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## READING THE AID CODES MASTER CHART

With the implementation of Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Phase II (SD/MC II) changes in the Integrated System (IS), new fields have been added to capture additional data. When to use these new fields is primarily related to the client's Medi-Cal benefit coverage. The client's aid code tells providers the type of Medi-Cal benefit coverage a client has. The State Department of Mental Health issues the Aid Codes Master Chart to explain the codes, helping mental health providers understand what each Medi-Cal aid code means, the type of coverage, and when services to the client are billable. Providers should understand how to read the Aid Codes Master Chart because it provides critical information about when to use the new boxes on the Claim screen in the IS. Below is a table defining the columns on the chart and any provider action that should be taken.

Column Name	Definition of Contents
Code	The aid code used by Medi-Cal to describe the recipient's benefit coverage.
Benefits	Whether the type of aid carries full or restricted benefits.
SOC	Share of cost. This column will indicate whether the type of aid requires the recipient to share the cost of the services received. If yes appears in the column, then recipients with this aid code will have a share of cost. <b>Provider Action: Run an eligibility check to determine the client's share of cost balance; clear the cost of the service or the share of cost balance, whichever is less; enter the amount cleared in the SOC Obligation field on the Claim screen.</b>
Program Description	This column gives a narrative description of the recipient's Medi-Cal coverage. It also identifies whether federal financial participation (FFP) funds apply to this type of coverage. State only Medi-Cal Programs and programs that have certain restrictions on services have no FFP available.
EDS	Electronic Data Systems. Services rendered by these providers are paid by the Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary, EDS, and includes psychiatric inpatient hospital services at Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal hospitals. <b>This column does not apply to directly operated and non-governmental agency contract Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal providers.</b>
SD/MC	Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC). Services are covered under the County Mental Health Plans including Healthy Families clients with an seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) diagnosis and provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. A yes in this column would indicate that services to clients with this aid code are billable under the SD/MC program; a no in this column means that these services are not SD/MC billable.
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment. Aid codes in this category are eligible for expanded Medi-Cal benefits. <b>Provider Action: If there is a yes in this column for an aid code, then check the EPSDT Scr Ref box on the Claim screen if the Agency of Primary Responsibility (APR) is other than None; if the APR is none, then do not check the EPSDT Scr Ref box.</b>

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An example of the information available on the Aid Codes Master Chart follows:

When performing an eligibility check, you found that the client has aid code 7K. To determine whether any of the new SD/MC II billing rules apply to the client's Medi-Cal coverage, you would refer to the Aid Codes Master Chart. It will read as follows:

Code	Benefits	SOC	Program/Description	EDS	SD/MC	EPSDT
7K	<b>Restricted</b> to prenatal and emergency services	No	Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC) program. Provides <b>Emergency</b> and pregnancy-related benefits (no share of cost) to children up to 19 years of age who would otherwise be ineligible or have a share of cost.	Yes	Yes	No

The complete Aid Codes Master Chart is available on the State Department of Mental Health website at:

[http://www.dmh.ca.gov/MedCCC/docs/CA\\_DMH\\_Aid\\_CodesMasterChartRev\\_10Feb11.pdf](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/MedCCC/docs/CA_DMH_Aid_CodesMasterChartRev_10Feb11.pdf).

Learning how to read the Aid Codes Master Chart will help providers with the new SD/MC II billing rules.

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