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Albustix Urine Test Strips

The Medi-Cal Program has been instructing Children's Medical Services (CMS) to advise CCS Counties to authorize Albustix urine test strips using Medi-Cal's miscellaneous medical supply code, initially using 9999A and then T5999, after the HCPCS transition change.

It has come to the attention of CMS that our fiscal intermediary, HP Enterprises, has been denying Albustix claims authorized with T5999.

HP Enterprises have been instructed to allow payment of Albustix claims that are TAR or SAR authorized, with code T5999. Payment will not be allowed with the 11-digit NDC-like number.

CCS Counties should inform pharmacy providers who have been having claims denied with T5999, to resubmit their claims beginning June 1, 2011. If the pharmacies have been collecting payments from CCS clients, they should reimburse the CCS client when their claims are paid.

A specific Albustix code will be forthcoming in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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