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## Medi-Cal Payment Reduction Update

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling that vacated injunctions related to Medi-Cal provider payment reductions. The court found that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) does have authority to reduce Medicaid rates. Generally, payments to the following provider types will be impacted by the ruling: Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Pharmacy, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies, Physicians, Dental, Clinics and Distinct Part Nursing Facilities Level B. The payment reductions will be implemented after the decision becomes final. The plans to implement these previously enjoined reductions will be communicated with providers well in advance of the effective date. Recoupments for previously paid claims that were subject to the payment reductions will not begin until after the payment reductions are implemented.