



## **Attention Providers Submitting Medicare Crossover Claims for Incarcerated Recipients**

### **Changes to Crossover Claims Processing for Incarcerated Individuals**

Medicare denies all claims when a patient is incarcerated. Medicaid will cover inpatient hospital and inpatient related services when a recipient is incarcerated. For Medicare Crossover claims, providers are currently instructed to bill these Medicare denied claims to Medicaid as paper claims with the Medicare EOB attached supporting the Medicare denial. Medicaid then reviews and special handles these claims to bypass edit 275 (RECIPIENT IS MEDICARE ELIGIBLE) to allow the claims to pay as a straight Medicaid claims when the service is inpatient or inpatient related.

DHH has authorized Molina to modify the claims processing logic so that these claims can be submitted directly to Molina without having to submit a claim to Medicare to get a denial when the patient is incarcerated. Logic will automatically bypass edit 275 when (1) the recipient is Medicare eligible, and (2) there is an indicator on the Medicaid file showing the recipient is incarcerated. This bypass will allow these claims to process and edit appropriately when providers submit them directly to Molina as Medicaid claims. The incarceration indicator must be on the Medicaid file in order for the bypass to allow the inpatient/inpatient related claims to process without denying.

This change should eliminate unnecessary paperwork and claims filing for providers when this situation occurs involving a Medicare/Medicaid recipient.