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**Department of Health Care Services  
Children's Medical Services Network  
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## **Medical Supply Code Conversion Information and Instructions**

The medical supply 90-day transition period, that allowed providers to continue to request old "99" (9900-9999) medical supply codes, is ending June 30, 2009.

For existing product specific medical supply SARs with "99" medical supply codes and with end-dates on or after July 1, 2009:

- End-date SARs June 30, 2009 and
- Issue new SARs with the new HCPCS Level II codes effective July 1, 2009. Providers must give you the new codes.

Note: The CMS Branch will forward a listing of SARs that still need to be cancelled and reissued to the County CCS Program Administrators.

For new product specific SAR requests for dates of service before, on, or after July 1, 2009, issue SARs with new HCPCS Level II codes.

For SCG SARs which providers are using to claim for medical supplies, it is the responsibility of the provider to claim appropriately using the new HCPCS Level II codes for dates of service on or after July 1, 2009.

On page two is a Medical Supply Billing Alert Flyer with additional information.

# Medical Supply Billing Alert

**The 90-day transition period ends June 30, 2009**

## Providers Affected Include

- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Pharmacy (PH)

## New Requirements

- HCPCS Level II codes are required for disposable and incontinence supplies.
- UPNs are required for all contracted items.
- Valid standards for pharmacy medical supply claims include the ASC X12N 837P 4010A1 for electronic claims and *CMS-1500* for paper claims.

## Discontinued Requirements\*

- Local "99" medical supply billing codes have been discontinued.
- *Pharmacy Claim Form* (30-1) and the NCPDP 1.1 batch transaction for medical supplies are no longer accepted.
- \* Changes to the billing requirements for medical supply items are not applicable to diabetic supplies, peak flow meters, inhalers, Family PACT products and enteral nutritional products.

## Important Dates

- Effective for dates of service on or after **April 1, 2009**, medical supplies must be billed with HCPCS Level II codes.
- A 90-day transition to the billing standards is allowed through **June 30, 2009**.

## Reasons for the New Requirements

- To comply with HIPAA Transaction and Code Sets.
- To reduce claim attachment requirements.

Visit the Medical Supplies area on the Medi-Cal Web site ([www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)) by clicking the "References" tab then "Medical Supplies Billing Requirements" link for up-to-date information on:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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