

# **Tracking Claims Pended for Fiscal Reasons**

### How to Determine That Your Claim is Pended for Fiscal Reasons

The remittance advice will show "the claims" on the pended page of the remittance advice.

#### Why Your Claim is in a Pended Status

Claims are fiscally pended when the budget for the fiscal year in which the service took place is exhausted. MassHealth must then await the passage of a supplemental budget for that fiscal year by the state legislature before it can release the payment. A claim appearing on the pended page of your remittance should be posted as a "PAID" claim even though the payment has not yet been released to your facility. This will prevent you from rebilling the claim unnecessarily. The claim has passed all technical processing edits and reimbursement will follow at a later date.

## How to Track a Pended Claim

Once funding for the fiscal year is received the claim will appear again on the paid page of the remittance advice. The internal control number (ICN) will be the same as on the pended page of the remittance advice where the claim originally appeared.

#### Payment

The payment will be included in the reimbursement amount that corresponds to the remittance advice where the paid transaction occurs.