



LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

March 10, 2020

Vendor Training

*Materials presented today are pending approval of
SPA 15-021*



Agenda

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Section 1

Introduction



Introductions

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

| Administers the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP)

Navigant Consulting

| Contractor to DHCS
| Provides assistance to DHCS as a subject-matter expert



LEA BOP Website Resources

- Main resource is the LEA Home Page:
[LEA Home Page](#)

Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Program reimburses LEAs (school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, community college districts, California State Universities and University of California campuses) the federal share of the maximum allowable rate for approved health-related services provided by qualified health service practitioners to Medi-Cal eligible students.

The [LEA Program Overview](#) outlines the program's goals and services, and LEAs new to the program will find valuable information on how to get started in the [Onboarding Handbook](#). For a detailed description of program requirements and program policy, please refer to the [LEA Provider Manual](#).

- Getting Started**
 - [Onboarding Handbook](#)
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 - [Technical Assistance/Site Visit Request](#)
- Provider Manual & Policy**
 - [Provider Manual](#)
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 - [Reports to the Legislature](#)
- Claims Information & Data**
 - [Claims Processing](#)
 - [Paid Claims Data Reports](#)
- Legislation & State Plans**
 - [California Laws and Regulations](#)



LEA BOP Website Resources (Cont'd)

- The LEA BOP will publish Policies and Procedure Letters relating to SPA 15-021.

The screenshot shows the DHCS website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, About DHCS, and Translate. Below that is a menu with icons for Services, Individuals, Providers & Partners, Laws & Regulations, Data & Statistics, Forms & Publications, and Search. The main content area is titled "LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Policy and Procedure Letters". Below the title are two links: "Back to LEA Home Page" and "Back to Policy and Procedure Letters Archive by Year". The main content is a table with three columns: "Number & Date", "Description", and "Attachment".

Number & Date	Description	Attachment
PPL 20-004 January 10, 2020	Notification of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-021 Requirements in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 for Local Educational Agency Providers	
PPL 20-003 January 6, 2020	Notification of the Compliance Process for Local Educational Agency Providers that Did Not Submit the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule for Prior Reporting Years	
PPL 19-033 December 19, 2019	LEA Psychology/ Counseling CPT Replaced With New CPT Codes	
PPL 19-019 September 18, 2019	Amendment to the annual submission requirements for the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS).	
PPL 19-015 June 28, 2019	Authorizations for direct medical treatment services may be signed by Physician Assistants (PAs) or Nurse Practitioners (NPs), as appropriate, in place of an authorization signed by a physician.	
PPL 18-029 December 10, 2018	Elimination of CPT Code 96101 and Implementation of New Replacement Code 96130 in the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program	
PPL 18-027 November 15, 2018	Specialized Medical Transportation in the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program	



Additional Resources

Additional website resources:

- [LEA Onboarding Handbook](#)
- [LEA Toolbox](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Transportation Billing Guide](#)
- [Glossary of Terms](#)

