

New Medi-Cal BIC Numbers

As you are already aware, starting in January 2005, Medi-Cal began issuing new Benefits Identification Cards (BICs) with a 14-character alphanumeric ID. As part of the phase-in process, the new ID will be used in the same way as the 10-character alphanumeric BIC ID. Once the statewide re-issuance is completed, the 10-digit ID numbers will be phased out requiring the use of the 14-digit ID numbers moving forward.

The effects of this change in BIC numbers will be minimal in how you process claims, check eligibility, etc. with SBRHA. Please see the list below for how to input member information based on type of information submitting:

- **Claims** – input new 14-digit BIC number. *We will still accept both when it comes to the processing of claims.*
- **Eligibility** – input the 10-digit CIN number. *Only input the first 9 digits; the 10th digit is a check digit and should not be entered when verifying eligibility.*
- **TARs/RAFs** - input new 14-digit BIC number. *We will still accept both temporarily.*
- **PNS** - input the 10-digit CIN number. *Only input the first 9 digits; the 10th digit is a check digit and should not be entered.*
- **Website submittals** - input the 10-digit CIN number. *Only input the first 9 digits; the 10th digit is a check digit and should not be entered.*

SBRHA expects little impact from this change on our system. If you have any questions regarding this State change, please contact the Providers Services Department at extension 237.

Note: Providers are responsible for verifying the recipient's identity and eligibility for services. Eligibility verification should be performed prior to rendering service using the information from the BIC card.