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Subject: Adjustment of Claims for HCPCS Surgery Codes

Dear Provider:

In accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File, released January 2014, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has updated the Medi-Cal percentage cut-back that may occur when providers bill for HCPCS surgery codes with modifiers 54 and 55.

No action is required on your part. Xerox State Healthcare, LLC (Xerox) will adjust the affected claims for dates of service on or after September 1, 2014. These adjustments will appear on *Remittance Advice Details* (RAD) forms beginning June 23, 2016, with RAD code **0883: Retroactive price correction**.

The recoveries are authorized under the provisions of *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Sections 14176 and 14177, and *California Code of Regulations* (CCR), Title 22, Section 51458.1(a)(1). In addition, the W&I Code sections authorize DHCS to enter into repayment agreements with providers or offset overpayments against amounts due. If the total warrant amount is not sufficient to offset the recovery, the negative balance will be converted to an accounts receivable transaction and subtracted from future Medi-Cal reimbursements.

If you disagree with any of these adjustments, you may submit a *Claims Inquiry Form* (CIF) within six months of the new RAD date, or you may submit an *Appeal Form* within 90 days 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 website (www.medi-cal.ca.gov). For *Appeal Form* completion instructions, please refer to the *Appeal Form Completion* section in the appropriate Part 2 manual or on the Medi-Cal website.

If you have questions regarding these adjustments, please call the Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555, option 5, followed by option 6.

Sincerely,

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