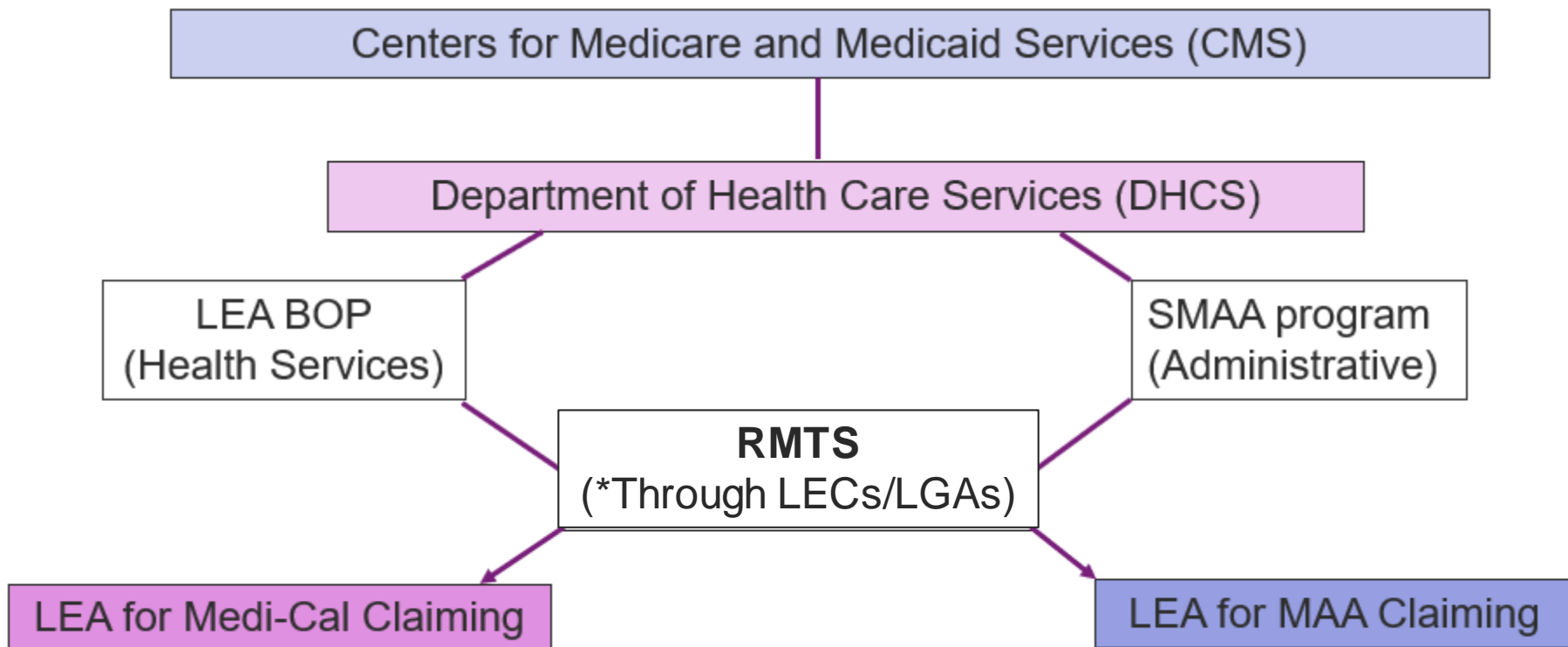


Section 2

Roles and Responsibilities



LEA BOP and SMAA Partnerships



* In California, the SMAA Program is locally administered by a Local Educational Consortium (LEC) or Local Governmental Agency (LGA). The LECs/LGAs are responsible for day-to-day administration of the RMTS.



Program Compliance Documents

1. PPA/AR/DUA/CRCS

- Verify LEA Name
- Verify National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)
- Obtain required signatures on all documents submitted to DHCS

2. Submitting Documents

- Verify correct LEA name
- Verify correct naming conventions
- Include LEA on any emailed questions to DHCS



DHCS Responsibilities

- DHCS is the single state agency responsible for the administration of the LEA BOP.
- DHCS is the primary source for the dissemination of policy, procedure and guidance with respect to the proper administration of the LEA BOP.



LEA Provider Responsibilities

- It is the obligation of each LEA to ensure that they comply with current Medi-Cal policy pertaining to rendered services. It is the LEA, not the billing vendor, that is ultimately responsible for Medi-Cal compliance in the LEA Program.
 - Compliance documents (PPA, AR, CRCS)
 - RMTS Requirements



Contracted Physician Requirement

Question: Can the LEA contract with a physician to provide prescriptions for PT or OT treatment services? Does the physician need to personally evaluate the student before writing a prescription for physical therapy or occupational therapy treatment services?

Answer: Prescriptions for PT and OT treatment services, as required by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51309(a), shall come from physicians employed by or contracted with the LEA, or shall come from the student's primary care physician, dentist or podiatrist. A prescribing physician does not need to be the student's primary care physician, and does not need to personally evaluate the student to issue a prescription for PT or OT treatment services. However, the prescribing physician must have a working relationship with the LEA and treating physical/occupational therapist, and must review the student's records prior to prescribing services.

In addition, ORP requirements must be met per PPL 18-018R.



Prescription Requirement

Question: Can we bill for treatment services prior obtaining a written prescription?

Answer: Medi-Cal requires that a prescription needs to be in place prior to billing Medi-Cal for treatment services.



Data Match Submission

- LEA BOP Submission through the MoveIT folder
 - LEA data match is to obtain Medi-Cal eligibility status
 - Not to be used for the SMAA program.
- SMAA submission through the MoveIT folder
 - Data match information is used to determine the Medi-Cal Eligibility Rate (MER)
 - Not to be used for the LEA BOP.



