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****LA MEDICAID'S IMPLEMENTATION OF MCKESSON CLAIMCHECK and FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES BASED ON MEDICARE RATES****

LA Medicaid has now implemented the McKesson ClaimCheck claims editing system for processing claims. Implementation date is effective with processing date of 05/17/10, not Date of Service (DOS). ClaimCheck will now take precedence over information printed on the LA Medicaid fee schedule, i.e., Global Surgery Periods (GSP) indicators and all previously published information.

MEDTRON/MEDDATA is making every effort to update instructions for clarity. Please identify any instructions or resources we currently have in place for our users that you feel need to be updated and email them to Admin Services Mailbox at adminservices@medtronsoftware.com.

Some CPT codes that were not payable before may now be payable and vice versa.




Several areas are impacted by this implementation, i.e., Global Surgical Period (GSP), New Patient Visits, Modifiers, Bundling Edits, etc.

Please review prior Newsletter and News Blast articles published regarding this topic on MEDTRON's WEBSITE, www.medtronsoftware.com, Newsletters & News Blasts page.

Valuable links and information regarding ClaimCheck are available via LA Medicaid's website:
<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/ClaimCheck/ClaimCheck.htm>

****ALERT**** Regarding modifiers:

Until further notice, apply ALL modifiers to MEDICAID claims, just like current rules and protocol for MEDICARE billing. It is MEDTRON/MEDDATA's understanding that Medicaid will now start recognizing **all** Medicare modifiers. Therefore, it should no longer be necessary to require the different Dx to distinguish different sites/services, specifically with the use of modifiers 25, 57 and 59; these modifiers should now communicate to MEDICAID the situation to allow for payment.

NOTE: MEDDATA/MEDTRON has not been able to solidly confirm that Medicaid will accept all modifiers. Medicaid has not published their Accepted Modifier list on the website; therefore, until further notice, we will presume that Medicaid will recognize all Medicare modifiers – see  Help TEXT,  Search Index  to Modifiers: Medicare.

The only list that Medicaid has published so far, *but did indicate that this is not the final list*, is available on LA Medicaid's website, <http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/ClaimCheck/ClaimCheck.htm>
Click on CLAIMCHECK WEBINAR PRESENTATION APRIL 27-29 2010
(http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/ClaimCheck/Provider_Training_Print.pdf)
Review slides 13 & 17

NOTE: Medicare Bundling, i.e., CCI/NCC, EDITS do not agree completely with McKesson ClaimCheck Edits.

MEDDATA/MEDTRON will continue to provide updates as available from LA Medicaid.

NOTE: LA Medicaid's new fee schedule cuts are based on Medicare using a percent (%) of Medicare, see **061410 News Blast: CMS Extends Medicare Claims Through June 17**, i.e., if Medicare goes down 21%, Medicaid does too!