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PURPOSE

As part of ongoing efforts to assure program integrity and quality, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will attempt to inform providers and partners regarding any initiative which may affect their business practices.

This bulletin serves as a reminder that the Medi-Cal requirement of continuous participation is applicable to the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) program. County alcohol and drug program administrators and DMC-certified substance use disorder treatment providers are advised that existing state law mandates the deactivation of any provider that has not submitted a claim for reimbursement in over a year. DHCS must apply this provision to the DMC program.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.62, DHCS conducts periodic deactivation of Medi-Cal providers who have not submitted a claim for reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program for 12 continuous months. DHCS intends to conduct a review and deactivation of DMC providers in the near future.

Prior to deactivating a provider, DHCS will contact the provider in writing at its last known address to determine whether the provider wishes to continue to participate in the DMC program.

REFERENCES

Section 14043.62, Welfare and Institutions Code
Section 51000, Title 22, California Code of Regulations

QUESTIONS

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