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Subject Designation of a new Identifier to Capture Costs Related to the Medical
Therapy Program (MTP)

State CMS central office is in the process of identifying specific cost data related to the MTP. A new identifier has been added to capture this information for those counties whose claims for vendored therapy and Medical Therapy Conferences (MTC) are submitted to Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for reimbursement.

Vendored therapy is physical or occupational therapy services provided in a hospital or private office in lieu of services provided by county-employed therapists in a medical therapy unit (MTU). MTC is a multispecialty, multidisciplinary health care team meeting, usually held in the MTUs, for the purpose of patient examination, treatment planning, and discussion of MTP cases.

The system now in place to process claims through EDS for vendored therapy services or services provided by a physician or orthotist during a MTC results in payments being charged to either diagnostic or treatment funds. Providers currently bill on a Medi-Cal claim form (Professional/Supplier--40-1). The claim is coded with a "1" or "2" as the third digit of the 11 digit Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) control number. The number instructs the claims payment system at EDS to pay the provider out of diagnostic or treatment dollars.

In order to identify and document Medical Therapy Program costs, effective November 1, 1994, all claims for MTCs and vendored therapy services that are processed by EDS must have a "3" as the third digit of the 11 digit TAR control number (rather than a "1" or "2"). This change will be reflected on the MR-0-940 Monthly Expenditure Report which is prepared by EDS. In addition, the current "Quarterly Reconciliation of Expenditures" is being revised so that costs relating to the MTP will be reported separately.

If you have any questions, please contact the administrative consultant in the Sacramento, San Francisco, or Southern California Regional Office as appropriate.

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