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To: County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators
Drug Medi-Cal Direct Contract Providers

This is to communicate the current status regarding Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) substance use claims for persons who have dual eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid services (Medi-Medi beneficiaries).

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) have received communication from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the CMS requirement to bill Medicare first for services to Medi-Medi beneficiaries.

CMS has agreed that substance use services under the Drug Medi-Cal program are not payable by Medicare. Therefore, billing Medicare first for Medi-Medi beneficiaries is not required. The SD/MC Phase 2 system has been updated to remove the edit for ADP DMC claims that checks for Medicare billing.

Additionally, as a result of the delay in obtaining and providing this information, the Department is granting approval for all trading partners to use Delay Reason Code (DRC) 11 for December 2009 claims only. In addition to using DRC 11, use Attachment Control Number ADP200912 for each December 2009 claim. The December 2009 claims must be submitted by February 28, 2010. While the Good Cause Certification form is not required to be submitted for the December 2009 claims, this document must be retained by the county or direct contract provider. Claims for January 2010 are due March 2, 2010.

If you have any specific questions regarding the submission of your claims, please contact your assigned Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch analyst.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "dave neilsen".

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Deputy Director
Program Services Division



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