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All County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/
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This transmittal is to notify all local governmental agencies (LGA) participating in Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) that Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for Tuberculosis (TB) is not claimable through MAA. DOT for TB occurs when a medical professional observes an individual taking prescribed TB medications.

The California Regulatory Code Supplement Register 95, No.50, published on December 15, 1995, informs the public of the Department of Health Services' (DHS) emergency regulations on the Medi-Cal TB program. Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 51355(b) currently states that:

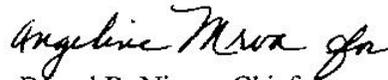
“Administrative Case Management and efforts designed to encourage completion of therapeutic drug regimens by outpatients, including DOT as defined in Section 51187.1 are covered as Tuberculosis (TB) related services, when provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 14132.47 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Administrative Case Management and DOT are not reimbursable on a fee-for-service basis.”

Section 51355(b) of the CCR incorrectly states that DOT for TB is a claimable activity under MAA. The DHS has completed post hearing modifications to the emergency regulations proposal, R-8-94E, and have repealed Section 51355(b), as this regulatory provision was inconsistent with federal law and regulation. Another post hearing modification adds DOT as a TB related service that will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. It is anticipated that the proposal will be finalized and filed with the Secretary of State by the end of June. County clinics will be notified when they will be able to bill the Medi-Cal program through its fiscal intermediary for DOT services provided under the Medi-Cal TB program.

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Should you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Patient Access
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Sincerely,



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Targeted Case Management: Medi-Cal Administrative Activities: X Policy Effective Date: 7-1-95 Policy Reference: Title 22 Sections 51355(b)
