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**PURPOSE:** To Comply with NNA contract requirements and Title 22:

§ 50735. Locations at Which Medi-Cal Card May Be Used:

(a) The Medi-Cal card shall be authorization for payment for Medi-Cal covered services received in any California county.

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(7) Except where share of cost, as defined in Section 50090, is applicable, providers shall accept proof of eligibility for Drug Medi-Cal as payment in full for treatment services rendered. Providers shall not charge fees to beneficiaries for access to Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse services or for admission to a Drug Medi-Cal treatment slot.

**DISCUSSION:** Understanding Title 22 regulation with regard to Drug Medi-Cal clients will help keep providers and the County in compliance with the Drug Medi-Cal program. Under this program providers are obligated to accept Drug Medi-Cal eligibility as payment in full. This means there will be no additional billing to the State, client or third party payers. In addition, the Medi-Cal card may be used in any California County independent of the County of Responsibility.

**REFERENCES:**

Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations §51341.1. Drug Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Services.

Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations §50735. Locations at Which Medi-Cal Card May Be Used.

**CONTACT:** Please contact your assigned analyst if you have any questions.