

To: Medi-Cal Network Participants
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Subject: Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – Q1 2020

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during the first quarter of 2020 with updates on several topics. We are sharing these updates with you to ensure you are aware of the information, and you can apply the information to your practice or facility operations, where appropriate.

1. 2020 HCPCS Annual Update
2. 2019 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes: Provider Manual Updates
3. Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes for Ophthalmological Services
4. Evaluation and Management: New Benefits and Place of Service Updates
5. Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring Added as a New Medi-Cal Benefit
6. CYP2C19 Gene Analysis Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
7. Updated Billing Requirements for SMN1 Gene Analysis
8. Updates to Family PACT and Medi-Cal Clinic Dispensing Policy on Select Drugs
9. Reminder: Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
10. New Medi-Cal Policy Information on Reimbursement for Childhood Developmental Screening
For information regarding the above changes, please refer to the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – January 2020: Bulletin 547](#).

11. Annual Hospice Reimbursement Rates Update
Read the [Medi-Cal Update – Hospice – January 2020: Bulletin 544](#).

12. 2019 – 20 Free-Standing Pediatric Subacute (FS/PSA) Rates Update
13. 2019 – 2020 Facility-Specific Reimbursement Rates Established for FS/NF-Bs
14. 2019 – 2020 Facility-Specific Reimbursement Rates Established for FSSA/NF-B
15. Rural Hospital Swing Bed Rates Updated for 2019
[Read the Long Term Care bulletin at Medi-Cal Update – LTC – January 2020: Bulletin 515](#).

16. Family PACT Benefits Update: Tests for Herpes Simplex Virus
Read the Family PACT bulletin at [Medi-Cal Update – Family PACT – January 2020: Bulletin 148](#).

17. Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes for Ophthalmological Services
[Read the Vision bulletin at Medi-Cal Update – Vision Care – January 2020: Bulletin 504](#).

Note: Links to Medi-Cal.ca.gov pages will take you off the Blue Shield Promise website.

18. Correction: 2020 HCPCS Policy Updates PDF Reposted with Updated Policy
19. Neurofunctional Testing Reimbursement Rate Update
20. Biovance Is a New Medi-Cal Benefit
21. Durolane Added as a Medi-Cal Benefit
22. Clarification of Billing Codes for Initial Antepartum Office Visits
23. Childhood Developmental Screening Is a New Medi-Cal Benefit

For information about the above changes, please refer to the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – February 2020: Bulletin 548](#).

24. Administrative Day Level 1 Rate Updated for 2018 – 2019

Read the [Medi-Cal Update – Inpatient Services – February 2020: Bulletin 545](#).

25. 2019 – 2020 Intermediate Care Facility Rates for Developmentally Disabled

Read the [Medi-Cal Update – LTC – February 2020: Bulletin 516](#).

26. Place of Service Code 25 (Birthing Center) Updates

27. Rate Update for Fetal Aneuploidy

28. Medical Supply Billing Codes Are Not Yet Updated to DME Supply Billing Codes

For information about the above changes, please refer to the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – March 2020: Bulletin 549](#).

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield Promise members, please call our Provider Customer Care Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Reminder:

Please visit the Medi-Cal website for current list of Non-Benefit codes under the “Tar and Non-Benefit List” [manuals](#). The TAR and Non-Benefit List: Codes (10000 – 99999) contains CPT® codes and descriptions with numbers indicating benefit restrictions. Codes marked with a “1” are not Medi-Cal benefits and codes marked with a “3” are not reimbursable for assistant surgeon services.

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