



CBO DISPATCH

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Non-governmental agency (NGA) contract providers are responsible for knowing how much money remains in each Funded Program in their Maximum Contract Amount (MCA). Any **Medi-Cal or non-Medi-Cal** claim submitted to the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) in excess of the Funded Program amount will be denied with denial reason code CO 222.

If an NGA contract provider is approaching their MCA and wants to avoid such denials, the NGA contract provider may submit claims at a reduced rate. Submission at the reduced rate will allow the claims to be reimbursed and forwarded to the State for adjudication. NGA contract providers choosing to submit claims in IBHIS at a reduced rate may start doing so when they determine that they are at risk of exceeding their MCA. Providers may alter their claim submission rate below their provisional rate at any time as long as they do not exceed their MCA.

There is no additional set-up in IBHIS required for providers to submit claims at a reduced rate. Therefore, NGA contract providers are no longer required to complete the Contractor Billing Instructions to County for the Processing of Claims that are at Risk of Exceeding the Medi-Cal Maximum Contract Amount form for District Chief approval when choosing to submit claims in IBHIS at a reduced rate, such as 1¢.

Please note, that in order to meet balanced billing requirements, claims that were first sent to Medicare or other third party payer should be billed at the regular rate.



DMH provides NGA contract providers with the unclaimed balance remaining for each Funded Program in the v_ServiceAuthDetails table as a part of the weekly EFT Legal Entity Extract. This table can be found in the LE#####_AvatarExt_01 database. Below is a list of the fields related to remaining MCA with a description of each field.

Field Name	Description
authorization_number	P-Auth #
funding_source_name	Funded Program
begin_date_of_auth	First date that can be claimed using this P-Auth #. Generally, the first day of the Fiscal Year for the P-Auth #.
end_date_of_auth	Last date that can be claimed using this P-Auth #. Generally, the last day of the Fiscal Year for the P-Auth #.
total_estimated_liab	MCA for the Funded Program
rem_liab_total	Unclaimed amount for the Funded Program

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IBHIS providers, if you have questions or need additional information, please create a HEAT Ticket using the following link:

<https://extra.dmh.lacounty.gov/SelfServiceSupport/Pages/SelfService.aspx>.

