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**Department of Health Services
Children's Medical Services Network
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Use of Medi-Cal Billing ID Only Use of Social Security Number Prohibited

Effective March 1, 2007, providers billing the CCS Program using the Medi-Cal billing system may no longer use the client's Social Security Number (SSN). Pharmacy providers must bill with the 14-digit Medi-Cal ID found on the client's plastic Benefits Identification Card (BIC) or temporary Medi-Cal Paper ID Card. All other providers may continue to bill with the Client Index Number (CIN) found on the CCS SAR, however, we strongly encourage the use of the full 14 digit BIC as it will be required of all providers in the future. Claims, using the SSN, with dates of service beginning March 1, 2007 will be denied.

Billing exceptions apply to the following provider types:

- Hospitals
- Long Term Care facilities
- Licensed Primary Care Clinics
- Emergency Medical Transportation

Non CMS Net counties:

- Providers billing for CCS only or CCS Healthy Family clients from Los Angeles, Orange and Sacramento counties, must continue to bill using existing procedures.

Specific requirements for billing exceptions, as to claim type, place of service, and category of service can be found in the Medi-Cal Program and Eligibility Provider Bulletin, for January 2007, beginning on page 4:

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cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Pubsframe.asp?hURL=/pubsdoco/all_bulletins.asp&Type=p
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CCS counties should remind providers that to establish CCS eligibility using a Point of Service (POS) device, through the Medi-Cal web site, or through a third party vendor software, the BIC ID, date of birth, and the BIC issue date must be submitted. Providers should be advised to obtain a copy of the client's BIC or paper card. Pharmacies billing with SCG 01 or 02 should be advised to obtain the client's BIC or Paper ID card or request the information from the prescriber.