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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: PREGNANCY RELATED SERVICES IN DRUG MEDI-CAL

### **PURPOSE**

This communicates the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) policy for pregnancy-related services. The Short-Doyle claim processing system was programmed effective May 29, 2014, to implement this policy, and this policy is being applied retroactively to service dates on or after July 1, 2013.

### **DISCUSSION**

In the case of a pregnant or postpartum beneficiary whose basis for Medi-Cal eligibility is an aid code which provides pregnancy-related services only, the DMC policy is:

1. The beneficiary assigned a pregnancy-related services aid code may receive a non-perinatal DMC service.
2. The DMC claim for such a beneficiary will be reimbursed at the federal financial participation (FFP) percentage as allowed by the beneficiary's aid code, regardless of whether a perinatal or non-perinatal service is received. Some pregnancy-related services aid codes reimburse at 50 percent FFP, others at 65 percent FFP, and the Affordable Care Act, newly-eligible adult aid code M2 reimburses at 100 percent FFP.
3. If the beneficiary receives a non-perinatal service, that service will be reimbursed at the non-perinatal DMC rate.
4. Regardless of whether a pregnant/postpartum beneficiary receives a perinatal or non-perinatal DMC service, the Short Doyle pregnancy indicator field must be set to "Yes" when the claim is submitted in Short Doyle for adjudication, or the claim will be denied.

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## **REFERENCES**

Title 22 California Code of Regulations, Section 51341.1(c)  
California State Plan, Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A, and Supplement 1 to  
Attachment 3.1-B.

## **QUESTIONS / MAINTENANCE**

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Sincerely,

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