



December 23, 2009

Dear Provider,

Subject: Correction of Reimbursement for Transesophageal Echocardiography

From August 1, 2005, through August 1, 2007, multiple changes were made to the policy for the reimbursement rates and restrictions for Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) codes 93312 – 93318. The claims processing system was updated in full in August 2007. This resulted in claims being underpaid, overpaid, denied incorrectly and paid in error.

No action is required on your part. EDS, an HP company, is adjusting and reprocessing the affected claims since date of service August 1, 2005, through date of processing April 4, 2009. Adjustments will appear on *Remittance Advice Details* (RADs) beginning January 11, 2009, with RAD code **0883: Retroactive price correction**, or RAD code **0826: Claim void due to related claim(s) previously reimbursed**. Resubmitted claims will appear on RADs beginning January 18, 2009, with Claim Control Number (CCN) prefix **01355**.

The recoveries are authorized under the provisions of *Welfare and Institutions* (W&I Code), Sections 14176 and 14177, and *California Code of Regulations* (CCR), Title 22, Section 51458.1(a)(1). In addition, the W&I Code sections authorize the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to enter into repayment agreements with providers or offset overpayments against amounts due. If the total warrant amount is not sufficient to offset the recovery, the negative balance will be converted to an accounts-receivable transaction and subtracted from future Medi-Cal reimbursements.

If you disagree with any of these adjustments, you may submit a *Claims Inquiry Form* (CIF) within six months of the new RAD date. For CIF completion instructions, please refer to the *CIF Completion* and *CIF Special Billing Instructions* sections in the appropriate Part 2 manual or on the Medi-Cal Web site at (www.medi-cal.ca.gov).

If you have questions, please call the Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555, option 11 followed by option 18.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nona Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nona Carpenter
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