

## Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect\* network participants

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### **Subject: Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during October 2021 with updates on the below topics. We are sharing this update 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. Third Dose for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Authorized for Certain Populations
2. Revision to Medi-Cal Abortion Policies
3. Billing Instructions Updated for Contraceptive Patches
4. New Contraceptive Vaginal Gel Added as Clinic Benefit for the Family PACT and Medi-Cal Programs
5. Ferric Derisomaltose Iron Replacement Injection is a Medi-Cal Benefit
6. USPSTF Recommends Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes Screening and Tests
7. Updates to Facility Types for Outpatient Billing

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update – [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | October 2021 | Bulletin 568](#)[General Medicine | October 2021 | Bulletin 568](#)

1. New Rectal Catheter Code Added Effective November 1, 2021

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update – [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | October 2021 | Bulletin 553](#)[Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | October 2021 | Bulletin 553](#)

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan members, please call our Provider Services Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### **Reminders:**

- Medi-Cal Rx launch planned for January 1, 2022. Visit the [Medi-Cal Rx website](#) for more information.
- Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifier requirements. Please visit the Medi-Cal website for detailed billing information.

\*Cal MediConnect network participants are responsible for identifying and applying the guidance and requirements that pertain to their patients.