

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

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during September 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. CPT Code for COVID-19 Testing Exempt from AB 97 10 Percent Payment Reduction
2. CPT Codes 86408 and 86409 for COVID-19 Testing Are Medi-Cal Benefits
3. New Benefits to Aid Targeted Genomic Sequence Analysis
4. Brachytherapy Codes C2616 and Q3001 are New Medi-Cal Benefits
5. Modifier Correction for Echocardiography in Provider Manual
6. Select Clinical Laboratory Rates Adjusted to 80 Percent of Medicare Rates

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update – [General Medicine – September 2020: Bulletin 555](#).

7. Updated ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H and ICF/DD-N Reimbursement Rates for Long Term Care
Read the [Medi-Cal Update – LTC – September 2020: Bulletin 523](#)

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan 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:

Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes. Please visit the Medi-Cal website for detailed billing information.

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