

DATE: July 10, 2026 **PPL NO. 26-002**

TO: Local Educational Agency (LEA), Public Institution of Higher Education (IHE), and Designated Affiliated Providers Participating in the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Fee Schedule Program

SUBJECT: **PRACTITIONER ENROLLMENT IN MEDI-CAL**

PURPOSE: This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) notifies all CYBHI Fee Schedule participants of the requirement to enroll practitioners in Medi-Cal when an enrollment pathway exists.

REFERENCE: [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 2023 Guide, Section III \(G\)](#)

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the CYBHI Fee Schedule program requires only those practitioners who order, refer, or prescribe to separately enroll in Medi-Cal because the LEA/IHE or designated affiliated provider itself is already enrolled and is considered the furnishing provider. In 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided requirements that must be met for delivering services in school-based settings, including requiring practitioners who have an enrollment pathway to be separately enrolled in Medi-Cal regardless of whether the entity employing or contracting with them is also an enrolled provider.

Although there is more than one way for practitioners to enroll in Medi-Cal, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recommends that practitioners enroll as Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) providers, as this pathway is the simplest and most effective enrollment pathway that satisfies the federal requirement.

POLICY:

Effective January 1, 2027, all practitioners with a Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) enrollment pathway that provide CYBHI Fee Schedule program covered services must separately enroll in Medi-Cal FFS as a provider. A list of provider types eligible to complete an FFS enrollment may be found on the [DHCS Provider Enrollment Options](#) webpage. Medi-Cal payment cannot be made for services and expenditures provided by practitioners who have a pathway to enroll in Medi-Cal but have not enrolled. Practitioners will need to enroll through DHCS' Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment ([PAVE](#)) Portal. Practitioners without a

pathway to enroll in Medi-Cal FFS must be an employee or contractor of an enrolled Medi-Cal provider for the expenditures to be allowable. Therefore, the LEA/IHE or designated affiliated provider will continue to be identified as the furnishing provider for those individual practitioners.

IMPLEMENTATION:

DHCS will provide CYBHI Fee Schedule participants with additional support, including office hours and direct outreach, during the implementation process to ensure that requirements are met.

If you have any questions regarding this PPL, please contact the School-based Services Branch at DHCS.SBS@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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