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To All Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) Providers:

The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), declared by the Trump Administration in 2020, allowed some flexibilities for Medicaid programs. This declaration, and the associated flexibilities, is set to expire on May 11, 2023. Some flexibilities such as continuous enrollment, were separated from the PHE and have already ended. The LEA BOP will be issuing a Policy and Procedure Letter to focus on the termination of the PHE flexibilities soon as LEA BOP resumes pre-PHE operations.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW:**

1. The service authorization flexibility that allowed prescriptions, referrals, and orders to continue in effect even when expired will no longer be available to LEA BOP Providers.
2. Current prescriptions, referrals, and orders will be required as of May 12, 2023.

**WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:** The LEA BOP will require LEA BOP Providers to ensure that service authorizations (prescriptions, referrals, and recommendations) are in place and appropriately dated prior to submitting LEA BOP claims to the fiscal intermediary (FI). LEA BOP service authorizations will be valid for one year from the date of the authorization.

**We're here to help.**

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