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FIVE PERCENT (5%) PROVIDER RATE REDUCTION

The five percent (5%) provider rate reduction for all Medi-Cal services, as explained in two Denti-Cal Bulletins (November 2003, Volume 19, Number 33 and December 2003, Volume 19, Number 36), initially scheduled to be effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2004, has been delayed due to a court injunction. However, the 5% reduction is effective for CTP and CMSP programs.

Providers should continue to bill their usual and customary fees.

If you have any questions about the new rates, please call Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES

On December 5, 2003, a temporary court injunction was issued. This put on hold the January 1, 2004 implementation of the five percent (5%) provider rate reduction to the Medi-Cal Program. This injunction leaves the reduction intact for CTP and CMSP.

In the Denti-Cal Provider Manual, the fee schedule on pages 4-51 through 4-55 (from Denti-Cal Bulletin Volume 19 # 36) reflects the 5% fee reduction. As soon as a final decision has been reached with regard to the 5% reduction, notification will be released.

Please continue to bill usual and customary fees.