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TO: Local Educational Agency (LEA) Coordinators for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED CALIFORNIA STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) 16-001 REGARDING TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT (TCM) SERVICES FOR THE LEA BOP

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) notifies stakeholders participating in the LEA BOP that Medi-Cal SPA 16-001 was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on October 22, 2020, with an effective date of January 2, 2016. This SPA expands access to federal Medicaid funds for LEAs that provide TCM services to Medicaid beneficiaries outside of special education for those covered by an Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP) or a “Care Plan”¹.

Additionally, SPA 16-001 adds the following qualified practitioners eligible to provide and bill for TCM services under the LEA BOP:

- Credentialed Speech-Language Pathologist
- Licensed Occupational Therapists
- Licensed Physical Therapist
- Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist

The Department of Health Care Services will provide confirmation when claims for TCM services for non-Individualized Education Plan/Individualized Family Service Plan students and the new practitioners listed above can be billed through the fiscal intermediary.

Please note that policy will be published in the LEA BOP Provider Manual.

If you have questions concerning this PPL, please contact the LEA BOP team by e-mail at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

¹ A “Care Plan” is a medical management tool for providing medically necessary healthcare services to a student in a school setting. Other common names for a “Care Plan” are a nursing plan, IHSP, Plan of Care, Individualized School Healthcare Plan or 504 Plan.

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Sincerely,

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