

**Los Angeles County
Physician Services for Indigents Program (Non-Trauma)
Trauma Physician Services for Indigents Program**

AB 75 Fact Sheet

What is this program?

County of Los Angeles has established the Physician Services for Indigents Program and the Trauma Physician Services for Indigents Program to provide reimbursement to private physicians for certain professional services rendered to eligible indigent patients.

Who is eligible?

- do not have health insurance coverage for emergency services and care
- cannot afford to pay for services rendered.
- no payment will be made through any third party coverage including Medi-Cal.

What services are covered?

- emergency services for indigent patients for up to 72 hours.
- trauma services provided in an acute setting for full length of stay.
- nonemergent, medically necessary services for pediatric patients under the age of 21 and obstetric patients.

How are services paid?

- for trauma services, payment limited to a maximum of 50% of the Official County Fee Schedule, not to exceed 100% of physician charges.
- for non-trauma services, payment limited to a maximum of 34% of the Official County Fee Schedule, not to exceed 100% of physician charges.

What must be done before submitting a claim?

- determine if the patient has any third party sources of payment, including Medi-Cal.
- make reasonable efforts to obtain reimbursement from the patient or third party payer for a period of no less than 90 days from the billing date.
- document any notification from patient or responsible third party that no payment will be made for services rendered.

How do I submit a claim?

- complete physician program enrollment form
- submit one HCFA-1500 form per patient
- complete one California Healthcare for Indigents Program Form per patient and document patient data to the extent it is available.

When can I submit a claim?

- claims can only be submitted for eligible services provided on/or after July 1, 2009 and through June 30, 2010 for fiscal year 2009/2010.
- all claims for fiscal year 2009/2010 must be received by the Los Angeles County's Claim Adjudicator no later than October 31, 2010.