Vendor Roles

- Contract is with the LEAs; not DHCS
- Communication between Vendors and LEAs
 - ✓ Reflect DHCS policy
 - ✓ E-mail communication between DHCS and Vendors need to include the respective LEA on all e-mails inquiries
 - ✓ SPA 15-021 has not been approved; claims for services should not be submitted



FY 2020-21 Provider Participation Agreement

- The FY 2020-21 PPA is due **April 1, 2020**.
- For all LEA providers that would like to continue participation in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP) beginning July 1, 2020, the PPA must be submitted no later than April 1, 2020.
- If the Department of Health Care Services does not receive a signed PPA by April 1, 2020, LEA providers may be denied participation in the LEA BOP.



Contingency Fee PPL 12-012

Contingency Fees Many school districts or local education authorities have chosen to use the services of consultants. The OMB Circular A-87 states in item 33.a, of Attachment B, “Selected Items of Costs,” that: Cost of professional and consultant services rendered by persons or organizations that are members of a particular profession or possess a special skill, whether or not officers or employees of the governmental unit, are allowable, subject to section 14 when reasonable in relation to the services rendered and when not contingent upon recovery of the costs from the Federal Government (added emphasis).

Source : [CMS- Medicaid School-Based Administration Claiming Guide \(2003\)](#)



Section 3

Upcoming Program Changes



SPA 15-021 Update



SPA 15-021 has not been approved; **claims for services should not be submitted**



Once SPA 15-021 is approved, DHCS is prepared to move forward with implementation



SPA 15-021 Major Changes

Four major Program changes:

1. Expands covered services *(upon SPA approval)*
2. Expands allowable practitioner types *(upon approval)*
3. Expands the covered population to include Medicaid beneficiaries outside of special education *(upon SPA approval)*
 - Treatment services that are pursuant to an Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP) or “Care Plan” will no longer be subject to limit of 24 services per fiscal year*
4. Incorporates RMTS for LEA BOP services *(effective FY 2020-21)*



CPT Codes and Modifiers for New Practitioners and New Services

WORKSHEET A: SPA 15-021 New Services

LEA Service	National Code with Modifiers Designating Treatment	Modifiers Designating IDEA Services (if applicable)	Modifiers Designating Practitioner Type (if applicable)	Qualified Practitioners	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	Unit of Service	Maximum Units per Beneficiary						
					Rate - 100%	Rate - 50% FMAP	Rate - 100%	Rate - 50% FMAP	Rate - 100%	Rate - 50% FMAP			Rate - 100%	Rate - 50% FMAP				
1 Initial IFSP Orientation and Mobility Assessment	T1023	TL (IFSP)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	Initial IFSP Assessment	One per lifetime per provider, no limit on the number of units of service for the assessment
2 IEP Orientation and Mobility Assessment (initial/triennial)	T1023	TM (IEP)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	IEP Assessment (Initial or Triennial)	One every third state fiscal year per provider, no limit on number of units for the assessment
3 IEP/IFSP Orientation and Mobility Assessment (amended)	T1023 - TS	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	Re-assessment (Amended)	One every 30 days per provider, no limit on the number of units
4 IEP/IFSP Orientation and Mobility Assessment (annual)	T1023 - 52	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	Re-assessment (Annual)	One every state fiscal year per provider when an initial or triennial IEP/IFSP orientation and mobility assessment is not billed (no limit on number of units)
5 Non-IEP/IFSP Orientation and Mobility Assessment (applies to both initial and re-assessment)	T1023	blank (IHSP service)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialists	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	O&M Assessment	Daily limit of 4 units
6 Orientation and Mobility Treatment Services	97533	TL (IFSP) or TM (IEP) or blank (IHSP service)	N/A	Orientation and Mobility Specialist	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.40	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.16	\$ 10.58	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.94	\$ 21.29	\$ 10.64	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.97	15 - minute increment	Daily limit of 24 units per beneficiary per LEA
7 Initial IFSP Respiratory Therapy Assessment	94618	TL (IFSP)	N/A	Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners	\$ 19.64	\$ 9.82	\$ 19.98	\$ 9.99	\$ 19.98	\$ 9.99	\$ 20.66	\$ 10.33	\$ 20.85	\$ 10.42	\$ 21.50	\$ 10.75	Initial IFSP Assessment	One per lifetime per provider, no limit on number of units for the assessment
8 Initial IEP Respiratory Therapy Assessment	94618	TM (IEP)	N/A	Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners	\$ 19.64	\$ 9.82	\$ 19.98	\$ 9.99	\$ 19.98	\$ 9.99	\$ 20.66	\$ 10.33	\$ 20.85	\$ 10.42	\$ 21.50	\$ 10.75	IEP Assessment (Initial or Triennial)	One every third state fiscal year per provider, no limit on number of units for the assessment



RMTS Quick Overview

- What is Random Moment Time Survey?



