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TO: Local Educational Agency (LEA),
Local Educational Consortia (LEC),
Local Governmental Agency (LGA),
Coordinators for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP),
School-Based Medi-Cal Administration Activities (SMAA) Program

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED CALIFORNIA STATE PLAN
AMENDMENT (SPA) 15-021 REGARDING LEA BOP SERVICES

This Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) notifies stakeholders participating in the LEA BOP that Medi-Cal SPA 15-021 was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on April 27, 2020, with an effective date of July 1, 2015. This SPA expands access to federal Medicaid funds for LEAs through the following three primary changes: (1) incorporating a Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) methodology into the cost settlement process, (2) adding new service practitioners and new services covered under the LEA BOP, and (3) expanding the population covered under the LEA BOP to include Medicaid beneficiaries outside of special education, including mandated screenings¹, those covered by an Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP) or a “Care Plan”².

In order to provide information and guidance on SPA 15-021 requirements before the LEA BOP Provider Manual is updated, the following PPLs will be issued over the coming weeks and published on the LEA BOP website:

- PPL No. 20-022 - Random Moment Time Survey Requirements
- PPL No. 20-039 - New Services and New Practitioners
- PPL No. 20-029 - Individualized Health and Support Plan Policy
- PPL No. 20-040 - Specialized Medical Transportation Requirements
- PPL No. 20-033 - Targeted Case Management Requirements

¹ Mandated screenings based on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT).

² 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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Please note that these PPLs provide initial guidance to LEAs on SPA 15-021, and 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.

Sincerely,

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