



September 29, 2009

Dear Inpatient Hospital Provider,

Subject: 2009 Retroactive Rate Change

Some inpatient hospitals within California are paid at contracted rates; others are paid interim rates subject to cost settlement. The contracted daily rates are all inclusive so that ancillaries are not priced separately.

For hospitals outside California, the daily rate applied by Medi-Cal is the statewide average of the in-state contracted rates. For dates of service effective on or after January 1, 2008, the rate was \$1,401. For dates of service effective on or after January 1, 2009, the rate increased to \$1,487. The claims payment system was updated with the 2009 rate for out-of-state hospitals on July 31, 2009.

No action is required on your part. EDS, an HP company, is reprocessing the claims that paid the old rate and claims that pay the new rate. These adjustments will appear on *Remittance Advice Details* (RADs) beginning October 1, 2009, with RAD code **861: Out-of-state inpatient rates adjustment**.

If an adjustment claim is denied, or 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 (www.medi-cal.ca.gov).

If you have questions, please call the Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555, or (916) 636-1960 if you are calling from outside of California, option 11 followed by option 18.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nona Carpenter' in a cursive script.

Nona Carpenter
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