
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Individualized Plans

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«This section contains information about students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Individualized Family Services Plans (IFSPs) and Individualized Health and Support Plans (IHSPs). IEPs, IFSPs and IHSPs are integral components to improving educational results for many students who are eligible for Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (BOP) services. Treatment services rendered to Medi-Cal enrolled students that are reimbursable through the LEA BOP must be pursuant to an IEP, IFSP or IHSP.»

IEP/IFSP Assessments

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) assessments are performed to determine a student's eligibility for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or to obtain information about the student to identify and modify the health-related services in the IEP/IFSP. The following activities are required in an initial/triennial IEP/IFSP assessment.

- Review student records, such as cumulative files, health history, and/or medical records.
- Interview the student and/or parent/guardian.
- Observe the student in the classroom and other appropriate settings.
- Schedule and administer psychosocial tests, developmental tests, and/or physical health assessments. Score and interpret test results, as applicable.
- Write a report to summarize assessment results and recommendations for additional LEA services.

Activities performed for an annual or amended IEP/IFSP assessment include all of the activities in an initial/triennial assessment, except for scheduling and administering psychosocial tests and the other tests noted in the fourth bullet above. Additional testing may or may not be conducted in a student's annual or amended IEP/IFSP assessment.

«The written assessment report and related case notes must be maintained to document activities performed for each IEP/IFSP assessment.»

Service Limitations

«The IEP/IFSP assessments a provider may perform are limited per service type, per student and per providers, as follows:»

Initial IFSP: One assessment per lifetime per provider may be billed

Initial/Triennial IEP: One assessment may be billed every third state fiscal year

Annual IEP/IFSP: One assessment may be billed once every state fiscal year

Amended IEP/IFSP: One assessment may be billed every 30 days. «(Six-month periodic reviews for IFSP students are considered to be amended assessments.))»

«Individualized Health and Support Plan

An Individualized Health and Support Plan (IHSP) is a care plan used by the LEA as a medical management tool for providing medically necessary direct healthcare services to a student in a school setting. The plan must be developed by a registered credentialed school nurse or qualified medical practitioner acting within their scope of practice in collaboration with the parent or guardian and, if appropriate, the student.

Other common names for an IHSP include, but are not limited to: Individualized school healthcare plan; plan of care; treatment plan; and nursing plan. The IHSP can stand on its own or can be incorporated into an IEP, IFSP or a Section 504 Plan.

The LEA may develop separate IHSPs for specific categories of treatment services appropriate for the student, or a single IHSP to include a number of different types of treatment services provided to the student.

To be provided healthcare services under an IHSP, the student does not need to be receiving special education services and does not need to be eligible under the IDEA.

To be LEA reimbursable, all Medi-Cal covered treatment services that are not pursuant to an IEP/IFSP must be documented in an IHSP. IHSPs must identify the healthcare needs of the student and must include, at a minimum, the following:

- Medical necessity for treatment services, supported by a prescription, recommendation or a referral from a qualified medical practitioner
- Treatment services to be provided to the student
- Plan for duration and frequency of treatment services
- Any necessary training, supervision and monitoring of designated school staff
- Plan for evaluating and reporting student outcomes and changes
- A method to ensure and document safe, consistent provision of services to the student

An IHSP must be signed by the health care practitioner who developed the plan.»

«IHSP Service Limitations

Individualized Health and Support Plan treatment services are subject to service limitations, contained in each individual service section by type of service. Refer to the various *Local Educational Agency Services* sections of the Provider Manual for additional information about service limitations by type of service.»

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