



## Integrated System News Bulletin

### LATE CODE (DELAY REASON CODE) 3

Attention: Local Plan SD/Medi-Cal Providers

### STOP – Impact on You

Due to a DMH policy decision, Late Code 3 (also known as Delay Reason Code 3), will no longer be accepted as a valid Late Code effective May 29, 2009. As of that date, the Integrated System (IS) will no longer accept Late Code 3 as an option. This affects Medi-Cal claims that are more than six (6) months but less than thirteen (13) months after the month of service and do not have good cause or a valid late code for the late submission.

This bulletin supersedes IS News Bulletin #27, dated 5/26/2006.



### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

For Direct Data Entry (DDE) providers, the Late Code drop down menu on the Claim screen in the IS will no longer have Late Code 3 as an option for selection, as of **Friday, May 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

For Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) providers, claims submitted with Late Code 3 will be denied with the Rule 43 denial (Validate LP Delay Reason Code) and a negative 835 will be returned. The last day EDI providers can submit files with Late Code 3 claims will be **Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 11:00 p.m.**

### GO – What You Need to Do

**It is recommended that providers submit their claims timely to avoid the use of late codes.** For additional information, please refer to Revenue Management Division (RMD) Bulletins listed below:

NGA 09-015 (Contract Providers)  
DMH 09-016 (Directly Operated Providers)

If you have any questions regarding the IS, please contact the Help Desk at (213) 351-1335. If you have Billing questions, please contact the Revenue Management Division via phone at (213) 480-3444 or via email at [revenuemanagement@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:revenuemanagement@dmh.lacounty.gov).