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Dear Providers,

As we close out the HEDIS® 2018 season you may be aware California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) discontinued the use of the “PM 160 – Information ONLY” form for data capture as of January 1, 2018. This follows the cessation of the PM 160 as a claim form in July of 2017. L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) previously notified in December 2017 via fax that we would continue accepting the PM 160 forms through the HEDIS Data collection season, which ended in May 2018.

We would like to encourage continued submission of the PM 160 form through the end of 2018, or until you are comfortable that you are able to map all PM 160 coding to the CMS 1500 form. In 2019, L.A. Care will no longer accept the PM 160 forms. If you are currently submitting all services on the CMS 1500 form, you may discontinue submitting the PM 160. Below are ICD-10 codes for BMI Percentile, Nutrition Counseling and Physical Activity Counseling:

ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes:

- BMI Percentile – Z68.51 – Z68.54
- Nutrition Counseling – Z71.3
- Physical Activity Counseling – Z71.82

If desired, PM 160 forms can be faxed to L.A. Care Quality Performance Management at **(213) 438-5760**.

We would like to remind you that you may also submit data through “Direct” or Supplemental data submissions as per guidelines (LAC HEDIS Direct Submission Guidelines) communicated in November 2017. Memo and file formats are located on the HEDIS Resource page at <http://www.lacare.org/providers/provider-resources/hedis-resources>. If you are not enrolled with the CAIR2, we strongly encourage you to register at <http://cairweb.org/cair-2-project/>. Once registered, please verify that your data is being sent to CAIR2. L.A. Care receives monthly data exports from this source, which is also incorporated into HEDIS rates. Your participation allows L.A. Care to close gaps on immunization data.

Finally, we want to inform you that L.A. Care will implement an online portal for supplemental data submissions later in 2018. Please watch for communication and training pertaining to this process.

We look forward to excellent data capture of your great clinical care during this HEDIS season. Please contact us at HEDISOps@lacare.org or call us at (213) 694-1250 ext. 4162, if you have questions related to the discontinuation or use of “PM 160 – Information ONLY” form.

Thank you,
L.A. Care Quality Performance Management/HEDIS