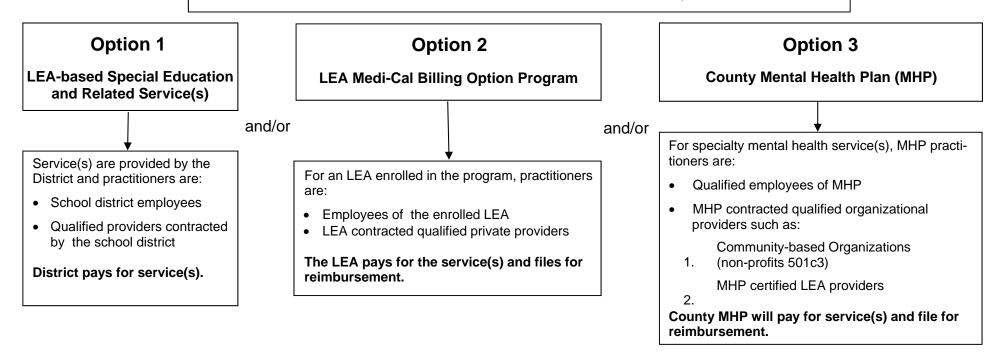
Options for Providing Related Services for Medi-Cal Eligible Students

Eligible Students

The individualized education program (IEP) team, by following the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), determines the needs of the student and decides on the appropriate related service(s). The local educational agency (LEA) will provide the service(s) and make an administrative decision on the appropriate source for rendering service(s).



Notes:

- LEA may choose to use all three options concurrently based on the specific related service(s) being delivered.
- Funding streams should not be comingled for the provision of the same service.
- Under the current structure of the State Medicaid Plan and the Specialty Mental Health Care Waiver, LEAs cannot directly bill for Medi-Cal specialty mental health service(s). To access service(s), bill for service(s), and claim reimbursement(s), an LEA must go through the county MHP.
- As a future option, if the education community decides to pursue direct billing for Medi-Cal specialty mental health service(s), it could request that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) consider a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to modify the 1915(b) waiver to allow LEAs to also become MHPs similar to counties.