

Background

In order to meet the requirements mandated by HIPAA, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will be changing over to a HIPAA compliant information system. This new system, called the "Integrated System", will replace current methods of billing for all DMH providers.

All access to the current MHMIS systems will cease as of the cutover date to the new Integrated System. In addition, DMH will be processing network provider Medi-Cal claims previously submitted directly to EDS.

DMH is targeting the new Integrated System for production by October 16, 2003. Interaction with the Integrated System will be dependent on the particular Providers' technology capabilities for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Direct Data Entry (DDE) and access to the Internet. The Integrated System will allow for:

- DDE - Browser based access over the Internet
- EDI - Secure File Transfer over the Internet

Providers who elect to use the DDE browser based systems will be expected to have a personal computer running Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher and have access to the Internet. All Internet access outside of the DMH Intranet will be authenticated and secured by SecurID cards and encryption of transmissions.

Testing of the system will commence in August and several Beta sites have already been identified. Providers who wish to submit EDI transactions will be asked to complete testing of the Secure File Transfer system with DMH prior to production cutover. DMH expects to have transactions in place for:

- Eligibility Verification (270/271)
- Enrollment (834)
- Claims Submission (837 P/I)
- Remittance Advices (835)
- Claims Status (276/277)
- Referral & Pre-Authorization (278)

Please inform us of your technical capabilities by completing the attached survey.