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FIVE PERCENT (5%) REDUCTION IN SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES (SMA)

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2004, Medi-Cal is reducing payments for all services by five percent (5%) in accordance with the directives contained in AB 1762, Chapter 230 (Statutes of 2003). Further, in accordance with this statute, rate reductions shall remain in effect until January 1, 2007, at which time Medi-Cal anticipates a return to the current SMA.

This reduction also applies to Child Treatment Program (CTP) and County Medical Service Programs (CMSP).

Notices of Authorization (NOAs) received for payment on or after January 1, 2004 with dates of service December 31, 2003 and before, will be paid at the present rate. NOAs with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004 will be paid at the reduced rate. *Providers are reminded to always use their Usual and Customary Fees when submitting for payment.*

Look for an updated SMA in the quarterly release of the Denti-Cal Provider Manual.

For answers to additional questions, please call Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.