



## Blue Shield of California Endorsement to your HMO Plans

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;~~

2. 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:

- 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;

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 regardless of whether the patient is 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, and behavioral, and neurodevelopmental disorders, or mental or behavioral disorder due to psychoactive substance use chapter (or equivalent chapter) 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).