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**Important Notice to all PPC users!**

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### **Billing Changes for Disposable and Incontinence Medical Supplies to Medi-Cal...**

If you process claims for *disposable and incontinence medical supplies* to Medi-Cal, you are probably already aware that effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, they must be billed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes. Providers will no longer bill these medical supplies using "99" or HCPCS Level I codes. In addition to HCPCS Level II codes, the Universal Product Number (UPN) will be required on claims for *contracted medical supplies* effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2009. Submission of the UPN will replace supplemental invoice attachments or catalog pages. DHCS publishes UPNs for contracted medical supplies in the monthly *Medi-Cal Update*. Pharmacy providers will also be required to use the *CMS-1500* claim form for medical supplies instead of the *Pharmacy Claim Form* (30-1). See the Medi-Cal web site for details.

### **Version 09.3A is now available!**

To support the changes described above, Opus-ISM has released version 09.3A. Update packets including CD and documentation will be shipped to all users by the end of the week.

**It is important that all users install this update as soon as practical – even if you do not submit claims for the affected products. Future updates will require you to be running the current version.**

Version 09.3A supports UPN's and allows you to bill the affected items on the CMS-1500 claim form only.

A subsequent release, soon to follow, will support Computer Media Claims (CMC) electronic batch billing using the *ANSI X12 837 Version 4010A1* standard format. Watch for it in the next few weeks!

### **Preparations for Electronic Billing**

If you plan on submitting the above described claims electronically, you must be approved by EDS/DHS. We recommend that you begin this process immediately by

submitting a *Telecommunications Provider and Biller Agreement*. You can find a link to this form on the "Links" page of our web site at [www.goppc.com](http://www.goppc.com).

Here are some tips for filling out the form:

Be sure to include your existing *Submitter Number* in the appropriate box under *Provider Information*.

Select both *Internet* and *Dial-Up* under *CMC Batch Submission Type*.

Under "*Indicate claim types which will be submitted electronically*" indicate ANSI X 12 837 Version *4010A1* and select the *Medical/Allied Health (05)* box.

Sign the form with *blue* ink. Mail it to the indicated address on the agreement

Within ten days, you should receive notification that a "test" file is required. Give us a call and we will help create and submit your test file. If everything goes well, about seven days later you will be approved to submit live claims.

### **Opus-ISM Closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

In observance of Independence Day, we will be closed for business on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always, support technicians will be on-call for emergencies.

### **Help save a tree!**

We'd like to communicate with you by e-mail. Help update our records by calling our front office staff (Carrie or Hank), or enter your most current information yourself at:

**[www.opus-ism.com/updateinfo](http://www.opus-ism.com/updateinfo)**

**Questions, comments or concerns? Call us at (800) 231-4772.**