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## Federal Holiday Reminder for LA Medicaid Billing

**Bill Add-On code 99051 with your E&M visits to receive an extra \$14.00 per encounter if you intend to see patients on February 15, 2010, Presidents Day!**

LA Medicaid reimburses providers for select adjunct add-on services, i.e., 99051 (Services ...**at regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday hours**...), as outlined by the *Current Procedural Terminology* manual under "Special Services, Procedures and Reports" using the following guidelines:

- The intent of this policy is to facilitate recipient access to services during non-typical hours primarily to reduce the inappropriate use of the hospital emergency department. The reimbursement provided by use of the adjunct codes is intended to assist with covering the additional administrative costs associated with staffing during these times. The intent is to motivate providers to alter their existing business hours for the purpose of maximizing reimbursement.
- These adjunct codes are reimbursed **in addition to** the reimbursement for outpatient evaluation and management services when the services are rendered in settings other than hospital emergency departments on Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. through 8 a.m., on weekends from 12 a.m. Saturday through midnight Sunday, and on State/Governor proclaimed legal holidays from 12 a.m. through midnight. Refer to the *Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule* on the Medicaid website for reimbursement information relative to these codes. Providers are instructed to bill usual and customary charges.

***Payments to all providers are subject to post payment review and recovery of overpayments.***

NOTE: Various practices billed 99051 to Humana and BlueCross on Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 19, 2009), and each carrier paid; you may want to also retro bill these additional codes to these carriers for past Federal Holiday dates of service.

Last Federal Holidays include:

January 18, 2010, Martin Luther King Day  
November 11, 2009, Veterans Day  
October 12, 2009, Columbus Day  
September 7, 2009, Labor Day  
July 3, 2009, Independence Day  
May 25, 2009, Memorial Day