

Blue Shield of California Endorsement to your PPO Plan

This Endorsement should be attached to, and is made part of, your Blue Shield of California *Evidence of Coverage* (EOC). Please retain it for your records.

Effective **January 1, 2025**, your EOC is amended as described below. For ease of review, strikethroughs indicate deleted text and underlining indicates added text.

1. The following deletion has been made to the **Diagnostic X-ray, imaging, pathology, laboratory, and other testing services** section:

Benefits include: [...]

- Sexually transmitted disease home testing kits, including any laboratory costs of processing the kit. A Physician or other Health Care Provider's order must be provided for coverage;
- The following language has been added to the **Durable medical equipment** section: Benefits include: [...]

- Pasteurized donor human milk; and
- 3. The following language has been added to the **Preventive Health Services** section:

Benefits include: [...]

- <u>Sexually transmitted disease home testing kits, including any laboratory costs of processing the kit. A</u> <u>Physician or other Health Care Provider's order must be provided for coverage;</u>
- 4. The following language has been added to the **Emergency Services** definition in the **Definitions** section:

The following services provided for an Emergency Medical Condition: [...]

- Additional screening, examination, and evaluation by a Physician, or other personnel within the scope of their licensure and clinical privileges, to determine if a psychiatric Emergency Medical Condition exists, and the care and treatment necessary to relieve or eliminate the psychiatric Emergency Medical Condition, within the capability of the facility <u>regardless of whether the patient is</u> voluntary or involuntarily detained for assessment, evaluation, and crisis intervention; and
- 5. The following revision has been made to the **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder(s)** definition in the **Definitions** section:

A mental health condition or substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental<u>, and</u> behavioral<u>, and neurodevelopmental</u> disorders<u>, or mental or behavioral</u> <u>disorder due to psychoactive substance use</u> chapter <u>(or equivalent chapter)</u> of the most recent edition of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases or listed in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).