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**To:** Medi-Cal IPAs and PCPs  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
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**Subject:** **Global Quality P4P Coding**

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IEHP would like to inform you of a potential policy change that could impact your Global Quality P4P coding practices. NCQA (the publisher of HEDIS<sup>®</sup> measures) recently announced that the use of digital mammography for the HEDIS<sup>®</sup> Breast Cancer Screening (BCS) measure may no longer be counted. There is an on-going debate regarding the benefits and harms of digital mammography.

Currently, the HEDIS<sup>®</sup> technical specifications allow the following HCPCS codes to count as compliant for digital mammography: G0202, G0204, G0206. However, there is a high likelihood that NCQA will remove these G codes from the measure for HEDIS<sup>®</sup> 2017 (which is for measurement year 2016). This change would also consequently impact the Global Quality P4P measure as several IEHP Providers use these G codes when coding for mammograms. Your BCS rate will be significantly impacted if NCQA no longer allows them for measure reporting.

**Therefore, IEHP is strongly recommending our Providers to use the CPT 77056 when coding a bilateral mammography.** This procedure code is currently accepted by NCQA and is agnostic to the type of mammography done. This recommendation is being provided to you to support you in your Global Quality P4P reporting efforts.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at the following address: <https://ww3.iehp.org/en/providers/correspondence/>.

For questions, please call the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054. Thank you.