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**ADP BULLETIN**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to transmit the proposed FY 1999-2000 reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services. These rates will be published in emergency regulations in Section 51516.1 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations and will replace those currently in Title 22. The Department anticipates a July 1, 1999, effective date for these new rates.

DISCUSSION

Effective July 1, 1997, changes to the Title 22 regulations were made to implement AB 2071 and establish new reimbursement rates for DMC services. Statutory authorities require the Department to update these rates every year for the period July 1 to June 30. Exhibit 1 includes the proposed reimbursement rates for FY 1999-2000, which reflect input from the Rate Development Work Group and the Department's analysis of costs and utilization of the various DMC services.

Please note that there is a significant change to the method of reimbursement for levoalphacetyl-methadol (LAAM) services. Specifically, reimbursement for LAAM will be based upon each dose that a beneficiary receives, up to a maximum of 156 doses per year, which more accurately reflects standard dosing of three times a week.

The Department anticipates that the FY 1999-2000 rates will be published as emergency regulations to be effective on July 1, 1999. The proposed regulations package must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Health and Human Services Agency, the Department of Finance, and the Office of Administrative Law prior to publication. After these emergency regulations are published, the public has a 45-day period to provide comments to DHS. Responses to the comments will be prepared and sent to those individuals or organizations that submitted comments. After another comment period, the regulations will be issued in their final form.

REFERENCES

Section 51516.1, Title 22, California Code of Regulations

Section 14021.5, Welfare and Institutions Code

Section 11758.42, Health and Safety Code

HISTORY

Section 51516.1 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, effective July 1, 1997

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

Questions concerning the proposed DMC rates should be directed to the Fiscal Management Branch at (916) 323-2043. Questions regarding the proposed regulations should be directed to the Program and Fiscal Policy Branch at (916) 322-6680.

EXHIBITS

1. [Proposed Drug Medi-Cal Rates for Fiscal Year 1999-2000](#)

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