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Local Educational Agency
Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)
Status Update Summary

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**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) - Audits & Investigation (A&I)
Updates**

1) Cost Reporting and Tracking Section (CRTS): Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) and Certification of Zero Reimbursement (CZR) Reports - Submission Update (as of 7/7/2022)

- LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov

State Fiscal Year (SFY)	Received	Total Participants	CRCS' Accepted	CZR (DHCS 2437a)	Rejections
2020-21	515	633	497	39	18
2019-20	479	624	474	35	4
2018-19	516	618	505	26	11
2017-18	566	609	564	40	2
2016-17	563	593	559	35	4
2015-16	559	596	556	33	3
2014-15	561	584	555	31	6

2) Special Programs Section (SPS) - CRCS Audit Update (as of 7/6/2022)

- LEAAuditQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov
- CRCS Audits Update
 - SPS is currently working on SFY 2016-17, SFY 2017-18, and SFY 2020-21.
 - SPS will continue issuing the completed audits for SFY 2016-17 and start issuing SFY 2017-18 and SFY 2020-21 once completed.

State Fiscal Year	Number of CRCS Forms Accepted	Total Number LEAs That Received Interim Reimbursement	Audits Issued	LEAs on Withhold due to not submitting a CRCS	Amount of Withhold
2014-15	525	535	525	10	\$93,093
2015-16	524	537	524	13	\$2,107,355
2016-17	527	538	526	11	\$1,487,750
2017-18	526	539	0	13	\$1,007,917

DHCS- Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Updates

3) Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) Population

- System Development Notice (SDN) 21051 was implemented on June 20, 2022, to deny payments for services rendered to UIS beneficiaries.
- The effective date for this policy is July 16, 2021, per Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) 21-015.
- An LEA's Remittance Advice Detail (RAD) report will show denied claims with the RAD code "9908", "Recipient not eligible for Federal Financial Participation (FFP)."
- An Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) will be forthcoming to recoup erroneously paid claims associated with the UIS population, starting with claims that have a date of service on or after July 16, 2021.

4) Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

- Two new procedure codes (G9919 and G9920) are being added to the FI system to allow billing for ACEs Screenings, effective July 1, 2022.
- FI updates are expected to be implemented on August 22, 2022.
- LEAs should wait to submit claims for G9919 and G9920 until after the implementation date of August 22, 2022.
- LEA BOP Provider Manual updates are in progress to reflect these new procedure codes.

5) COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Modifier

- COVID-19 counseling claims with the "CR" modifier will be limited to reimbursement for one unit of service.
- LEAs should wait to submit claims using the CR modifier until after the implementation date of August 22, 2022. The effective date for this change will be July 1, 2021.
- DHCS is in the process of establishing a one quarter timeliness extension, allowing claims with dates of service from July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021, to be adjudicated until October 31, 2022. An e-blast will be sent to LEAs when the "CR" modifier is implemented and available to reimburse COVID-19 counseling services.
- LEA BOP Provider Manual updates are in progress to reflect the new procedure code/modifier combinations.

6) Post-Partum Benefit Expansion

- Aid code 76 will be eligible for reimbursement for LEA BOP services effective April 1, 2022.
- FI updates are expected to be implemented by August 22, 2022.
- Claims erroneously denied eligibility for this aid code will be paid through an EPC.

7) Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT)/Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW) Expansion of Covered Services

- Expansion is effective July 1, 2021, allowing AMFTs and ACSWs to be reimbursed for psychosocial status assessments and health education/anticipatory guidance services provided that all applicable supervisory requirements have been met.
- FI updates that will add the HM and HL modifiers to existing CPT codes, which were implemented on June 21, 2022.
- LEA Providers should have submitted claims for dates of service back to July 1, 2021, and received a denial no later than June 30, 2022.
- A forthcoming EPC will process reimbursement for denied claims back to July 1, 2021.

8) Claims Processing Timeliness Extension Due to Data Match Delay

- DHCS previously notified LEA BOP providers that they could bill for services provided on or after September 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021, up until June 30, 2022.
- Stakeholders have informed DHCS that claims over the 1 year claiming limit are currently being denied.
- The denied interim claims will not be paid out due to the cost settlement process occurring for this time period with the SFY 2020-21 CRCS.

9) SFY 2022-23 Rate Inflation

- Rate Inflation for the SFY 2022-23 is was implemented on July 25, 2022.
- New rates will be paid for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022.
- An EPC is forthcoming to reimburse LEAs for claims submitted with dates of service (DOS) on or after July 1, 2022 through July 25, 2022.
- The LEA BOP Provider Manual has been updated with the new rates.

