



Date: 5/1/08

Medi-Cal

Important Provider Notice: #0097

Subject: NPI (National Provider Number) and BMI (Body Mass Index) on CHDP Claim Forms, Version 8

Reminder: Starting February 2008, weekly reminders were sent to providers, informing them that effective on or after 5/1/08 claims received by PHC without the required NPI number, BMI (Body Mass Index), and the new Information Only (PM160) Version 8 form will be rejected and returned to the provider. These notices were also placed on the PHC website.

This last notice is to remind providers that 5/1/08 is finally here! All claims received by PHC without an NPI number, BMI, or the new Information Only form will be returned for this information. Providers may continue to bill with the Medi-Cal number in conjunction with the NPI number, but the NPI number *will be* required.

Billing Policy Changes

Effective 5/1/08, PHC will require providers to collect the Body Mass Index (BMI) as part of its health assessment. Providers are reminded that they are responsible to assess all children for obesity at all well care visits at 2 – 18 years of age using the BMI percentile-for-age growth charts. Providers will be required to record the BMI percentile using the whole numbers on the PM 160 Version 8 claim form, specifically within the *Body Mass Index (BMI) Percentile* field.

Providers submitting claims with an NPI will be required to bill using the latest version of the CHDP Information Only (PM 160) claim form (Version 8). With this version, providers are required to include the appropriate Place of Service code and service location (name, street address, city, state and nine-digit mailing ZIP code where the service was provided). Providers should refer to the CHDP Information Only (*PM 160*) *Claim Form: Completion Instructions* section of the CHDP provider manual for additional information about these fields. Claims submitted using an NPI without the appropriate Place of Service code and service location may result in denial.

If you have not yet provided the PHC Provider Relations Department with your NPI information, please contact them at (707) 863-4100 as soon as possible.