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FLASH NEWS BULLETIN

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The California Department of Health announced in early December that:

- * RVS-1974 procedure numbers and descriptors will be accepted for Medi-Cal billing claims for all services provided after January 1, 1978.
- * On July 1, 1978, the Department of Health will be abolished, with creation of five new departments:
 1. Health Services
 2. Mental Health
 3. Developmental Services
 4. Social Services
 5. Alcohol and Drug Abuse

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C A N S members who are worried about newsletters from Blue Shield advising that certain procedures are now "unproved, out-of-date, or obsolete" should be aware that this only means that the claim will be reviewed by a physician advisor. If justified in the individual case, the claim will be paid; simply provide some explanation of why you performed the procedure.

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