San Diego Physicians Medical Group/Scripps Physicians Medical Group DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM NON-CONTRACTED MEDICARE ADVANTAGE MEMBER CLAIMS

- A. <u>Definition of Non-Contracted CMS Provider Payment Dispute</u>. A non-contracted provider's notice, via telephone or in writing, to SDPMG or the health plan challenging, appealing or requesting reconsideration of a claim that has been paid at less than the amount that would have been paid under original Medicare for Medicare Advantage claim(s). Payment disputes also include disagreement in the decision to make a payment on a more appropriate code.
- B. <u>Sending a Provider Dispute to SDPMG</u>. Provider disputes submitted to SDPMG must include the information listed in Section II.A., above, for each provider dispute. All provider disputes must be sent to the attention of *Provider Disputes* at the following:

Via Mail: San Diego Physicians Medical Group

c/o SCPMCS P.O. Box 7250 Laverne, CA. 91750

- C. <u>Time Period for Submission of Non-Contracted CMS Provider Disputes.</u>
 - Submission of first level non-contracted provider payment disputes must be received by SDPMG within 125 calendar days from the date of the explanation of benefits issues by SDPMG.
 - 2. If a provider dispute is denied due to untimely submission the provider has up to 180 calendar days from the date of the denial letter to provide additional documentation for good cause of untimely filing.
 - 3. Provider disputes that do not include necessary documentation for review the provider will be notified of what documentation is required. The provider will have 14 calendar days to submit the requested documentation.
- D. <u>Time Period for Resolution and Written Determination Non-Contracted CMS Provider Dispute</u>.

SDPMG will issue a written determination stating the pertinent facts and explaining the reasons for its determination within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the Date of Receipt of the provider dispute. The resolution letter must also inform the provider of their right to a Second Level process with the Health Plan.

E. Second Level Provider Payment Dispute

The non-contracted provider's request for a Second Level review is to be sent to the Health Plan address indicated below. Requests for Plans without a specific review address should be sent to the address on the Member's identification card.

Aetna Medicare Health Plan P.O. Box 14067 Lexington, KY 40512

Anthem Blue Cross Grievances and Appeals OH0205-A537 Mail Location 4361 Irwin Simpson Rd Mason, OH 45040-9398

Blue Shield 65 Plus HMO PO Box 927 6300 Canoga Avenue Woodland Hills, CA. 91365-9856 Phone: 1 (800) 776-4466

Fax: 916-350-6510

Care 1st Health Plan Attn: Provider Dispute Dept. PO Box 3829 Montebello, CA. 90640

Easy Choice Health Plan Attn: Payment Disputes (2nd Level) 10803 Hope Street, Suite B Cypress, CA. 90630

Phone: 1-866-999-3945 Fax: 1-562-343-9742

Health Net PO Box 10406 Van Nuys, CA. 91410