RMD Bulletin

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For clients who have Medicare in addition to Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal regulations require all providers to submit claims to Medicare for Medicare-billable services rendered by Medicare-enrolled staff prior to submitting those claims to Medi-Cal. This Bulletin is a reminder that all providers must be prepared to bill Medicare in the event that a service is rendered to a client who has both Medicare and Medi-Cal. Anyone who is not currently a Medicare-enrolled provider must attempt to enroll. There is no exception for child and emergency/field-based programs.

To comply with Medi-Cal regulations and the terms of your contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), all licensed physicians, nurse practitioners (NP), physician assistants (PA), licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers (LCSW), and clinical nurse specialists (CNS) must be enrolled as Medicare providers and associated with their current program of service in Medicare's system.

For general information on enrolling as a Medicare provider, see RMD Bulletin NGA 10-007, Medicare Provider Enrollment. For more detailed instructions and guidance on enrolling your agency and its eligible clinical staff as Medicare providers, contract providers must contact Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (GBA) directly. Palmetto GBA is the federally contracted Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for California and is responsible for Medicare provider enrollment. Below is the link to the provider enrollment area of their website:

http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/docsCat/Providers~Jurisdiction%201%20Part%20B~Browse%20by%20Topic~Provider%20Enrollment?open&. You may also call Palmetto GBA's J1 Part B Provider Contact Center at (866) 931-3901 with general questions about the provider enrollment process.

We're here to help you...

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact RMD at (213) 480-3444 or RevenueManagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.

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