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TO: PHYSICIAN NON-PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONER SUPPLEMENTAL
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment 05-023 Medi-Cal Hospital/Uninsured Care
Demonstration (No. 11-W-00193/9) - California Physician and Non-Physician
Practitioner Time Study Implementation Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to provide guidance to Designated Public Hospitals participating in the Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner (PNPP) program¹ regarding compliance with the PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan requirements, in order for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to reimburse PNPP claims.²

Background

On December 15, 2008, CMS approved the PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan submitted by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). A PNPP time study is not required for physician practitioners in a Non-University of California (UC) setting, as a Medicare approved time study is utilized in lieu of the PNPP time study.

On September 20, 2012, CMS approved the PNPP time study backcasting methodology for UC and non-UC settings. Backcasting methodology applies data from FY 11-12 to prior years before data was collected for PNPP time studies.

¹ The statutory authority for the PNPP is Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.35, subdivision (a), paragraph (1), Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.35, subdivision (b), paragraph (1), and Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.4, subdivision (e).

² This provider bulletin is published under the authority specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.2, subdivision (h), paragraph (2), which provides in part: "As an alternative, and notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, or any other provision of law, the department may implement and administer this article by means of provider bulletins, manuals, or other similar instructions, without taking regulatory action."

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PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan

The PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan is located on the Internet at the following link: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PNPP.aspx>. DHCS is incorporating this reference in its entirety in order to reconcile and reimburse the PNPP claims to the Designated Public Hospitals as stated in the PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan.

If the PNPP Time Study Implementation Plan is updated, then a follow up PPL will be published by DHCS.

Should you have any questions, please contact program at PNPP@dhcs.ca.gov.

Thank you,

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