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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DRUG CODES FOR MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT SERVICES IN DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM COUNTIES

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this Information Notice is to provide Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) counties a list of National Drug Codes (NDC) that are required when claiming for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services within the DMC-ODS program.

DISCUSSION:
Under the DMC-ODS, Opioid Treatment Program/Narcotic Treatment Program (OTP/NTP) providers are required to have available the following medications for MAT services:

- Methadone
- Buprenorphine
- Disulfiram
Naloxone

Claims for medications other than methadone must include the 11-digit NDC. These claims submitted through the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal II (SDMC II) adjudication system will include the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes S5000 or S5001, the required UA and HG modifiers, and the NDC.

Exhibit A, “Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System National Drug Code List for Medication Assisted Treatment Services,” contains the MAT medications and 11-digit NDC. The ‘Status Beginning Date’ is the effective date for the NDC on the Formulary File, and the ‘Status End Date’ represents when the NDC is no longer reimbursable through DMC-ODS. The Fiscal Management and Accountability Section (FMAS) is preparing to implement an edit in SDMC II that will validate the status dates against the service dates populated on the claim. Once the change has been made in SDMC II, FMAS will be releasing an additional information notice which will identify the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes and Remittance Advice Remark Codes.

QUESTIONS

If there are questions on this Information Notice, please contact your assigned analyst, Eleazer Munoz at either 916-713-8587 or eleazer.munoz@dhcs.ca.gov. DMC-ODS counties will be contacted once the edit has been updated in SDMC II.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure