

Program Alert Regarding Tax ID Numbers (TINs)

Background

Effective July 1, 2005, the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller is implementing a new County-wide Accounting and Purchasing System called eCAPS. This new electronic system requires all physician providers have a "Vendor ID" in eCAPS. The Auditor-Controller validates the provider information, including name and TIN against IRS records. If the TIN and name combination do not match the IRS records, payments will NOT BE processed until they are corrected.

Issue

Some physicians billing the PSIP and Trauma Programs are submitting enrollments/claims using the physician's name, and the Medical Group's TIN, OR the Medical Group's name with the individual physician's TIN. This has been accepted in the past, however, now that the Auditor is validating the TINs and name combinations against the IRS records, the system will reject these claims. Physicians must either:

- 1) Provide either personal Social Security Number or TIN to get a check payable in their name, OR
- 2) Provide the Medical Group's name along with the associated TIN to get a check payable to the Medical Group's name.

If your current Enrollment Form does not have the proper match, complete the form on the reverse and fax to AIA @ (310) 390-7962. If you have any further questions please contact the AIA hotline at (800) 303-5242.