



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

September 24, 2009

Dear Provider,

Effective October 1, 2009, Kern Health Systems will no longer accept claims with invalid diagnosis codes (ICD-9), including those diagnosis codes requiring the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> digit. All claims submitted to KHS with invalid diagnosis codes will be denied for corrected billing. To avoid having claims denied, please ensure all codes are accurate, include decimal points when appropriate, and be sure you are using up to date references when deciding which codes to use.

If you have questions please contact your KHS Provider Relations Representative, or contact our Provider Relations Department at (661)664-5146 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jake Hall  
Provider Relations Supervisor  
Kern Health Systems

