

## **Medi-Cal Local Code - HIPAA Code Conversions “X” Codes and “Z” Codes are No Longer Valid**

### **What is HIPAA Code Conversion?**

HIPAA mandated the standardization of procedure code sets and the use of standard procedure codes for all services. HIPAA Code conversion replaces HCPCS Level III codes, commonly referred to as “local codes”, with HIPAA-compliant CPT Category I and HCPCS Level II national codes.

### **HIPAA Code Conversion Compliance:**

Preferred IPA is required by the state and health plans to accept valid service/procedure code codes for referrals, claims and encounter data.

### **How does HIPAA Code Conversion affect me?**

Providers that formerly used Medi-Cal “local” codes such as “X” codes or “Z” codes now need to submit HIPAA compliant national service/procedure codes.

### **How do I find out more about HIPAA Code Conversion?**

More information regarding this transition is available on the Medi-Cal website [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov). Click on the “Code Conversions” link for more information about each code set.

### ***How will claims or referral request process change?***

*Referral requests, claims and encounter data submissions with invalid service/procedure codes will be returned to the submitting provider for correction.*

### ***What if I have X Codes or Z codes in my contract?***

*If you have not heard from us, call the contracting department at 818-265-0800 to have your fee schedule updated with current valid CPT or HCPCS codes.*

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**If you have any other questions, please contact Provider Relations at  
818-265-0800 x 562**