

Automated Medical Payments

Medicaid **Bulletin** Colorado Title XIX

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"Intent to Retract" letters identify Inpatient and Outpatient claims incorrectly processed without commercial insurance information

 $B_{eginning}$ April 24, 2000, inpatient and outpatient services providers will receive "Intent to Retract " letters identifying claims that have been incorrectly paid.

Medicaid is the payer of last resort. Federal regulations require that all available health insurance benefits be pursued before Medicaid considers payment. The fiscal agent has identified inpatient and outpatient claims for clients with known Third Party Resources (TPR) that have paid without required payment or denial information. Claims with dates of service on and after July 1, 1999 (Statement covers period "from" date) are targeted for correction through the Intent To Retract (ITR) process.

The ITR process allows providers to submit required commercial insurance payment and denial information without having the claim recovered.

The ITR letter identifies the involved claim(s) and gives information to allow the provider to submit the claim(s) to the appropriate insurance carrier. Sixty days after the date of the letter, the Medicaid payment is automatically retracted (recovered) unless the provider takes further action.

- If the third party resource denies the claim, providers stop the recovery process by sending a copy of the denial notice to the fiscal agent as instructed in the ITR letter.
- If the third party resource pays the claim, but pays less than the allowed Medicaid benefit, sending a copy of the insurance explanation of benefits also stops the recovery process. The claim will be adjusted to show the third party payment. If the commercial insurance payment is the same or more than the Medical allowed benefit, Medicaid makes no additional payment.

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