



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **2010/11 State Budget**

The State of California has not yet adopted a budget for the fiscal year 2010/11, which began July 1, 2010. Consequently, the State's payments to CenCal Health have stopped, and will not resume until the budget is approved.

Earlier this year, CenCal Health committed to making uninterrupted payments to providers by utilizing reserve funds and the Medical Providers Interim Payment (MPIP) fund for as long as possible. We were able to continue payments through the months of July and August. However, **without additional funds from the State of California, CenCal Health is not able to continue making Fee-for-Service (FFS) payments. The last full Explanation of Benefits (EOB) issued by CenCal Health without an approved budget was August 27, 2010.**

During this period, CenCal Health asks providers to continue rendering services with the expectation that payment will be made on a retroactive basis after funding is received. Once the State budget is adopted and CenCal Health receives monies due, providers will receive EOBs with full payments for services rendered during this interim period.

We ask for your continued support and commitment as we do our best to navigate the State's budget crisis. CenCal Health will release more information if necessary in the coming month, with all updates available on the Breaking News section of our website: [www.cencalhealth.org](http://www.cencalhealth.org). **If you have any questions, concerns, or if the postponement of payment will severely impact you, please contact the Provider Services Department at 805.562.1676.** For information about how the budget impasse is affecting the FFS Medi-Cal Program, visit the State Medi-Cal website at: <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov>.