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Department of Health Care Services



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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
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

SUBJECT: SHORT-DOYLE MEDI-CAL CLAIM ADJUSTMENT REASON CODE AND REMITTANCE ADVICE REMARK CODE REVISIONS FOR 2018

REFERENCES: [MHSUDS Information Notice 15-041](#), AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION: ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR HEALTH CARE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS AND REMITTANCE ADVICE (45 CFR PART 162)

The purpose of this Information Notice is to provide 2018 updates to the adjustment codes for denied claims reported on claim payment/advice transactions (835) from the Short Doyle Medi-Cal system. These changes are part of the Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Rule 360, which are federally mandated as part of the Affordable Care Act, and had an implementation date of June 5, 2018. Information Notice 15-041 provided background on the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and the Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC).

To implement the CORE Rule 360 requirements, the CARC/RARCs have been changed in accordance to the enclosures for Specialty Mental Health Services (Enclosure 1), effective June 5, 2018. For certain claim denials, the description of the circumstance of claim denial was revised from the previously published descriptions to

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clarify the circumstance or to reflect the changes since the description was previously published.¹

Questions regarding mental health services as they relate to the content of this Information Notice or its enclosure may be directed to the DHCS Mental Health Services Division, County Customer Services Section, at MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 650-6525.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brenda Grealish, Acting Deputy Director
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services

Enclosure

¹ This subsequent implementation covers denial of a Service Line for Institution for Mental Diseases services of a beneficiary not eligible due to age restrictions, which is effective June 5, 2018.