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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAM
AND GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP)
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COUNTY MEDICAL
STAFF, AND SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (SCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: SILVER NITRATE PRODUCTS

The purpose of this information notice is to communicate that beginning June 1, 2014, pharmacy claims for silver nitrate products billed by National Drug Codes (NDC) will not be payable in the Medi-Cal billing system, as these products are not Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved. As the CCS Program and GHPP utilize the Medi-Cal billing system, claims submitted with NDC codes will be denied, even with an authorized Service Authorization Request (SAR).

However, silver nitrate sticks/applicators are classified by the FDA as medical supply devices and are billable as a medical supply item, using miscellaneous medical supply Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code, T5999. A specific SAR is required to authorize code T5999.

If you have any questions, please contact Edan Lum, Pharm D., Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (916) 327-2616 or (510) 286-0708, or via e-mail at edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov

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