

A recording of the February 3, 2021 LEA BOP Provider Manual Updates 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 February 2021 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](#).

Q3. If a pre-existing prescription expires during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), are services able to be billed past the expiration date?

A. Yes. Service authorizations (prescriptions, referrals, or recommendations) that expire during the PHE may be extended until the end of the PHE. For additional information, refer to [PPL #20-014R](#).

LEA Individual Service Sections

Q4. If Occupational Therapy Assistants or Physical Therapist Assistants are providing services through telehealth, what are the requirements for supervision?

A. The respective licensing boards govern the supervision requirements for each practitioner type. For occupational therapy assistants, supervision FAQs from the California Board of Occupational Therapy can be referenced [here](#). For physical therapist assistants, supervision FAQs from the Physical Therapy Board of California can be referenced [here](#).

Q5. Can qualified rendering practitioners for psychosocial status assessments also bill for bio-psychosocial status assessments?

A. A psychosocial status assessment is an evaluation of an individual's mental health and social wellbeing. It assesses the perception of self and the individual's ability to function in the school setting and how they interact with others socially. LEAs should review their bio-psychosocial assessment standards to confirm whether they meet the scope of the LEA BOP covered psychosocial status assessment requirements.

Q6. Will retroactive Targeted Case Management (TCM) claims be audited based on the current guidance provided, specifically the details surrounding components of TCM that must be included in the Care Plan? If so, LEAs were not provided this detail in 2015 and will likely not be able to meet the requirements.

A. The TCM service requirements and standards have not changed. In general, the LEA BOP has expanded to cover new TCM practitioners and TCM services being delivered outside of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), as well as now requiring a TCM Certification Form that will be used as part of the RMTS process (effective for dates of service after July 1, 2020). LGFD would like to note that the TCM program was only suspended while SPA 16-001 was pending CMS approval and LEAs have had access to the TCM provider manual.

Q7. Who is the qualified ordering, referring, or prescribing (ORP) practitioner for orientation and mobility services?

A. Orientation and mobility services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice. All licensed healthcare practitioners should know their own scope of practice. For example, occupational therapists could be a qualified ORP practitioner per [PPL #18-018R](#) for orientation and mobility services.

Q8. Would DHCS consider removing the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) certification requirement for orientation and mobility specialists?

A. DHCS will consider removing the ACVREP certification requirement in the next State Plan Amendment (SPA). Until new policy guidance is approved by CMS, orientation and mobility specialists must be certified and credentialed per the current SPA.

Q9. To confirm, Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners must be supervised by a physician?

A. Yes. Per [California](#) law, respiratory care practitioners must practice under the supervision of a physician. Contracted physicians are also able to provide supervision.

Q10. If vision and hearing screenings can be authorized by the Bright Futures American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Periodicity Schedule, can other services on the Periodicity Schedule also be covered under the LEA BOP?

A. Not all services listed in the [Periodicity Schedule](#) are covered by the LEA BOP. For example, oral health screenings are covered by Denti-Cal and autism spectrum disorder screenings are covered by Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). However, services such as vision, hearing, developmental and health screenings are covered under the LEA BOP. For additional information, refer to the March 5, 2020 New Services and Practitioners Training posted on the [LEA BOP training webpage](#).

Q11. Are Activities of Daily Living (ADL) services billable by other practitioners outside of Trained Health Care Aides (THCAs)?

A. Yes. ADL services billed with procedure code 97535 may be billed by nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and THCAs.