

March 27, 2009

Medical Supplies Conversion from Local Codes to HCPCS Codes

HPSM and Medi-Cal billing requirements for **disposable and incontinent medical supplies** are changing to comply with federally mandated Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, 45 CFR 162.1000.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider billing is subject to the following new requirements:

- Incontinence and disposable medical supplies must be billed with HCPCS Level II codes. HCPCS Level II modifiers are not required at this time.
- In addition to the HCPCS Level II codes, the medical supply item UPN is required on claims for contracted incontinence and disposable medical supplies. Contracted items are listed in the Medi-Cal provider manual with the appropriate UPN coding information to include on the claim.
- Please note, the two-character manufacturer billing code is no longer required for reimbursement.

HPSM will accept the new HCPCS Level II codes and UPNs starting April 1, 2009.

Local codes will be accepted until June 30, 2009.

For additional information regarding this change, providers should review the [March 2009 Medi-Cal Bulletin # 402](#).

CMS-1500 completion instructions

Previously Authorized Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) with dates after June 30, 2009

Providers should review their inventory of disposable and incontinence medical supplies with authorization periods that extend beyond June 30, 2009. For those TARs, providers should submit a new paper TAR, with the appropriate HCPCS code, to cover any remaining service period after June 30, 2009. Or providers can submit an HPSM TAR Correction Form to add the new HCPCS codes for the authorization period. The following guidelines apply:

- If the submitted TAR is for the purpose of updating the codes for the same authorization period, it will not be reviewed for medical necessity.
- If the submitted TAR also extends the previously authorized service period, a new medical necessity review will be required.



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Completed prior authorizations and corrections can be submitted to HPSM via fax at 650-829-2079 or via US Mail to:

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If you have any questions, please contact HPSM's Provider Services Department at 650-616-2106 or Health Services Department at 650-616-2070.