

## Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal 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 April 2021 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. COVID-19 Testing: Billing Update for Medi-Cal COVID-19 Testing in Schools
2. New COVID-19 HCPCS Codes for the Every Woman Counts Program
3. New Vaccines for Children (VFC) Benefit
4. Hereditary Retinal Disorders Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
5. Updates to Billing Instructions for Contraceptive Vaginal Rings

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update – [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | April 2021 | Bulletin 562](#)

6. Temporary Increased COVID-19 Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facility Level B Rates
7. Temporary Increased COVID-19 FSSA/NF-B Rates for Calendar Year 2021

Read the [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Long Term Care | April 2021 | Bulletin 530](#)

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.

**Reminder:** 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.

### **Required modifiers to be used with anesthesia codes 00100 to 01999**

If an anesthesia code is billed without one of these modifiers, it may be rejected.

- P1
- P3
- P4
- P5
- AA
- QZ
- QX