



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
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.

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 75 IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Health Care Services is issuing this Information Notice to inform county Mental Health Plans (MHP) and Drug Medi-Cal trading partners of the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 75. Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 75 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2015), Section 14007.8 was added to the Welfare and Institutions Code and amended by SB 4 (Chapter 709, Statutes of 2015) to provide full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to two different populations of children:

- Transition population* - individuals under the age of 19 who are currently enrolled into restricted scope Medi-Cal with unsatisfactory immigration status; and
- New enrollee population* - individuals under the age of 19 who are eligible for Medi-Cal and have unsatisfactory immigration status not yet enrolled.

Individuals meeting the above criterion were transitioned to full-scope benefits in the eligibility systems beginning May 1, 2016; however, as a result of the requirement validation process, SB 75 full-scope benefits was not implemented in Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal system until June 14, 2016 with an anticipated deployment of SB 75 in the USL Financial System until approximately July 31, 2016. As a result, county MHPs and trading partners are advised to submit respective claims beginning August 1, 2016.

Impact on Electronic Remittance Advices

As previously discussed for preparation for the multiple aid code system enhancement, MHPs may receive separate electronic remittance advice (835) for multiple service lines in one claim with different approved aid codes. As a result of SB 75, MHP Trading Partners may receive separate 835 with multiple approved claims with the same claim submitter identification. This claim split is needed to reflect accurate representation of claim payments.

Resource & Questions

Additional information on SB 75 including the identification of applicable aid codes may be obtained at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/sb-75.aspx>.

Questions regarding the content in this Information Notice that is related to Specialty Mental Health Services may be directed to the Mental Health Services Division, County Customer Services Section at: MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 650-6525.

Questions regarding content within this Information Notice that is related to substance use disorders can be directed to the assigned Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch Program Analyst.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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