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TO: STATE, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND CONTRACTING PUBLIC AGENCY HEALTH BENEFITS OFFICER AND ASSISTANTS

SUBJECT: 2010 HEALTH PLAN CODE CHANGES

Introduction This Circular Letter addresses the 2010 Health Plan Code changes.

Background Two Health Program changes for 2010 necessitated the adoption of new health plan codes.

1. For contracting agencies, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved splitting the Bay Area/Sacramento region into two regions: Bay Area region and Sacramento region. This resulted in elimination of six plan codes and addition of 12 new plan codes for Basic and 12 new plan codes for Medicare.
2. Blue Shield of California is replacing its Supplement to Medicare plan with a Medicare Advantage plan (Blue Shield 65 Plus) in all or parts of ten counties.
 - a. For State Agencies, this resulted in two new Basic and two new Medicare plan codes.
 - b. For Contracting Agencies, this resulted in four new Basic and four new Medicare plan codes.
 - c. Note that although the Health Program change relates to Medicare, the Basic plan codes in affected regions were also impacted.

2010 Health Plan Codes Listed on the following page are the new health plan codes for 2010.

**2010 Health
Plan Codes
(Contd.)**

Basic	Medicare	Plan Name
103	113	Kaiser Permanente Sacramento Area
104	114	Kaiser Permanente Bay Area
101	110	Blue Shield of California Sacramento Area (Basic = Access+; Medicare = Supplement)
102	112	Blue Shield of California Bay Area (Basic = Access+; Medicare = Supplement)
141	151	Blue Shield Advantage (Basic = Access+; Medicare = Managed)
142	152	Blue Shield Advantage Other Southern (Basic = Access+; Medicare = Managed)
144	154	Blue Shield Advantage Los Angeles (Basic = Access+; Medicare = Managed)
123	133	Blue Shield NetValue Sacramento Area (Basic = NetValue; Medicare = Supplement)
124	134	Blue Shield NetValue Bay Area (Basic = NetValue; Medicare = Supplement)
146	156	Blue Shield NetValue Advantage (Basic = NetValue; Medicare = Managed)
143	153	Blue Shield NetValue Advantage Other Southern (Basic = NetValue; Medicare = Managed)
145	155	Blue Shield NetValue Advantage Los Angeles (Basic = NetValue; Medicare = Managed)
105	115	PERS Choice Sacramento Area
106	116	PERS Choice Bay Area
121	131	PERSCare Sacramento Area
122	132	PERSCare Bay Area
125	135	PERS Select Sacramento Area
126	136	PERS Select Bay Area

Reminder

Health and Membership File Transfer employers will need to modify their existing systems to accommodate the new plan codes.

If you have questions about the information provided in the Circular Letter, please call the CalPERS Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS (888-225-7377)**.

Sincerely,

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