



## **Attention Providers Extra Claims Processing Cycle in March, 2011**

The Department of Health and Hospitals has scheduled an additional claims processing cycle for all Medicaid enrolled providers (excluding physicians) for the last week of March. **This includes the payment of March service claims for LTC, Hospice, Adult Day Care and ICFDD providers.** This action is being taken to partially address the funding deficit in Medicaid caused by unfunded increases in utilization. By ensuring that as many submitted claims are paid prior to the end of March, 2011, the state will realize savings that may help to avoid any further program reductions. The remittance advice dates for that week are Tuesday, March 29, 2011 and Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Please ensure that your members and any impacted business partners, including submitters and billing agents, are aware of this additional payment cycle. All claims submitted by physicians will only be processed during the regular cycles of March 29, 2011 and April 5, 2011.

It is important to note that the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) deadlines for the last two weeks of March are:

**03/24 (Thursday) at 3PM for the 03/29/11 processing cycle;  
03/29 (Tuesday) at noon for the 03/31/11 processing cycle; and  
03/31 (Thursday) at noon for the 04/05/11 processing cycle.**

Please note that LTC, Hospice, Adult Day Care and ICFDD providers must submit their regular billings for March services by Tuesday April 12, 2011. Also note that the LTC Supplemental Billing deadline will be changed to Tuesday at noon on April 19, 2011.

You may contact Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 if you have any questions regarding this notice.