



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

# PHARMACY TIMES

BY IEHP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## Coverage Decision on DAW 1 and 2 Requests

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) has a Generic Mandated Policy that requires Pharmacies to dispense Generic when available. Unless there is a clear clinical justification, multiple source (MS) Branded products with Generics are not allowed (regardless of DAW 1 or 2). Effective 6/1/2010, claims submitted using DAW 0, 1, 2, or 6 without prior authorization will be denied. If a DAW 1 request is approved, Pharmacy Providers may bill the claims using DAW 1 code. Please note that IEHP will not approve DAW 2 requests. For DAW 1 request, Pharmacy Providers should contact the physicians to encourage the use of generic products.

## Date of Birth Requirement

Effective 7/1/2010, Pharmacy Providers must submit claims with Members' Date of Birth. The submitted Date of Birth will be matched against the Date of Birth on file. Unmatched Date of Birth claims will be rejected at the point of sales.

As part of the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program, this enhancement will ensure correct IDs are being used.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department at 909-890-2049.

Sincerely,

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