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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: CHANGING SAME DAY BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES THAT OPT-IN TO THE DRUG MEDI-CAL (DMC) ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM (ODS) 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

PURPOSE

This Information Notice identifies a change to the reimbursement process for Short Doyle Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) claims that occur on the same calendar day. Counties that have an approved DMC ODS Waiver State-County contract will be able to submit DMC claims for the same beneficiary who receives more than one service on the same date without several of the restrictions currently imposed by state regulation. The existing limitations for billing more than one service per beneficiary on the same calendar day will remain in place for all counties without an approved DMC ODS Waiver State-County contract.

DISCUSSION

Current regulations contained in Title 22, Section 51390.1 as authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14133 (d), restrict the ability of any DMC-certified provider to submit more than one unit of service in a given day, without specific exceptions. These exceptions are limited to the instance in which the same provider has performed the same service multiple times in the same calendar day to the same beneficiary. In the case of the permitted exceptions, claims must be submitted with a Multiple Billing Override (MBO) code.

In an attempt to ensure correct placement for beneficiaries in counties opting into the DMC ODS 1115 Demonstration Waiver, the State will permit a beneficiary to receive more than one service per calendar day by various providers. Additionally, there will be no requirement to use the MBO code for DMC ODS claims for multiple services on the same date.

Many services will be allowed to have a multiple billing in the same day when the combination of services does not have a conflict. An example of same day billing that would not be allowed is for two residential daily rates, or any combination of daily rates.

Enclosure 1 illustrates by procedure code which exceptions to this general policy exist. Exceptions to this framework are due to the incompatibility of certain services being offered in combination with other services, or the incompatibility of certain medications being dosed at the same time. These instances are denoted with an "N" in the applicable cell on the Exhibit.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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