DHCS- Local Governmental Financing Division (LGFD) Medi-Cal Claims and Services Branch (MCSB) School-Based Claiming Services Section (SBCSS) Updates

10) Compliance Documents

- Providers who do not submit compliance documents may be put on a reimbursement withhold and/or terminated from the LEA BOP. LEAs that still need to submit documents should send them to:
LEA.AnnualReport@dhcs.ca.gov
- **Data Use Agreement (DUA)** – was due November 30, 2021
 - Two-Party DUA is specifically for LEA BOP Providers who do not have a vendor but handle the data match files in-house. This agreement is only between the DHCS and the LEA BOP Provider.
 - Tri-Party DUA is specifically for LEA BOP Providers who utilize a billing vendor to determine Medi-Cal eligibility using

the LEA BOP data match process. This agreement is between the DHCS and the LEA BOP Provider and their billing vendor.

- When a DUA has not been received, LEA BOP providers will not be able to access Medi-Cal eligibility Data Match information because this would be a breach of protected health information (PHI).
- DHCS has received 556 DUAs with Addendum to Attachment A as of 07/21/2022.
 - 12 Non-compliant LEAs will be disenrolled from the LEA BOP from failing to submit both the DUA and the Attachment A Addendum.
- **Annual Report (AR)** – was due November 30, 2021
 - DHCS has received 528 ARs out of 558 LEAs as of 07/21/2022.
- **Provider Participation Agreement (PPA) Addendum** - was due November 1, 2021
 - DHCS has received 544 PPA Addendums out of 588 LEAs as of 07/21/2022.

11) Eligibility Data Match Update

- Data Match access has been restored for 520 LEA that submitted both a DUA and the Addendum to Attachment A's.
 - LGFD sent out an e-blast reminder for the final May 31, 2022 document submission deadline.
 - 39 LEAs submitted compliance documents and are awaiting DHCS completion of the data release process so they may access the data match.
 - The final Data Release is in the process of completion and LEAs will be notified when access is restored.
- For all compliant LEAs, the first batch of data was released on March 25, 2022. The second batch was release on May 10, 2022.
- An e-blast was sent out in May 2022, informing LEA BOP Providers to use the enrollment data as of May 25, 2022, and the data match output file for May 2022, in order to calculate the numerator for the Medi-Cal Eligibility Ratio (MER).

12) CRCS Reports for SFY 2016-17 – Due 8/31/2022

- The SFY 2016-17 CRCS and supporting files will be on the LEA BOP website.
- Reports should be submitted to LEA.CRCS.Submission@dhcs.ca.gov.
- LEAs that need assistance determining their Medi-Cal Eligibility Rate (MER) for any CRCS period should complete Attachment A of PPL 22-001 and submit the form to LEA@guidehouse.com.

- Once submitted, you will receive an e-mail within three business days of submission letting you know your request has been received.
- Guidehouse personnel will reach out to LEAs that have submitted requests and provide assistance with determining an alternative MER methodology.

13) LEA BOP Provider Manual Updates

- An updated consolidated Provider Manual PDF will be added to the LEA BOP website.
- Minor updates have been published related to transportation and hearing sections of the Provider Manual.
- DHCS is working to develop a new section specific to EPSDT services.

14) Policy and Procedure Letters (PPL)

- PPLs published to the website:
 - No new PPLs since the last AWG meeting.

15) LEA BOP e-blasts:

- June 1, 2022 Advisory Work Group Meeting Information
- June 3, 2022 Timeliness Reminder for Associate Marriage and Family Therapists and Associate Clinical Social Workers Historical Claims
- June 7, 2022 Request for Applications for a lead LEA BOP Medi-Cal Billing Specialist
- June 10, 2022 Timeliness Reminder for Associate Marriage and Family Therapists and Associate Clinical Social Workers Historical Claims
- June 17, 2022 Correction to FFP Qualified Field and MER Assistance Deadline
- June 21, 2022 Timeliness Reminder for Associate Marriage and Family Therapists and Associate Clinical Social Workers Historical Claims
- June 23, 2022 2020/21 CRCS Transportation Addendum
- June 24, 2022 State Fiscal Year 2022/23 LEA BOP Rates
- June 28, 2022 Timeliness Reminder for Associate Marriage and Family Therapists and Associate Clinical Social Workers Historical Claims
- June 28, 2022 2020/21 CRCS Transportation Addendum
- July 8, 2022 Call for Agenda: School-Based RMTS and SMAA Calls
- July 19, 2022 July School-Based RMYS and SMAA Call

16) LEA BOP Technical Assistance (TA) and Site Visits

- DHCS provided one TA site visit since the previous AWG Meeting
- One of the LEA BOP Operations Unit's purposes is provide training and TA site visits. Please submit TA requests to LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

- The LEA Operations Unit is planning enhanced outreach and training in collaboration with new expansion contractor, WestEd. Please feel free to submit ideas and requests for training to the LEA@dhcs.ca.gov inbox or directly to the Operations team.

LEA BOP AWG Meeting Afternoon session- State Fiscal Year 2021-22 Review and a Look Forward to 2022-23

Next AWG Meeting Date/Time: October 5, 2022 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.