ADP BULLETIN

Title
Paradox Version 9 Runtime Drug Medi-Cal, Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) InfoNet and Y2K Requirement deadlines for Drug Medi-Cal Claim Format

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PURPOSE

This bulletin is to provide information to counties, providers, and direct providers regarding the distribution of the Paradox V 9 Runtime Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) software, information regarding the AOD InfoNet, and the format requirement deadlines for the submission of Y2K DMC claims.

DISCUSSION

PARADOX V 9 RUNTIME

This NEW Paradox V 9 Runtime will provide:

- All Y2K requirements,
- A save button to convert the file to text (ASCII) format for download to diskette or transmission through the AOD InfoNet,
- CD-ROM, hardware and software are needed or recommended. (See Exhibit 1.)

Paradox V 9 Runtime Information and Deadlines

The Paradox V 9 Runtime system (CD-ROM) will be available for mailing the first two weeks of June 2000. Counties, providers, and direct contract providers who would like to receive the Paradox V 9 Runtime system should submit their request by sending an e-mail to DMCINV@ADP.state.ca.us or via the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs’ (ADP) HOTLINE at (916) 324-3874. If counties would prefer to receive the Paradox V 9 Runtime system for all their providers, please make that request through the above HOTLINE or e-mail.
• If your computer does not meet the minimum recommendations (see Exhibit 1) you will not be able to load the Paradox V 9 Runtime system. If you cannot obtain a CD ROM drive by June 30, 2000 contact the Fiscal Management Branch (FMB) by sending an e-mail or calling ADP’s HOTLINE as in the paragraph above.

• **Claims produced by the current Paradox Runtime system Version 7.0 will not be processed after June 30, 2000.** If you are currently submitting your DMC claims using the Paradox Runtime system and you do not switch to the Paradox V 9 Runtime system, your only other option after the June 30, 2000, date will be to submit your DMC claims on the manual DMC Eligibility Worksheet (ADP 1584). If you contract with a vendor to submit your DMC claims, you will need to notify them that the Paradox Runtime system, currently in use, will be obsolete as of July 1, 2000. ADP will accept only DMC claims submitted using the Paradox V 9 Runtime system.

• **Important Reminder for Paradox Runtime Users:** Please note that the claim identification (ID) field includes ten digits; the first digit is an alpha character (A), the second through the fifth digits are the provider number and the last five digits are an automatic unduplicated line numbering system. When the last five numbers reach 90,000, please notify your FMB analyst by attaching a memo to the ADP 1592 Invoice that accompanies the claim indicating that the numbering system needs to be “reset to zero (0).” This will ensure that your claim submissions do not duplicate previous claim ID numbers.

**AOD InfoNet**

The AOD InfoNet is an initiative of ADP, an information network that links AOD providers, counties and the State. The AOD InfoNet carries data through a single system and stores it in a comprehensive, secure database.

The AOD InfoNet is the first step in providing AOD stakeholders the data to adequately measure and articulate how funding achieves program results. Accurate, current data is a critical requirement to assure funding sources that the AOD community is efficiently meeting the needs of their clients and achieving meaningful outcomes. Over time, the following benefits will be achieved:

**Benefits to Providers**

• Faster claims payment, less wasted time reprocessing incorrect claims
• Faster input for client data information
• improve case management
• Improve resource management through access to utilization information
• Increase access to AOD reports and statistics

Benefits to ADP

• Standardization of data received from all levels
• Access to data on costs by provider, client, county, etc.
• Faster allocation and payment data interactions with counties
• Ability to quickly and inexpensively communicate ADP policies, best practices, etc.
• Access to consistent and comprehensive data to allow ADP to measure outcomes and identify best practices

Benefits to Clients

• Facilitate the use of assessment tools
• Decrease placement delays and admittance times
• Increase awareness of the availability of other AOD services

Benefits to Counties

• Access to ADP data needed for program description and evaluation
• Faster claim payment from the State
• Uniformity in Statewide data base for AOD issues
• Better allocation information flow with ADP, quicker change approvals
• Savings in staff time now devoted to correcting data errors and maintaining paper based systems
• Increase access to CADDS data
• Provide technical assistance to counties as they acquire electronic tools to help manage programs

ADP encourages all counties, providers and direct providers to consider submitting their DMC claims via the AOD InfoNet when the opportunity is presented. ADP staff will do their utmost to help make your InfoNet Drug Medi-Cal claim processing a success.

If you would like more information regarding the AOD InfoNet, please contact any one of the following ADP staff:
An instruction manual is available if you elect to process your DMC claims via the AOD InfoNet.

**Y2K REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG MEDI-CAL CLAIM FORMAT:**

If you are currently submitting your DMC claims on tape or diskette using other than Paradox Runtime, you may continue to use your current system until June 30, 2000. Starting July 1, 2000, you must use the new Y2K format. (See Exhibit 2 – ADP Bulletin 99-35 on “Drug Medi-Cal Y2K Information.”)

**Automated claims:**

- **June 2000** claims will be accepted in the current non-Y2K format. For the July 2000 claim and forward, ADP will accept only Y2K formatted automated claims. As of July 2000, any supplemental or resubmission claim must be in the Y2K format regardless of the month and year of the claim.

**DMC Eligibility Worksheet (ADP 1584) Manual claims:**

- In ADP Bulletin 99-35 the date for the first use of the Y2K formatted ADP 1584 was announced as February 1, 2000. Due to the Y2K freeze on the use of new programs we were not able to proceed with that date.

- As of **May 1, 2000**, all manual DMC claims must be submitted on the Y2K formatted ADP 1584 form, revised on 9/9/1999. Prior formats will not be accepted.

**REFERENCES**

ADP Bulletin **99-35**, Drug Medi-Cal Y2K Information, date October 1, 1999

**QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE**

If you have any questions regarding these subjects, please send an e-mail to: **DMCINV@ADP.state.ca.us** or call ADP’s HOTLINE at (916) 324-3874.
EXHIBITS

1 – Minimum Hardware/Software Requirements
2 – ADP Bulletin 99-35, Drug Medi-Cal Y2K Information, date October 1, 1999

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