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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

Denti-Cal is currently assessing its present systems to comply with the HIPAA regulations for implementing the NPI. Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses must begin using/accepting the NPI on all HIPAA electronic covered transactions beginning May 23, 2007.

Providers must continue utilizing their existing Denti-Cal provider numbers until further notice.

Providers may apply for an NPI by:

- ✓ Visiting the Web site at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>, or
- ✓ Mailing a completed paper application to the address found at the above Web site, or
- ✓ Calling (800) 465-3203 or (800) 692-2326 (TTY).

For more general information about the NPI, please visit the Web site for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand>.

Current Dental Terminology (CDT)

CDT has been delayed pending the final approval of Manual of Criteria (MOC) regulations, which is a State legislative process. As a result, CDT-4 training sessions and the distribution of the MOC and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) related to the implementation of CDT-4 codes are also postponed.

CDT codes are not accepted by Denti-Cal at this time. Any claim service line (CSL) submitted with a CDT procedure code, an invalid procedure code, or a blank procedure code field, will be denied.



VISIT DENTI-CAL AND ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) BOOTHS AT ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION (CDA) SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Be sure to visit the Denti-Cal booths at the CDA Scientific Session in Anaheim, beginning Friday, April 28, 2006 through Sunday, April 30, 2006. Representatives from Denti-Cal will be on hand in Booths 741 and 743, Hall B, of the Anaheim Convention Center to provide information and answer questions.

REMINDER: UPCOMING DENTI-CAL SEMINARS

These seminars will be presented during the month of April:

April 20, 2006	D043/Basic Seminar	Burlingame
April 21, 2006	D044/Advanced Seminar	Burlingame

If in your area, please consider attending, then telephone Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507 to make a reservation. Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 22, Number 6 contains specifics about these and other seminars.

ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

For an EDI Enrollment Packet, please contact Provider Services toll-free at (800) 423-0507. For an EDI How-To Guide or for other information on submitting Denti-Cal claims and Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) electronically, please call (916) 853-7373 and ask for EDI Support.

CORRECTION

A typographical error was made in Volume 22, Number 5: Denti-Cal Ends Provider Payment Reductions. The first sentence *should* read:

Effective for dates of service on or after March 4, 2006, Denti-Cal will end the five percent (5%) payment reduction for program services, in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 912, (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 8).

NO CLAIM ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS

Providers who have had no claim activity (submitting no claims or requesting reimbursement) in a 12-month period shall be deactivated per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.62 which reads as follows:

The department shall deactivate, immediately and without prior notice, the provider numbers used by a provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program when warrants or documents mailed to a provider's mailing address or its pay to address, if any, or its service or business address, are returned by the United States Postal Service as not deliverable or when a provider has not submitted a claim for reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program for one year. Prior to taking this action the department shall use due diligence in attempting to contact the provider at its last known telephone number and ascertain if the return by the United States Postal Service is by mistake or shall use due diligence in attempting to contact the provider by telephone or in writing to ascertain whether the provider wishes to continue to participate in the Medi-Cal program. If deactivation pursuant to this section occurs, the provider shall meet the requirements for reapplication as specified in this article or the regulations adopted thereunder.

If you have not treated any Medi-Cal patients within a 12-month period your Medi-Cal Dental Program provider number will be deactivated. If you wish to remain an active provider in the Medi-Cal Dental Program, complete the form below and mail to: Post Office Box 15609, Sacramento, CA 95852-0609. If the form is not received by Denti-Cal prior to the end of the 12-month period, your provider number will be deactivated. If your provider number is deactivated, you must reapply for enrollment in the Medi-Cal Dental Program. To request an enrollment package contact Denti-Cal toll free at (800) 423-0507.



Yes, I wish to remain a provider in the California Medi-Cal Dental Program because _____
_____.

Check the boxes that apply to your practice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AHK (Alameda Healthy Kids) | <input type="checkbox"/> GHPP (Genetically Handicapped Persons Program) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CCS (California Children's Services) | <input type="checkbox"/> GMC (Geographic Managed Care) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DMC (Dental Managed Care)
Plan Name: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> HFP (Healthy Families Program) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FQHC/RHC (Federally Qualified Health Clinic/Rural Health Clinic) | |

Provider Name

Provider Number

Provider Signature

If there are any questions, please contact Denti-Cal at (800) 423-0507.