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To: Medi-Cal IPAs and PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
Date: June 2, 2015
Subject: **2015 Modified ACA Payments for Physicians**

IEHP is pleased to announce that a **Modified** Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicare level payment program will continue in 2015. The IEHP Governing Board approved a modified ACA payment program for a limited timeframe in 2015 for dates of service beginning January 1st. This payment program will use excess funds from the original ACA 1202 program in 2013 and 2014 and will continue until those funds are exhausted. Once the funding pool has been paid out, the Modified ACA payments will cease. We estimate the funds will last a **maximum** of six months. We will continue to use the state attestation database to determine eligible physicians, and payments will be made for the same eligible services as in 2013 and 2014.

As in the prior two years, payments will be derived from claims and encounters submitted to IEHP and your IPA. Since the funds are limited, claims and encounters should be submitted timely, as payments will be made based on the order that encounters or claims are received by IEHP.

- Encounters or claims submitted more than six months from the date of service will not be eligible for payment.
- The payouts will be completed on a quarterly basis, with the first payout scheduled for the end of August.

As we partner with our Providers to serve more than one million IEHP Medi-Cal Members, it will be essential that we utilize technology to enhance our Member experience in accessing care. With that in mind, over the next year, IEHP will be implementing the following programs:

- For Providers in the IEHP Direct Network, we will be moving towards requiring that authorization requests be submitted electronically. We will provide additional information regarding the timeframe that this will become mandatory, but please contact your Provider Services Representative to learn how to accomplish this in your practice if applicable.
- IEHP will also be working towards better direct connectivity to your Electronic Medical Record. We will provide additional information in the future how we can work together to move data to and from your EMR to facilitate patient care.

More information on these programs will be forthcoming as we move closer to final implementation. We appreciate your participation and cooperation as together we move forward to better serve our over one million Members. For questions regarding the Modified ACA payments, please contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.