



# Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

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**The California State Plan Amendment 15-021 was approved on April 27, 2020, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

The Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) services are authorized in the California's Medicaid State Plan, which is a contractual agreement between the State of California and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The State Plan contains all information necessary for CMS to determine if the State can receive Federal Financial Participation for its Medicaid program (Medi-Cal in California).

- **New Assessments**
  - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Screenings
  - Orientation and Mobility
  - Respiratory
- **New Treatments**
  - Activities of Daily Living (Nursing and School Health Aide Services)
  - Group Treatment Services (Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy)
  - Nutritional Services
  - Orientation and Mobility Services
  - Respiratory Therapy Services
- **New Practitioners**
  - Occupational Therapy Assistant
  - Orientation and Mobility Specialist
  - Physical Therapy Assistant
  - Physician Assistant
  - Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker
  - Registered Dietician
  - Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Intern
  - Respiratory Care Practitioner
  - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
- **Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)**
  - New methodology to capture the amount of time spent providing direct health services by qualified health practitioners that participate in the LEA BOP.
  - For more information regarding RMTS, please visit our web site at:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/School-Based-RMTS.aspx>
- **Other Changes**
  - Expands reimbursements to include covered services under an Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP), which will allow LEAs to receive reimbursement for eligible beneficiaries without an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP), resulting in increased services for Medi-Cal eligible general education students.
  - Before, LEAs were only allowed to claim 24 service units in a 12-month period for students without an IEP/IFSP. LEAs can now claim reimbursements for those non-IEP/IFSP (IHSP) services beyond the previous 24 service units.

The LEA BOP pages in sections 3 and 4 of the California State Plan are posted on the Department of Health Care Services State Plan webpage for review by the public at:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/SPdocs.aspx>

For more information on the LEA BOP, please visit our web site at:

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