

To All LGAs Coordinators,

DHCS is changing the effective date of mandatory subprograms announced in PPL 08-023 titled "Mandatory use of Subprograms for TCM Encounters". This PPL stated that all encounters entered into the TCM System with date of services (DOS) July 1, 2008 or later must include a subprogram code associated with the provider of TCM services. The new effective date of this requirement is January 1, 2009. All encounters with DOS January 1, 2009, or later must have a valid subprogram code. This change eliminates the need for LGAs to modify existing encounters entered into the TCM system during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2008/09. Audits and Investigations will begin issuing Cost Reports approval letters soon to enable claiming for FY 2008/09.

While the modification to the TCM System to validate subprogram codes is on target, the testing will take longer than originally planned. Therefore, until the TCM system modifications are complete, the TCM staff will be manually reviewing the invoices for valid subprogram codes. The TCM staff will work with LGA Coordinators to resolve any subprogram issues such as encounters with missing or incorrect subprogram codes. Invoices will not be approved until issues are resolved. DHCS will notify LGAs when the modification is in place. At that time, LGAs can then rely on the TCM System for validating subprogram codes.

Note: Subprogram codes used for encounters with DOS 1/1/09 or later must be the same as the subprogram codes submitted to DHCS by 12/1/09 as required per PPL 08-023. Any changes to the subprogram codes must be submitted to DHCS prior to claiming.

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Thank you