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Memorandum

To: Master Contract Providers (CBOs)

From: Donna Fone, MFT, LPCC ,Interim Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator

Date: February 19, 2015

RE: Claiming for outpatient specialty mental health services while in

attendance at an I.E.P. meeting.

During a previous DHCS Audit, ACBHCS Quality Assurance was informed by an auditor that any mental health services provided while in attendance at an I.E.P. meeting was not Medi-Cal billable.

We have asked for clarification from the Department of Health Care Services and have found that this was erroneous information—that is, there is <u>not</u> a "lock-out" of Medi-Cal claimable mental health services in the school I.E.P. meeting setting.

If you have questions, please contact the QA Office QAOffice@acbhcs.org.