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MMCD All Plan Letter No. 04003

TO: County Organized Health System Plan (COHS)
Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Plans
Prepaid Health Plans (PHP)
Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Plans
Two-Plan Model Plans
Office of Long Term Care

FROM: Luis R. Rico, Acting Chief
Medi-Cal Managed Care Division

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS ON PROBATION

As indicated in MMCD Policy Letter 97-10, dated November 21, 1997, Medi-Cal Managed Care Division will routinely fax to each Medical Director a list of Medi-Cal providers whose licenses have been placed on probation by the Medical Board of California (Board). Provisions found in Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.12, require the Department of Health Services (Department) to deny Medi-Cal payment for any surgical or invasive procedure performed on a Medi-Cal beneficiary by a physician, if that physician has been placed on probation due to a disciplinary action by the Board.

Attached is a listing of providers for whom the Board has indicated to the Department that the action against their licenses is related to the performance of a surgical or other invasive procedure. Medi-Cal reimbursement will be denied to the providers identified on the attached list, who submit fee-for-service claims with specific CPT procedures indicated, during the probationary period. Medi-Cal managed care plans must take this information into consideration when determining capitation payment/claim reimbursement to providers in their network serving Medi-Cal members.

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Physicians Suspended or Placed on Probation by the Medical Board of California

Section 16.01 of the 1997-98 California Budget Act (Assembly Bill 107) provides that no funds are to be expended to pay any Medi-Cal claim for any service performed by a physician while that physician's license is under suspension or revocation due to a disciplinary action of the Board.

In addition, Section 16.01 also provides that no funds may be expended to pay any Medi-Cal claim for a surgical service or other invasive procedure performed on any Medi-Cal beneficiary by a physician if that physician has been placed on probation due to a disciplinary action of the Board related to the performance of that specific service or procedure on any patient except where the Board determines that there are compelling circumstances that warrant continued Medi-Cal reimbursement during the probation period.

If you have any questions, please contact your contract manager.

Enclosures

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November 7, 2003

Mr. Dennis A. Dworman
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Electronic Data Systems Corporation
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FI# K0427

Dear Mr. Dworman:

PROCESSING OF CLAIMS WITH A REVIEW EXCEPTION INDICATOR FOR DOCTORS ON PROBATION

This letter is to request that Electronic Data Systems deny payment for specific procedure codes to the enclosed provider(s) who has/have been placed on probation due to a disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California. Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.12, provides that no funds will be expended to pay Medi-Cal claims for surgical or invasive procedures related to the providers' probation.

The Department of Health Services has placed a Review Exception Indicator on the Provider Master File along with the related procedure codes, for which Medi-Cal payments should be denied. The effective dates of service are enclosed and on each provider file. Please utilize the Automatic System Transaction Generator to deny the affected procedure codes with denial code 032.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Malloy of my staff at (916) 255-5210.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Jerry D. Stanger, Chief
Payment Systems Division

Enclosure

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Enclosure

PROVIDER NAME	PROVIDER NUMBER(S)	CPT PROCEDURE CODES	EFFECTIVE DATE OF SERVICE	END DATE
James, Samuel	00C361500	00120,00160, 00174, 00300, 00320, 00500, 00548	11/20/03	5/22/09
Ball, Craig J.	00G384670	31530, 31531, 31535, 31536, 31540, 31541, 31560, 31561, 31570, 31571	11/20/03	6/2/10
Tonsekar, Kishore	00A541840	49000, 47562, 47570, 47600	11/20/03	6/9/06

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