

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



DHCF Transmittal No. 12-28

TO: All District of Columbia Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: Changes to DC Medicaid Timely Filing Requirement

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) received approval from the Department of Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the Medicaid State Plan regarding timely filing of Medicaid claims. Effective October 1, 2012, the timely filing period for Medicaid claims is 365 days from date of service.

For claims submitted on or after October 1, 2012, DHCF will not pay any claim with a date of service that is greater than three hundred and sixty-five (365) days prior to the date of submission.

All claims for services submitted after 365 days from the date of service will not be eligible for payment. In addition the amendment outlines the following exceptions to the 365 day timely filing requirement:

- When a claim is filed for a service that has been provided to a beneficiary whose eligibility has been determined retroactively, the timely filing period begins on the date of the eligibility determination.
- Where an initial claim is submitted within the timely filing period but is denied and resubmitted subsequent to the end of the timely filing period, the resubmitted claim shall be considered timely filed provided it is received within 365 days of the denial of the initial claim.
- If a claim for payment under Medicare has been filed in a timely manner, DHCF may pay a Medicaid claim relating to the same services within 180 days of a Medicare payment.

This amendment to the State Plan applies to all DC Medicaid public, private and out of state providers who submit claims to DHCF.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Claudia Schlosberg, Director, Health Care Policy and Research Administration at (202) 442-9107 or via email Claudia.schlosberg@dc.gov.

Questions regarding claims submission should be directed to Provider Services at (202) 906-8319 (inside DC Metro) or (866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area).