



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



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Subject: Reprocessing of Erroneously Paid and Denied Claims for Select Lab Codes

Dear Provider:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) identified a claims processing issue affecting claims billed with select lab codes. This issue caused some claims to erroneously pay and other claims to erroneously deny with Remittance Advice Details (RAD) codes **0196: This procedure requires a modifier, modifier is not present** and **0090: The combination of procedure code and modifier is not valid on the dates of service billed**. The issue affected claims for dates of service from January 1, 2013, through August 4, 2020.

No action is required on your part. The California Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Fiscal Intermediary, will void and resubmit erroneously paid claims and resubmit erroneously denied claims. These voids will appear on RAD forms beginning January 28, 2021, with RAD code **0819: Void and resubmit of claims processed in error**. Corresponding resubmissions will appear on RAD forms beginning February 4, 2021, with Claim Control Number (CCN) roll number **55 (Resubmit)**. The roll number is the fifth and sixth digits of the CCN. Resubmissions of erroneously denied claims will appear on RAD forms beginning December 24, 2020, with Claim Control Number (CCN) roll number **55 (Resubmit)**.

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 resubmissions, 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 resubmissions, please call the California MMIS Fiscal Intermediary Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555, option 5, followed by option 6 or write to the California MMIS Fiscal Intermediary Correspondence Specialist Unit at P.O. Box 13029, Sacramento, CA 95813-4029.

Sincerely,

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Director, Provider & Member Services

DXC Technology, on behalf of

California Department of Health Care Services

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