

Assembly Bill 97 (AB 97) Ten Percent Pharmacy Payment Reductions and State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-014

Stakeholder Update

AB 97 PHARMACY RECOUPMENT - IMPLEMENTATION DATE RESCHEDULED

July 29, 2015

Implementation for the recoupment of AB 97 related reductions to pharmacy providers is being rescheduled to begin **no sooner than August 28, 2015**. Under the process developed for this recoupment, Providers will initially receive supporting claim detail (in the form of a Remittance Advice Detail (RAD)) informing them of the total amount due. Receipt of the RAD will then be followed (approximately two weeks later) by the first five percent withhold from the provider's weekly check-write.

The recoupment will be effectuated through the department's normal Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) process. Due to the volume of claims associated with this recoupment, DHCS will be rolling this EPC out over the course of approximately sixteen weeks; therefore, not every pharmacy provider will be impacted at the same time. Efforts have been undertaken to ensure all claims for each provider will be processed during the same or consecutive weeks if necessary (depending on claim volume for that provider).

Questions specific to the AB 97 EPC process should be directed to the **Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555**, option 1 (for English), option 1 (for Provider), option 5 (for HAP, Family PACT, CHDP, CCS, GHPP, Crossover, LTC and other general billing inquiries), followed by option 6 (for general billing).