



Automated Medical Payments

# Medicaid Bulletin

## Colorado Title XIX



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## Y2K? Okay!

Both the State and the fiscal agent are confident that the Medicaid processing system will function as it normally does. No extraordinary problems are anticipated for Y2K.

The last of the preparations have been made. Final steps for a smooth transition have been taken and all contingency plans are in place. We are looking forward to 2000.

By now, providers also should be prepared. All operating systems should have been tested and readied. Remember to keep paper copies of appointment records, Medicaid Authorization Cards (MACs), and claims.

Providers may want to refer to an informative Y2K article at the following web address:

<http://www.pcworld.com/pcwtoday/article/0,1510,14344,00.html?cp=reuters>

This article puts Y2K into a realistic perspective.

### Electronic Funds Transfer Reminder

The following holiday schedule shows the date electronic deposits will be available at your bank.

Payment cycle date	Funds availability date
12/23/1999	01/03/2000
12/28/1999	01/05/2000
01/04/2000	01/11/2000

Payment cycles and electronic deposits will return to the normal schedule beginning January 7, 2000.

### New Client Eligibility if Y2K Problems Occur

If the State eligibility system is down and is unable to produce MACs, county technicians will complete a letter of eligibility for new Medicaid clients. A separate letter will be completed for each Medicaid covered client. Technicians will complete the appropriate fields and sign and date the letter. The letter **must** include a county seal or county stamp in the lower right corner. New Medicaid clients without a current MAC must show this letter to providers **before** obtaining services. A copy of the letter will be posted on the State's website at:

[http://www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/chcpf](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/chcpf)

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