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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

SUBJECT: CHANGING SAME DAY BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES THAT OPT-IN TO THE DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM (DMC ODS) 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

Supersedes: [MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE 16-007](#)

## **PURPOSE**

This Information Notice identifies a change to the reimbursement process for Short Doyle Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) claims that occur on the same calendar day. Counties that have an approved DMC ODS Waiver State-County contract will be able to submit DMC claims for the same beneficiary who receives more than one service on the same date without several of the restrictions currently imposed by state regulation. The existing limitations for billing more than one service per beneficiary on the same calendar day will remain in place for all counties without an approved DMC ODS Waiver State-County contract.

## **DISCUSSION**

Current regulations contained in Title 22, Section 51490.1 as authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14133 (d), restrict the ability of any DMC-certified provider to submit more than one unit of service in a given day, without

specific exceptions. These exceptions are limited to the instance in which the same provider has performed the same service multiple times in the same calendar day to the same beneficiary. In the case of the permitted exceptions, claims must be submitted with a Multiple Billing Override (MBO) code.

In an attempt to ensure correct placement for beneficiaries in counties opting into the DMC ODS 1115 Demonstration Waiver, the State will permit a beneficiary to receive more than one service per calendar day by various providers. Additionally, there will be no requirement to use the MBO code for DMC ODS claims for multiple services on the same date.

Many services will be allowed to have a multiple billing in the same day when the combination of services does not have a conflict. An example of same day billing that would not be allowed is for two residential daily rates, or any combination of daily rates.

Enclosure 1 illustrates by procedure code which exceptions to this general policy exist. Exceptions to this framework are due to the incompatibility of certain services being offered in combination with other services, or the incompatibility of certain medications being dosed at the same time. These instances are denoted with an "N" in the applicable cell on the Enclosure.

In the case of Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) services, methadone dosing, individual counseling, and group counseling are available on the same day as any other DMC ODS service to ensure payment to all providers when a beneficiary requires methadone as part of their treatment plan.

### **QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE**

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Sincerely,

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