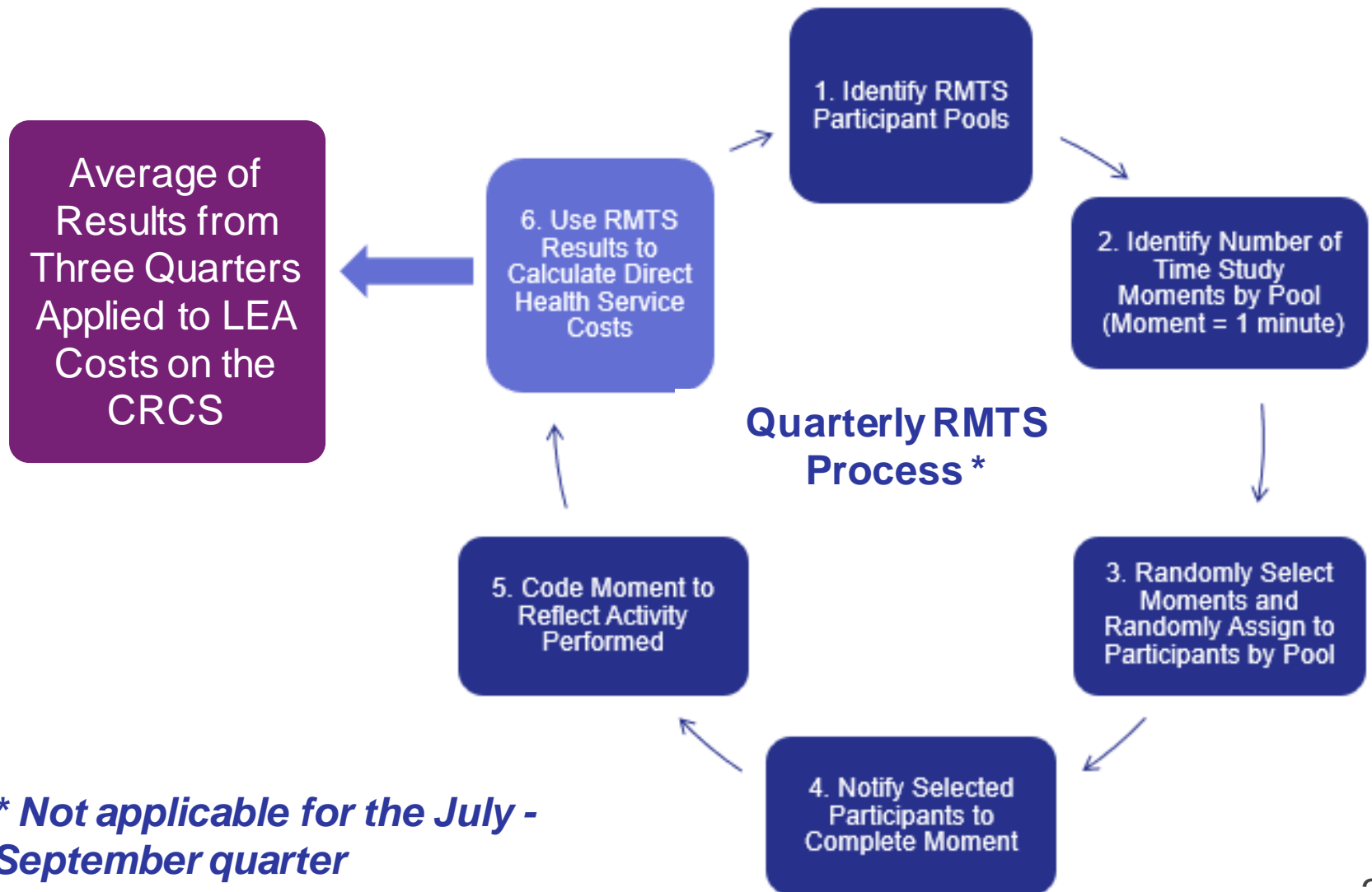
A statistical sampling method that estimates the amount of time spent on various tasks (educational instruction, direct medical services, administration, etc.)



