
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Eligible Students

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«This section contains information to help Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) determine Medi-Cal recipient eligibility for students and family members under the Local Educational Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).

Eligible Students

In order for LEAs to receive reimbursement through the LEA BOP, students must be eligible for Federal Financial Participation (FFP qualified) and enrolled in Medi-Cal on the date the service is rendered. Medi-Cal enrolled students are not considered to be FFP qualified when the student is only eligible for programs solely funded by the State. Per Section 1903(v) (2) of the Social Security Act (SSA), LEAs may not claim federal funding for non-emergency and non-pregnancy-related services for individuals with an unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS). The LEA BOP does not reimburse for emergency or pregnancy-related services. Eligibility is verified through a data match process that identifies whether students are FFP qualified. Claims submitted for Medi-Cal enrolled students that are not FFP qualified will be denied.

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Some students may also be required to meet a Share of Cost before being certified as eligible for Medi-Cal services. Refer to the *Share of Cost (SOC)* section in the Part 1 Medi-Cal provider manual and the *Share of Cost (SOC): UB-04 for Outpatient Services* section in this manual.

Age Restrictions

«LEA eligible beneficiaries are students under age 22 who are Medicaid eligible beneficiaries, regardless of whether the student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Any person who becomes 22 years of age while participating in an IEP or IFSP may continue his or her participation in the program for the remainder of that current school year.»

Providers should check the recipient's age on the date of service and whether services are provided under an IEP. Claims submitted for recipients who are older than LEA standards allow on the date of service will be denied.

Ineligible Aid Codes

Students with the following aid codes are ineligible for Medi-Cal reimbursable LEA services. Descriptions for these aid codes are in the *Aid Codes Master Chart* in the Part 1 Medi-Cal provider manual:

01	1H	5H	7G	8X	C9	G7	M6
02	1U	5J	7H	8Y	D1	G8	M7
08	1X	5M	7K	94	D2	G9	M8
0A	1Y	5N	7M	9A	D3	J1	M9
0C	23	5R	7N	9C	D4	J2	N0
0E	28	5T	7P	9D	D5	J3	N5
0G	2A	5V	7R	9H	D6	J4	N6
0L	2C	5W	7S	9J	D7	J5	N7
0M	2V	5X	7T	9K	D8	J6	N8
0N	3T	5Y	7V	9M	D9	J7	N9
0P	3V	63	7X	9N	E1	J8	P0
0R	3W	65	7Y	9R	E2	K2	P4
0T	44	68	81	9T	E4	K3	P6
0U	48	69	84	9U	E5	K4	P8
0V	4V	6U	85	9V	F1	K5	R1
0W	50	70	88	9W	F2	K6	T0
0X	51	71	89	9Y	F3	K7	T6
0Y	52	73	8F	C1	F4	K8	T7
10	53	74	8G	C2	G0	K9	T8
13	55	75	8H	C3	G1	L6	T9
14	56	77	8N	C4	G2	L7	
16	57	78	8T	C5	G3	M0	
17	58	79	8U	C6	G4	M2	
18	5F	7C	8V	C7	G5	M3	
1E	5G	7F	8W	C8	G6	M4	

Determining Eligibility

To determine a student's eligibility, providers may use one of the following options:

- For a one-year retroactive period, beginning with the date of enrollment, and then on a quarterly basis, LEAs may obtain eligibility verification information by sending data in a specific format via the Internet. This is a unique process created by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) specifically for LEAs. Information about this process is available to LEAs from DHCS Information Technology Services Division (ITSD). (Contact information for ITSD is available in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA)* section of this manual.) ITSD representatives provide LEAs with data layout formats and specific information to perform the process.
- *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)*: LEAs may enter into an agreement with their county welfare department to process the eligibility files for their service population. The county may process the student files and return eligibility information to the LEA as a provider. At a minimum, the LEA will need to provide the county with two or more of the following: The name, date of birth and Social Security Number for each individual for which eligibility information is sought. Additional information and requirements may differ depending on the arrangements made with individual county welfare offices.
- Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS): This system is used by providers who want to verify eligibility for a small number of students by telephone. The only equipment required is a touch-tone telephone. LEAs will need to enter their NPI, the student's Medi-Cal ID number, the student's date of birth and the month of service for which the LEA is verifying eligibility.
- «Providers may make up to 10 eligibility inquiries per telephone call. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-456-AEVS (2378).» Instructions for using AEVS are in the *AEVS: General Instructions* and *AEVS: Transactions* sections in the Part 1 Medi-Cal manual.
- «Medi-Cal website on the Internet at www.medi-cal.ca.gov: A personal computer with a modem and a browser (for example, Internet Explorer) is required.» Providers may verify a recipient's eligibility, clear Share of Cost liability and reserve Medi-Services by sending data via the Internet in a specific data format. To create eligibility batches for recipients seen on a monthly basis, providers may use the Internet Batch Eligibility Application (IBEA).
- Providers also may develop their own software or use software developed by a vendor to verify eligibility. A list of vendors who may develop eligibility verification systems is available in the *CMC Developers, Vendors and Billing Services Directory* on the Internet at www.medi-cal.ca.gov. «To view the list, click "Resources," "References," then "Technical Publications" and the "Computer Media Claim (CMC) Directory" links.»

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