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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Change in Date of Birth Validation in the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) adjudication system

PURPOSE: To notify Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) State Plan, Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), and Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Trading Partners that the SDMC adjudication system now only validates Month and Year of the beneficiary's date of birth.

Background

Claims submitted to the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) adjudication system contain the beneficiary's date of birth. Previously, the SDMC adjudication system verified the beneficiary's date of birth by checking the two digit month, two-digit day, and the four-digit year in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). The California Medicaid Management Information System (CA-MMIS) verifies the date of birth on a claim by checking the two digit month and four digit year in MEDS. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has updated the SDMC adjudication system to align with CA-MMIS.

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SDMC System Change:

DHCS modified the SDMC adjudication system to verify the two-digit month and four-digit year of the beneficiary's date of birth. An eight-digit date of birth is still required on all claims. This system change was successfully deployed on November 9, 2021. Claims submitted after November 9, 2021 will process without a check of the two-digit day, regardless of the date of service.

Please e-mail MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov with any questions regarding this BHIN.

Sincerely,

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