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Updated Instructions for Drug Medi-Cal Billing: Companion Guide Appendix version 4.4			
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PURPOSE

This bulletin announces that Version 4.4 of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) *Companion Guide Appendix* for use in Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) billing has been released, and is available on ADP's HIPAA webpage at http://www.adp.ca.gov/hp/hipaa.shtml.

Version 4.4 of the *Companion Guide Appendix* includes new information and instructions addressing:

- Clarification that Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans are not Other Health Coverage (OHC) and need not be billed before billing DMC, with instructions for billing DMC services for clients whose Medi-Cal eligibility information reflects a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan as if it were Other Health Coverage (OHC).
- Instructions for billing DMC services for clients with OHC incorporating and expanding on instructions that were originally conveyed in ADP Bulletin #11-01.
- The Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) system edit for unbalanced Coordination of Benefits information.

DISCUSSION

Counties and providers submitting Drug Medi-Cal claims to ADP must do so in accordance with the billing instructions provided by ADP, including the *Drug Medi-Cal*

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Billing Manual, the Companion Guides for the transactions used in Drug Medi-Cal billing, and the *Companion Guide Appendix*. The new version of the *Companion Guide Appendix* provides new instructions which are applicable immediately to Drug Medi-Cal billing.

REFERENCES

Health and Safety Code, Section 11758.46(c)(1)

BACKGROUND

The *Companion Guide Appendix* contains supplemental technical instructions to be used along side the Companion Guides for the standard transactions used in DMC billing. From time to time, ADP updates the *Companion Guide Appendix* to address changes to the SDMC system and/or special billing situations identified by counties and providers which are not adequately addressed by existing instructions.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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This bulletin is available on ADP's website at www.adp.ca.gov. The current version of the *Companion Guide Appendix* and the Companion Guides for transactions used in DMC billing are available on ADP's HIPAA webpage at http://www.adp.ca.gov/hp/hipaa.shtml.

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