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Medical Supply Code Conversion - Revised

Instruction:

The problem authorizing the new Level II HCPCS medical supply codes has been resolved. If providers give you the new codes, you can authorize them effective 4/1/09 and thereafter. If providers do not have their systems ready to request the new codes by April 1, 2009, they can request, and you can authorize, the old "99" codes through 6/30/09. Please share this instruction with your providers.

Important Information:

- The new HCPCS level II codes are found under Procedure Codes (not Formulary and Medical Supplies).
- For all contracted medical supply items, providers, billing with the new HCPCS codes, are required to include the Universal Product Numbers (UPNs) on their claims in addition to the new HCPCS level II codes. Inclusion of the UPNs on the claim will replace the need for supplemental invoice attachments or catalog pages with the claim. **These UPNs are not required on SARs and therefore will not affect your authorizations.**
- "This Computes!" #267 described the new process, effective September 1, 2008, whereby providers can bill for medical supplies and low-cost DME using an SCG SAR number, as long as the medical supplies requested do not exceed the billing limits set by Medi-Cal as referenced in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual and the DME requested does not exceed the thresholds for authorization as referenced in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual. The same process applies for the new HCPCS codes effective 4/1/09. The new HCPCS codes that require a TAR and therefore a product specific SAR are listed on page 2 of "[This Computes! #267.](#)"

- Diabetic supplies (test strips and lancets), peak flow meters, inhalers, and enteral nutrition products are not included in this medical supply code conversion.