December 7, 2017

Subject: Adjustment of Subcutaneous Tissue Debridement Claims

Dear Provider:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) updated provider reimbursement rates for subcutaneous tissue debridement CPT-4 code 11042 (debridement, subcutaneous tissue; first 20 sq cm or less), effective retroactively for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017.

No action is required on your part. Conduent will adjust the affected claims. These adjustments will appear on Remittance Advice Details (RAD) forms beginning December 7, 2017 (for positive adjustments), and January 4, 2018 (for negative adjustments), with RAD code 0893: Retroactive rate adjustment.

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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