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INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN



To: IPAs, OB/GYNs and Family Planning Providers

From: IEHP - Provider Services

Date: August 17, 2010

Subject: ESSURE CODE CHANGES

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) recently announced a covered benefit for a permanent sterilization procedure for women called Essure. However, since this benefit was added, Medi-Cal has made recent changes to the coding requirements.

**Effective September 1, 2010, the following HCPCS code changes will replace the following:**

<u>Deleted Codes</u>	<u>Replacement Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reimbursement Amount</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
58565-50	A4264-50	Bilateral Placement	\$1299.00	Health Plan
58565-52	A4264-52	Unilateral Placement	\$649.50	Health Plan

**The following codes will remain in effect and do not replace any policy:**

<u>CPT Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reimbursement Amount</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
58565-AG	Unilateral procedure limited to twice-in-a-lifetime	\$368.75	IPA
58565-AG	Bilateral procedure limited to once-in-a-lifetime	\$737.50	IPA
58565-ZM or ZN	Supplies	\$245.00	IPA

**Please review the following Essure criteria, system coding and billing instructions:**

- 1) Verify IEHP eligibility on every patient prior to rendering services.
- 2) Authorization is not required for Essure.
- 3) Reimbursement is restricted to once-in-a-lifetime bilateral placement or twice-in-a-lifetime unilateral placement of the Essure System, same recipient, any provider. Claims submitted without required documentation will be denied.

- 4) Code 58565 is subject to all federal and state sterilization policy. Recipients must be 21 years of age or older.
- 5) A *Consent Form* (PM 330) is always required, even when the procedure is not successful. Must be signed 30 days prior to the surgery.
- 6) Submit your CMS 1500 with the correct CPT code with proper modifiers to IEHP Claims Dept., P.O. Box 10129, San Bernardino, CA 92423.

If you have any questions regarding the Essure code changes, please call Chris Chan, Pharm. D. at (909) 890-2067.