

Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect* network participants

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during September 2022 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. New Laboratory Test for Orthopoxvirus Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
2. Addition of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine
3. Rate Update for HCPCS Code J7304 with Modifiers U1 and U2
4. Allowable Modifiers Added for CHW and APS Services
5. National Correct Coding Initiative Quarterly Update for October 2022

For information about the above changes, please refer to [General Medicine_September 2022_Bulletin579](#)

1. Home Health or Hospice Nursing Services Code End-Dated

For information about the above change, please refer to [Home Health Agencies/Home and Community-Based Services_September 2022_Bulletin 576](#)

Also, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is now available for home health care service providers. If you have questions about EVV, please visit the [EVV website](#) or email EVV@dhcs.ca.gov.

Reminders:

- Please remind Medi-Cal patients to check in with their local county office if their address has changed during the past two years. Members can find their local county office and apply for benefits at [BenefitsCal.com](https://www.benefitscal.com).
- 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.

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.

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