<u>IMPORTANT BILLING NOTICE:</u>

837I ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS
Requiring PCP Referral Authorization

A notice recently posted on the Louisiana Medicaid web site informed you of the delay in requiring entry of the 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) as the CommunityCARE Primary Care Physician (PCP) Referral Authorization Number on 837I electronic data interchange (EDI) claims transactions.

After extensive review of the options available, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) is implementing the following requirement <u>**for service providers billing 837I transactions**</u>:

- The PCP 7-digit Medicaid ID Number will continue to be the PCP Referral Authorization Number. **Use of the NPI for PCP referrals on 837I transactions is retracted.**

- **Effective August 1, 2009**, providers/vendors may begin to send the 7-digit PCP Referral Authorization Number (Medicaid ID Number) in Loop 2300, REF Segment (Prior Authorization or Referral Number).

- Servicing providers should enter the **Qualifier 9F in Ref 01, followed by the PCP 7-digit Referral Authorization Number in Ref 02 of Loop 2300**.

- To ease the transition, providers and vendors will have a **grace period from August 1st through noon September 24th** to make necessary system changes. During this time the PCP Referral Authorization Number will be accepted in either the current location (Loop 2310C) or the new location (Loop 2300).

- Effective noon on September 24, 2009, claims will deny with edit 106 if the PCP Referral Authorization Number (7-digit Medicaid ID Number) is not located in Loop 2300, REF Segment, Qualifier 9F (Prior Authorization and Referral Number) as indicated above.

The 837I Companion Guide will be updated to reflect this requirement change.

Note: This change will synchronize both the 837I billing and UB-04 paper billing as UB-04 claims currently require entry of the PCP Referral Authorization Number in the Treatment Authorization Form Locator 63c.

Provider Assistance:

- EDI Help Desk   225/216-6303
- Provider Relations   800/473-2783 or 225/924-5040