

A recording of the December 2, 2020 AWG SPA 16-001 Training can be requested per request at LEA@dhcs.ca.gov.

General Questions

Q1. Will the PowerPoint for this training be distributed to all attendees?

A. Yes. The PowerPoint presentation will be distributed to all attendees, along with the questions and answers from the December 2020 AWG Training.

Q2. How do stakeholders join the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) listserv in order to receive eblasts?

A. Subscribe to the LEA BOP listserv using this DHCS [website link](#).

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-001 Approval

Q3. Can Special education teachers bill for targeted case management (TCM) services under the LEA BOP?

A. Yes. Special education teachers can bill for TCM services under the LEA BOP, as long as all TCM practitioner requirements are met, the personnel are identified as a TCM practitioner on the Time Survey Participant (TSP) List and on the TCM Certification Form, and TCM services are memorialized in a detailed Care Plan.

Q4. Are Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) or Physical Therapist Assistants approved TCM practitioners?

A. No. COTAs and Physical Therapist Assistants are not approved practitioner types under SPA 16-001.

Q5. Who is the “agency” in the agency-approved case management course? Is there a DHCS-approved case management course available for LEAs to use?

A. The LEA is considered the “agency.” It is the LEA’s responsibility to develop a targeted case management course or contract with another organization to have staff take the course. One attendee during the training provided the example of Case Management Society of America, which offers a certification course for nurses and social workers.

Claiming Targeted Case Management (TCM)

Q6. Is it DHCS' position that all billable TCM activities fit within the billable codes included in the SMAA program? What about billable TCM services that are related to educational, social, etc. needs since the definition of TCM includes these?

A. SPA15-021 defines LEA BOP TCM as services that "...assist children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), who are eligible for services under the IDEA to gain access to appropriate and needed services." SPA 16-001 expands the population of the targeted group to include eligible beneficiaries under age 22 who are Medicaid enrolled beneficiaries, regardless of whether the beneficiary has an IEP or IFSP. TCM services assist eligible children and eligible family members to access needed medical, social, educational and other services. For more information on TCM requirements, see the LEA Provider Manual, section [loc ed serv targ](#).

LEA Inbox FAQs

Q7. In the FAQ slides, it is stated that LEAs can bill transportation for all days that a practitioner spends testing or assessing a student, but LEA policy states that only one date can be billed for an IEP assessment. How would LEAs bill transportation for multiple dates in this scenario?

A. The assessment should only be billed on one date, but it could take multiple days to administer. As long as the LEA has documentation to support the assessment across multiple days and student transportation is needed and documented in the IEP or IFSP, transportation can be billed for those days that the student is involved in the assessment process.