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Billing for Insulin Syringes

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Medi-Cal Program (and the CCS/GHPP Programs) will be changing the provider type and billing method for the reimbursement of insulin syringes:

- Insulin syringes will be billable to Medi-Cal (and to CCS/GHPP) by pharmacies only via the Real-Time Internet Pharmacy claim submission system, Computer Media Claims (electronic transactions) or paper transactions using existing pharmacy claims processing.
- Insulin syringes will no longer be billable using HCPCS Level II codes. HCPCS code S8490 (insulin syringes [100 syringes, any size]) will be terminated.
- Providers must use an 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) or Universal Product Code (UPC) to bill for these products.
- Product specific SARs must be issued for insulin syringes, similar to what is required for diabetic test strips and lancets.

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