A web-based system that randomly selects and assigns a “moment” in time (1 minute) to a pre-determined list of Time Survey Participants (TSPs)



LEA Program Quarterly RMTS Process



** Not applicable for the July - September quarter*



RMTS Resources

- If you have questions, DHCS encourages LEAs to reach out to the RMTS Inbox:

RMTS@dhcs.ca.gov

- Questions will be reviewed by LEA Program and SMAA staff
- Link will be included on both the LEA Program and SMAA websites



Participant Pool Overview

- California has two participant pools:
 - (1) Direct Service Providers, and
 - (2) Administrative Service Providers
- Each TSP must only be listed in one participant pool
- A TSP selected for a moment will be notified of their moment via e-mail 1 student attendance day prior to the moment



List of Pool 1 Participants

- Certified Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Public Health Nurses
- Credentialed Audiologists
- Credentialed School Counselors
- Credentialed School Psychologists
- Credentialed School Social Workers
- Credentialed SLPs
- Licensed Audiologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Educational Psychologists
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Occupational Therapists
- Licensed Optometrists
- Licensed Physical Therapists
- Licensed Physicians
- **Licensed Physician Assistants***
- Licensed Psychiatrists

**New SPA 15-021 practitioner*



List of Pool 1 Participants (Cont'd)

- Licensed Registered Nurses
- Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners
- Licensed SLPs
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- **Occupational Therapy Assistants***
- **Orientation and Mobility Specialists***
- **Physical Therapist Assistants***
- Program Specialists
- **Registered Associate**
- **Clinical Social Workers***
- Registered Credentialed School Nurses
- **Registered Dieticians***
- **Associate Marriage and Family Therapists***
- Registered School Audiometrists
- **Speech-Language Pathology Assistants***
- Trained Health Care Aides

**New SPA 15-021 practitioner*



TSPs and the CRCS

Beginning in FY 2020-21, the **costs for** practitioners on the CRCS will be those employees on the approved Pool 1 TSP list

- CRCS has been modified to report salary/benefit information by quarter
- A practitioners' costs may be included on the CRCS for one quarter or all quarters, *depending on the TSP list*
- If a practitioners' quarterly costs are included on the CRCS, but that practitioner was not on the TSP list for the quarter, the cost will be disallowed on the CRCS



TCM Services: Practitioners and Supervision

Practitioners	Supervision
<p>Registered credentialed school nurses Licensed registered nurses Certified public health nurses Certified nurse practitioners Licensed vocational nurses Licensed clinical social workers Credentialed school social workers Licensed psychologists Licensed educational psychologists Credentialed school psychologists Licensed marriage and family therapists Credentialed school counselors Program specialists</p>	<div data-bbox="1257 425 1914 668" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 20px;"> <p>➔ TCM Certification statement is required for TCM providers.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No supervision required</i></p>
<p>Associate Marriage and Family Therapists Reg. Associate Clinical Social Workers</p>	<p>Licensed MFT, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Licensed Psychologist, or a Licensed Physician</p>



CRCS Re-Submission

SFY	Original CRCS Due Date	CRCS Submitted On	RMTS % Applied	CRCS Re-Submission Date
2015-16	11/30/17	Old form	*	2/28/22
2016-17	11/30/18	Old form	*	5/31/22
2017-18	11/30/19	Old form	*	8/31/22
2018-19	11/30/20	New form (incomplete)	*	11/30/22
2019-20	11/30/21	New form (complete)	*	N/A
2020-21	3/1/22	New form (complete)	*	N/A

*** FY 2020-21 RMTS % applied to each fiscal year (The Code 2A percentage is expected to be available at the end of 2021)**



Section 4 Outreach



School Based Claiming Outreach

- Phase I – Cast a wide net to all stakeholders via the LEA listserv and SELPA distribution lists.
- Phase II – Reach out to LEAs that self-identify as not participating in both programs and provide information and program resources.
- Phase III – Request a response on whether the LEA will participate in both programs or if they do not intend to participate in both programs. Provide technical assistance to LEAs that want to participate in school-based Medi-Cal programs with enrollment, program requirements and billing resources.



Vendor Role in Outreach

- Reach out to your current clients to check school based claiming participation status.
- Compose a list of LEAs not participating in SMAA for DHCS reference.
 - LEA@DHCS.CA.gov
- Replicate the Department's efforts to enroll LEAs
- Refer all new LEAs to onboarding materials from the LEA BOP homepage. [LEA BOP Homepage](#)



Section 5 Q&A

LEA@dhcs.ca.gov