HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Highlights and News

- Implementation of Current Dental Terminology (CDT) has been postponed until early Spring 2006. Until further notice, look for HIPAA information at the beginning of the monthly *Denti-Cal* bulletins.

- As a result of the delay in implementation, training sessions previously identified as specific to CDT-4 have been postponed. Updated CDT-4 training session information will be made available in future bulletins.

- The distribution of the Manual of Criteria (MOC) and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) related to the implementation of CDT-4 codes has been postponed. Updated distribution information will be made available in future bulletins.

Important Reminders

CDT

- CDT codes are not currently accepted by Denti-Cal and are considered invalid. Any claim service line (CSL) submitted with an invalid procedure code or a blank procedure code field will be denied.

NPI

- Covered dental providers will be required to obtain an NPI to use on all covered dental transactions. For more information about the NPI and/or the NPI enrollment application process, please visit the Web site for CMS at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/regulations/identifiers/default.asp.

- Once the NPI is implemented nationally, providers will be able to utilize the NPI for all public and private payers.

- The compliance date for Denti-Cal providers, dental plans, and clearinghouses is May 23, 2007.

- Providers must continue using their existing provider numbers for all Denti-Cal transactions until notified otherwise.

If there are any questions, please call Denti-Cal toll-free at (800) 423-0507.