Application
 - 14 Re: DHCS – LEA BOP Ad Hoc Workgroup FY 2024-25 Application
 - 31 DHCS – LEA BOP Online Program Guide for FY 2024-25 and Forward
- June 2024
 - 26 DHCS - LEA BOP Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
- July 2024
 - 18 DHCS – LEA BOP Fair Share Reimbursement and Surplus of Funds for FY 2016-17 through 2021-22
 - 24 DHCS – Update on LEA BOP Policy Relating to Multi-Payer Fee Schedule

- August 2024
 - 1 DHCS - LEA BOP August Stakeholder Meeting
 - 7 DHCS – LEA BOP August Newsletter

10) Technical Assistance:

- 53 Technical Assistance (TA) from July 2023 through July 2024, leading to an average of over one TA visit per week.
 - o There has been 20 TA visits since the April LEA BOP Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting.
- TA was provided to LEA BOP Providers for the following reasons:
 - o A 25 percent or greater audit adjustment from the reported amount on the CRCS cost report to the final settlement.
 - o General LEA BOP overview and introduction.
 - o Enrollment questions.
 - o CRCS Assistance.

If you are interested in receiving personalized technical assistance, please submit a [Technical Assistance Request](#) form to LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

Please see the [Training Page](#) on the LEA BOP website where you can find these and other trainings.