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**SUBJECT:** Bereavement Code Change from X9508 to 90837

The purpose of the Program Notice is to inform Partners For Children (PFC) Providers and participating California Children's Services (CCS) program county staff of the new Current Procedural Terminology-4 (CPT Code) replacement code for PFC bereavement services. The new CPT code is 90837.

## BACKGROUND

The existing local Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code X9508 for bereavement in the PFC Program is no longer in use and has been replaced by CPT code 90837. This change was made because of the conversion from local California only codes to National codes. During this conversion, X9508 was terminated as of December 31, 2013.

The CPT code is billable by hospice agencies and home health agencies participating in PFC Program. Claims for 90837 can only be submitted AFTER a Service Authorization Request (SAR) authorizing this code is received from the CCS Program.

## POLICY

As with X9508, CPT code 90837 follows the same guidelines in which PFC Providers must receive authorization and then complete at least one visit while the child is living. Providers may then bill twenty-two (22) units at a single time. Claims for 90837 can only be submitted AFTER a SAR authorizing this code is received from the CCS Program.

The implementation date is **January 1, 2014**.

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