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TO: CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) STANDARD TRANSACTIONS AND CODE SETS AND CHDP

As you are aware, the Medi-Cal Program implemented the initial phase of a multi-year transaction and code set conversion project for electronic and paper claims with dates of service on or after September 22, 2003. The goal of the conversion project is to bring the Medi-Cal Program into compliance with the HIPAA requirements for the use of standard electronic health care transactions and uniform national code sets including health care claims, claims payment, remittance advise documents, and referral authorizations.

The September 2003, changes will have no impact on CHDP claims. CHDP services will continue to be billed on the paper CHDP Confidential Billing/Screening Report (PM 160) claim form or the electronic computer media claim (CMC) PM 160.

Information-Only PM 160s must continue to be submitted for CHDP services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are enrolled in Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans or who receive services from Federally Qualified Health Centers or Rural Health Clinics. Submission of these forms is necessary to fulfill federal mandates for reporting preventive health care services delivered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Detailed information on the transactions and code set conversion that are being implemented by Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the Department of Health Services fiscal intermediary in the Medi-Cal claims processing system can be found on the Medi-Cal web site, www.medi-cal.ca.gov.
If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP Program.

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